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Rev. Wm. Emmett called on the parsonage was down in fire, and his loss all was which was \$32, and the client's money for the parsonage should have never been sent to the parson the same day.

Letters from the Districts.

Palestine District.

C. G. CURTIS.

Palestine District Conference met in St. Paul M. E. Church to hold its second session for 1890, in Palestine, Texas, Nov. 26, 1890, Rev. W. Wesley, Presiding Elder, in the chair. C. G. Curtis was elected secretary.

The question for and against the admission of women as delegates was discussed by the conference, and a testing vote of its expression resulted in two for and nineteen against.

J. A. Tillory was elected assistant secretary.

The financial statistics of last district conference were called and properly adjusted.

The following brethren contributed to the Presiding Elder's suit: W. H. Jackson, \$3; J. D. Mead, \$3; J. H. Anderson, \$2.50; Payton Womack, \$1.50; G. W. Love, 75c; Carey Davenport, \$2.50; Frank R. Morton, \$1; Daniel Atkins, \$1.25; C. G. Curtis, \$2.50; J. A. Tillory, \$1; Jesse Averhart, 50c; Riley Hillory, 50c; Aaron Casselberry, 25c; Amos Drayton, 25c; Godfrey Langham, 50c; Frank Johnson, 25c; J. Holland, 25c; J. Washington, 25c; Claydon Kelley, 50c; E. A. Gray, 25c; Wm. Schorn, 25c; A. Arnold, 50c; Mason Wilson, \$2.50.

Rev. M. Fountain, of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced to the conference.

Rev. W. H. Jackson made some remarks commending the Presiding Elder for his Christian character, and business management, and faithfulness of duty on the district. Services were conducted as follows:

Sunday school—Rev. L. H. Barnett and Rev. M. Wilson.

Love Feast—Rev. C. G. Curtis, Preaching—11 a. m., Rev. Carey Davenport. 3 p. m., Rev. Wm. Wesley. 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. D. Mead, assisted by Rev. C. G. Curtis.

All the reports showed great progress.

The appointments of local preachers and exhorters, as made at the first district conference, were adopted for this conference.

The characters of the following local preachers were passed and their licenses renewed: Amos Drayton, James Eddings, Jesse Averhart, Samuel Gamble, Henry Thomas, Logan Tensley, Riley Hillory, Robert Thurman, Belford Turner, Lovell Johnson, Nicholas Blain, DeCato Blain, Jack Jones, Wm. Titus, James Gabriel, Allen Clough, James Allen, Andrew Fred, Elijah Dickens, Benjamin Franklin, Thornton Sales, Richard Thompson, Joseph Watkins, F. R. Morton, John Holley, Stephen Middleton, Godfrey Langham, Anderson Arnold, Jacob Washington, Andy Harris, John Holland, Frank Johnson, Thomas Munson, Wm. Henry, W. H. Cheatham, Nicholas Perkins, B. M. Mathis, Anderson McDaniel.

The characters of the following local preachers passed, but their licenses were not renewed: Washington Armstrong, Samuel Tensley, F. G. Sillemmon, L. H. Hunter, Frank Smith.

Brother R. S. Franklin's case was referred to the fourth quarterly conference.

The cases of W. B. Gasby and Edmond Barrett were referred to the first quarterly conference in 1891.

Bro. Thomas Munson was granted license to preach on condition that he learn to write his name by the fourth quarterly conference in 1890.

The following brethren were recommended for ordination as deacons: J. H. Anderson, Geo. W. Love, Jessie Averhart.

For recognition of orders: M. Smith.

For admission into the traveling connection: J. H. Anderson.

Ootton Bin was selected as the seat of the next district conference.

Conference voted by a large ma-

jority to have but one district conference a year.

The Presiding Elder was requested to call a Sunday school convention as early as possible in 1891.

The characters of the following exhorters were passed and their licenses renewed: Aaron Casselberry, Peter Carden, Thomas Brooks, Geo. Davis, Ben Lee, H. P. Leavell, Willis Anderson, Isaac Jones, Daniel Turner, James Gabriel, Jr., Richard Owens, Harry Holley, Tenney Middleton, Mitchel Robinson, C. C. Moore, Jeff. Henry, W. M. Hunt, Wm. Armstrong, Solomon Kellum, J. Lee, C. H. Davis, C. Hamilton.

Bro. Calvin Grayson's case was referred to first quarter in 1891.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this district conference highly endorses Dr. A. E. P. Albert, the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, for the broad stand taken on all questions relating to both church and state.

2d. That the members of this district conference do more in the future than they have done in the past to circulate the SOUTHWESTERN.

The membership of the district numbers 1291.

Benevolent collections, including conference claimants and episcopal fund, \$399.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Presiding Elder.

Baton Rouge District, Fourth Round.

J. W. HUDSON.

We commenced our closing round for this conference under circumstances much more favorable than the first round, March 15, when the high water held charge for two months over the Old River and Atchafalaya, the richest part of the Baton Rouge district.

October 18, Yellow Bayou and Summer Chapel, twenty miles from West Melville, on the Atchafalaya river. Upon this new work, Bro. J. D. Pool has put in three years of faithful work, in so much that Yellow Bayou now stands by itself with Bro. Daniel Anderson, who was appointed to it from the district conference August 26. The church is in good condition spiritually and financially, the overflow to the contrary notwithstanding. \$16 benevolent money reported on hand.

Rackasee Island, forty miles from Bayou Sara, on the Mississippi river. Bro. Jules Benn is in charge of this place. We have no property of our own. We hold service in property owned by Brother Bazael Robinson, a local preacher in our church. He is the proprietor of two large plantations, has a large family, and all are members of the church. His son, H. J. Robinson, is now attending the New Orleans University. We hope, some day in the near future, to buy a lot and build. Then this will be a stronghold for Methodism. Bro. Benn has been in such bad health this year, we fear his report will fall behind that of last year. The health of many is undermined from last spring overflow.

Union Chapel and Bayou Leaworth, eight miles apart, in the parish of Pointe Coupee, fifty miles from Bayou Sara. Bro. Isaac Scott has been two years in charge of this circuit. At Letsworth, a new church has been built this quarter, at a cost of \$250, and all paid. Bro. Scott can show us better than he can tell us, about the benevolent collection, \$23, when conference convenes.

Bro. Emmanuel P. Harris has served the good people of Scott Chapel very acceptably for four years.

West Baton Rouge is just across the River from East Baton Rouge, the capitol of the State. We have a nice church and parsonage, valued at \$3000, much to the credit of the pastor and people. Many converts this year. Bro. Harris is closing up with a spiritual walk-over, and a benevolent income to conference of \$29. Who will take it next year and do better?

In the State of Mississippi, Wilkerson county, ten miles from

Woodville and three miles from the Louisiana line, is Merrill Chapel, Neptune Randolph, pastor. One year's service with the people makes him feel like a change will be best for all concerned. He has not been able to sing this year, "If my soul could stay in such a frame, December would be as sweet as May." \$21 benevolent money may be forthcoming.

Mt. Zion, eight miles from Jackson, La. Bro. Sumner McGruder supplied this point with some degree of success. The membership is small, but faithful to every interest of the grand old Church. \$12 for benevolent purposes reported on hand Nov. 16, at which time the conference was held.

Bro. P. W. Clark, pastor of Wesley Chapel, thirty-five miles from the city of Baton Rouge, and three from the town of Wilson, on the Mississippi Valley railroad. The two years' work at this place speaks well for pastor and people. With such men as Bros. Clark, James Fair, Cornelius Spears, and Dan Allen, who come when they are called and go when they are sent, success must follow. \$28 benevolent money on hand.

Vincent Chapel, seven miles from Clinton, on the Mississippi Valley Railroad. A new church has been put up in the last nine months at a cost of \$300. Bro. D. G. Pharris supplied this place to the satisfaction of all concerned. We started with five members this year. Fifteen have been added since the erection of the building, and many more are on the way. \$8 for benevolence will be sent to conference.

Clinton, thirty-three miles from the city of Baton Rouge, on the Mississippi Valley railroad. Our church, Mt. Zion, is in the lead among the colored people. The trustees bought a lot adjacent to the church grounds, with a good house on it, for a parsonage, in which the pastor now lives. Bro. H. James feels that his first year at this place has proved a blessing to him and the people. Many converts have been added to the church. The year, for good to all, will long be remembered. \$37 for benevolent purposes reported on hand.

Comite, six miles out from Clinton. Bro. R. J. Thomas has held the fort two years at this point. We have hoped for a new church here for a long time. At last the lumber is on the ground, and by the close of the year the good people expect to watch the old year out and new year in, in the new building. They have done well. \$25 for benevolent purposes on hand.

Macedonia, four miles east of Clinton, and Pine Grove, eight miles from Macedonia. This circuit is under the good command of Bro. H. C. Gair. Two years he has acted well his part. A new church at Macedonia, 30x50 feet, and a new building at Pine Grove, place him among the church building preachers. Much credit is due to Bro. Geo. Banks, a local preacher of this charge, who loves good work as much as he does his wife. He is a true man. \$29 for benevolent purposes will come.

Mt. Carmel, eight miles west of Clinton. We have a good church and parsonage at this point. Bro. Abraham Hilton is pastor. The people want him, and he wants them another year. \$28 for benevolence will be forthcoming.

Slaughter, 108 miles from New Orleans, on the Mississippi Valley railroad, and twenty miles from the city of Baton Rouge. A prosperous town with a population of 600. Our church is centrally located, and promises well for the future. Bro. C. C. Wright has been found to be the right man in the right place, and people write for his return. \$12 for benevolence.

Plank Road, twelve miles from the city of Baton Rouge and three miles from Baker Station, on the Mississippi Valley railroad. We are not owners of any land at this place yet. The building is ours and can be removed whenever we are desirous to do so. We expect

in a few days to buy a lot. It may be the same on which the building now stands. The money is on hand for that purpose. \$11 for benevolences is arranged for. Bro. Chas. Barnes, pastor; one year of faithful service.

New Roads, parish seat of Pointe Coupee, with a population of 300. Eight miles away from telegraph, railroad and steamboat communication.

Eight miles and we come to Bayou Sara, west side of Mississippi River, and French Settlement. Our church at this place is not what it ought to be, owing to powerful odds. We can only hope for the better. The faithful few do all they can for the good of the work, but the Catholic element keep us on the rough edge. Bro. Reuben Turner is pastor. \$10 for benevolence.

Jackson, thirty-one miles from Baton Rouge and six miles from Ethel, the nearest railroad station on the Mississippi Valley railroad. An inland town with a population of 400. Magnolia Chapel, with Bro. A. J. Tirquit as pastor, stands second to none on the district, financially and spiritually. A debt of long standing to the Church Extension has been paid, and many others to the home people also settled. The people will feel much disappointed if he is not returned. \$30 for benevolent purposes on hand.

Priestley Chapel, eight miles east of the City of Baton Rouge. Bro. Stephen Green, pastor. We have had a year of warfare at this church on the part of preacher and people. Three different times during the year the Presiding Elder was called upon because of misunderstandings with the members and pastor, which ended in a law suit. The fourth quarter was held in Baton Rouge, because of the bulldozing in that part of the parish. Many of the people are in the city for protection.

Jones Creek and Conrad, a circuit ten miles apart and eight miles northeast of Baton Rouge. Bro. Ephraim Harrison has labored with much success on this circuit for four years, until about the 20th of November, when the bulldozers began their work by whipping, killing and driving away our people. He was so badly beaten I had to hold his fourth quarter by his bedside in the city of Baton Rouge, and with him only.

At Zacharie we have Albert Chapel, built after the improved style of plan B of the Church Extension. Bro. T. A. Brown is the pastor and has done a wonderful work in this place. Bro. Brown is a hard worker and certainly deserves credit.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

S. S. Corfrew, Greenwood, Miss.

We are trying to push forward the work of the old church. I was with Revs. C. W. Wright and H. M. Hollins, and assisted them in organizing his church on Oct. 17.

Bro. Wright was sent to this work by the district conference, and Bro. E. O. Carter was appointed by the district conference to go to Caloway circuit. He would not go; so I sent Bro. H. M. Hollins. This will be one of the greatest works on the district. My church at Woodburn will soon be ready for dedication.

A. N. Jackson, LaFayette, Ala.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 6, 7. A Lovefeast was held Friday night, at which the presence of the Holy Spirit was wonderfully manifested.

Thirty-three members of the conference were present with a large number of visitors. The reports showed progress, and peace and good will among our people. During the quarter the pastor had been paid \$182.74; elder, \$12; sick members, \$12; and all the benevolent moneys collected—exceeding the apportionment, and the record

of any previous year in the history of the church.

Our burned Bell church is nearing completion. Plans and drawings for a new church in town have been purchased from the Church Extension Board. The presiding elder, Rev. W. F. Smith, was present, and conducted the services. Despite the heavy rain Sunday morning, a large number turned out to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The presiding elder was presented with a silk hat, and the pastor with a suit of clothes. Collection, \$63.

F. M. Lashington, Pleasant Hill, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 6. Rev. T. G. Montgomery, presiding elder, was present. Notwithstanding the rain and cold the conference had an interesting session. The church is alive, and we have raised all of our benevolent moneys. Will go to conference rejoicing. We are always glad to have our presiding elder with us. Collection, \$96 85.

G. J. Rogers, Rosedale, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 6, 7. The presiding elder was well pleased. He preached a glorious sermon. Rev. J. W. Hudson is loved by every one in this community—whites as well as colored. He is leading this district to victory.

J. A. Tirquit, Jackson, La.

Before giving you a resume of our year's work, permit me to congratulate you upon your selection of one of fairest belles of Shreveport for a life partner. While congratulating you, permit me to give expression to my great joy consequent upon the fact, that on the 10th of December there came to my house a beautiful little stranger in the person of a bouncing baby boy, and at this writing the mother and child are doing well. The writer is the happiest and proudest man in Jackson. May it be known to all that another son is born to Methodism.

When I first took charge here the clouds were dark, and hung low; but by indefatigable toil and trust in the Lord, I was able at the fourth quarterly conference, to make a report quite in advance of former years.

The Sunday school has increased at least 150 per cent., and is in a prosperous condition. Twelve scholars have been converted from the school; and some whose parents are deep-water Baptists. Seventeen have been converted from adults, and eighteen probationers taken in.

The church burdened by a long-standing debt to the Church Extension Society, has been freed from same, and now owes no one. It has also been insured for three years in the Mechanics and Traders insurance company of New Orleans, La.—a thing never before done. \$513 60 had been raised for all purposes up to Nov. 29th. Presiding elder paid and conference money raised. The people are well pleased with their present pastor, and ask that the conference send him another year.

Presiding Elder Hudson is quite a favorite among them. And when it is known that he is coming, the church is filled to its utmost capacity to hear and see him. Bro. Hudson is one of those unassuming preachers who shoots and never fails to hit the mark, and leaves a deep and abiding impression upon his hearers. At our last quarterly conference the following resolution was passed and ordered printed in the SOUTHWESTERN, viz:

"Whereas, The Rev. J. H. Hudson, Presiding elder of the Baton Rouge District, Louisiana Conference, has, for two years, acceptably served this district to the great satisfaction of all the preachers, members and parties concerned; be it therefore resolved:

"That, In the judgment of the fourth quarterly conference of Jackson, La., the district has never been better presided over; resolved further,

"That, We renew our confidence in, and our affection for him; bidding him God-speed in his mission of labor and love; tendering him

our heartfelt appreciation of his efficient service, and pray that God will spare him to us many days, and so influence the judgment of the conference to continue him in the present incumbency as long as the extreme time limit will allow."

E. Troup, Clarksdale, Miss.

My fourth quarterly conference was held by Rev. C. P. Head. Reports showed progress. Many souls had been converted. Purchased a new bell for the church at a cost of \$13 80; and \$11 of improvements made on church property. Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon, and administered the Sacrament to thirty-seven persons. Two were admitted into full membership. Paid elder, \$11; pastor, \$75; subscription for the new church to be built at Lyons, Miss., \$7,500; collected of that amount, \$2000.

L. C. McLendon, Elijah, Miss.

Our fourth quarterly conference convened in the Hamric Hill M. E. Church, Dec. 6, 7. The work is alive. Sunday at 11 o'clock Dr. H. R. Revels preached a soul-stirring sermon. The Doctor, having to go to Lott's Chapel to preach at 3 p. m., Sacrament was omitted until the following Sunday. Paid pastor, \$50 55; elder, \$10; raised for all purposes, \$97.80. We have part of the lumber on the ground to build the parsonage. Thank God we are on the line of success. Everything is moving along nicely.

G. W. Norris, Caldwell, Tex.

This circuit has not done so well this year, as I have been sick part of the time, but we are moving onward. At Caldwell we have but three members, and the other churches are against us; but we are moving onward. At Zion Hill we have about 150 members. We are preparing to build a new church. Our people here need a great deal of teaching. They have no Sunday school; only sometimes. At Lynn Station we have twenty members, and they are full-blooded Methodists. They have as good a Sunday school as there is on the Navasota District, and the members stand by the church and ministry with such an elder as Rev. W. A. Logan, we are bound to succeed.

I think that the preachers and presiding elders ought to be Christian men and full of the power of God, and not of the Devil. If we can not live in love with each other how can the members who are under us live in love with each other? Some time the church will take a man who is a bad man, who has an education and make him a presiding elder. The church does not intend to do this, but it happens nevertheless.

The following program was rendered at the jubilee of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, Fla., on the twenty-sixth anniversary of its organization, Nov. 20 23:

Wednesday night, Nov. 19th—Opening sermon, by Rev. John Wilson.

Thursday, Nov. 20th 3 p. m.—Praise and testimony meeting, conducted by the pastor.

At 7 p. m.—Half hour concert by the young people. Reading history of organization by the pastor. Thanksgiving sermon by Rev. W. J. Salmund. Concluded with testimonies by a few of the first members of the church.

Friday, Nov. 21st, 3 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. P. Patterson.

At 7 p. m.—Half hour concert young people. Addresses by Rev. C. C. Manigault, S. B. Darnell, and S. Jackson.

Sunday, Nov. 23d, 8:30 a. m.—Sunday school; at 10 a. m. Lovefeast; at 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. B. Dilworth, presiding elder, assisted by J. G. Howard; at 3 p. m., addresses by Revs. J. G. Howard, E. Ferguson, and J. Grant; at 7 p. m., half hour concert by young people; addresses by Revs. J. T. Elliott, J. P. Patterson, Y. K. Meeks, and J. M. Deas. Concluded with the Lord's Supper. The whole was interspersed with choice music by the choir.

Our Church.

\$1,200,000

For Missions by Collections Only.

In one day last November I was present when over 150 persons were savingly converted to God, and received the witness of the Spirit. Preachers are anointed from on high, and our Christians as a body will compare favorably with any body of Christians in India. And yet this is but our day of small things. Better days are ahead; brighter skies will soon be over us. Our Church has now a golden opportunity to do great things for God. Will she sustain us, as the Baptists sustained their missionaries when the great work among the Telugus commenced? The one thing for which Christians seem really to give freely is for actual soul-winning among the heathen. Now is the opportunity of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She can have 50,000 converts in India within five years if she will add \$50,000 to the resources of her missionaries. The Baptists called for \$50,000 last year for new work and received \$52,000. Here is a lesson which the wise should ponder.—Bishop Thoburn, on work in India.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Education.

The annual meeting of the Board of Education was held at the office in New York Dec. 3. The reports of the treasurer and of the corresponding secretary showed a year of marked prosperity in every department of work.

Notwithstanding the large increase of the previous year from \$31,000 to over \$42,000, a similar advance was made last year to \$52,500 cash collections. A still greater increase in returned loans was shown, and the total income for the year from all sources was \$69,368. The invested fund is now \$226,000. The increase in collections in two years has been 69 per cent, and in returned loans 90 per cent. Special efforts are now being made to collect the loans made previous to 1886, and still larger returns are confidently expected. The collections of the year came from about 5,600 Sunday-schools.

The entire amount of the collections is now distributed among the several Conferences in home and foreign fields. The amount thus disbursed the past school year was \$42,173.96 to students distributed in 100 different colleges, theological schools and academies.

Average amount loaned to each beneficiary for the year, \$45.68; total number of beneficiaries to the end of the last school year, 3,207.

The amount of \$50,000 was appropriated for the present school year, ending in June next, which will greatly cheer many needy students in all our schools. Some requests have been made. Methodist people are beginning to appreciate the work of this Board, and to include it among the church societies remembered in their wills.

Dr. Payne reported that he had visited 28 conferences during the year, making during his incumbency of the office 69 visits to the conferences, and 58 different conferences visited and addressed. He had traveled 22,000 miles during the year. The utmost harmony prevailed in all the deliberations and actions of the Board, and the good work done and the hopeful outlook gave great encouragement to all its members.

General Church News.

An unknown giver has presented to the Young Men's Christian Association of Haverhill, Mass., \$10,000 for a building.

William P. Southworth, of Cleveland, Ohio, has given \$50,000 for a ward or wards in the hospital there to be devoted to the care of sick and disabled children.

During the past fifteen years the Cincinnati Baptists have added seven new churches to the number then existing, the total number now being 26; the total membership has risen from 2,544 to 4,020; and the total amount of benevolent contributions raised last year is four-fold what it was fifteen years ago.

The will of the late Franklin B. Jagger has been filed at Burlington, Iowa. It contains bequests of \$5,000 to the American Home Missionary Society of New York, \$5,000 to the Iowa Congregational Home Missionary Society, \$5,000 to the Iowa College at Grinnell, Ia., and \$2,000 to the Public Library at Burlington.

The House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church at a special meeting in Pittsburg, Pa., on Oct. 23, chose Rev. John W. Chapman, missionary at Anvik, Alaska, to be Missionary Bishop of Alaska, and Rev. William S. Langford, D.D., of New York, to be Bishop of Japan. Rev. Dr. Langford, who was in Pittsburg in attendance upon the Missionary Council, having satisfied the committee who notified him that he could not accept the election, his declination was presented to the house of Bishops, but no other choice was made for Japan.

The wealth of the Church of England as ascertained by a recent revenue report to Parliament may be thus summarized: The income of the Ecclesiastical commissioners is about \$5,750,000, nearly one fourth of which is derived from tithes. The Welsh tithes yield about \$20,000. The gross annual values of benefices for 21 countries is \$10,000,000, which is distributed among 6,600 clergymen, giving them an average of a little over \$1,500 a year.

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General News Items.

Home Rule is saved," said Mr. Gladstone when the anti Parnell men of the Irish party resolved to cut loose from Parnell. It is to be hoped that this will prove to be a true prophecy; and yet Mr. Parnell, in the effort to save himself from his well deserved disgrace, is practically doing all he can to make it false.

The Supreme Court of the United States has now been in existence for a hundred years; and in its course of this period eight Chief Justices and forty-four Assistant Justices, making fifty-two in all, have been appointed to its bench. No court ever had a grander history.

The total population of the United States, counting 315,000 Indians and whites in the Indian Territory, and the estimated population of 38,000 in Alaska Territory, is 63,000,000 in round numbers, which shows a numerical gain of 13,000,000 in the last decade.

Senator Hampton, to his credit, had the courage of his convictions in respect to the financial nonsense

of the Farmers' Alliance in South Carolina, and thereby lost his reelection to the United States Senate.

Secretary Windom, in his report, says that during the nineteen months of President Harrison's administrations the money circulation of the country has been increased by the addition of \$93,806,813.

A Mass Convention of those who favor the organization of the Prohibition Party in this State will meet at New Orleans Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 1891, at 10 a. m. All who advocate prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic beverages; who desire pure politics, good government, reform in the interest of the producing and consuming masses, and who believe that these reforms can best be secured through a reorganization of political forces are invited to attend.

An American syndicate has purchased for \$600,000 in gold the sugar estate of San Ramon, at Manzanillo, Cuba. This plantation is one of the most important in that district.

The American Bank of Arkansas City, Ark., which failed on the 19th of December, will not resume operations. It owes depositors \$190,000.

A united meeting of the state council and the national council was held in Berne, Switzerland, on the 11th of December for the purpose of electing a president and vice-president of the republic for the year 1891. Dr. Welti, who is at present vice-president, was elected president, and M. Hauser, vice-president. They will assume office to-day.

The Mexican authorities have ordered the exhumation of the body of Canon Martinez Barrios, late secretary of Archbishop Labastida. Certain liberals state that he was poisoned, but his physicians say he died of heart disease produced by fright caused by insults.

An entire business block in Minden, N. C., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$35,000; insurance, one-third.

Sitting Bull is dead. On the 15th of December a party of Indian police attempted to arrest the old chief at his camp on Grand river, forty miles from Standing Rock agency. Bull, assisted by his followers, resisted, and a fight ensued, which resulted in the killing of Sitting Bull, his son Black-bird, Catch Bear and four other Indians, besides seven of the police.

Stringent orders have been sent to the government officials in the Caucasus for the expulsion of all Jews who are not authorized to reside there.

A world's fair convention at Houston, Tex., asks the State government to give \$1,000,000 to represent the State at Chicago.

A fire in New Orleans on the 16th of December destroyed twenty-four buildings in the square bounded by Terpsichore, White, Euterpe and Franklin streets.

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Letters from the Laity.

John W. Butler, St. Paul M. E. Church, Shreveport, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held December 10, 1890, with Rev. T. G. Montgomery, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The officers were all in their places with written reports. The session attracted quite a large congregation, who manifested great interest in the proceedings, especially in the financial reports, which showed that \$4,176.02 had been raised since the date by the church: Gross receipts from excursion August 22, 1890, \$2,118.76; disbursement of same as follows, to train hire Aug. 22, 1890, \$975; to Commercial National Bank of Shreveport, \$250; John R. Jones, on account of building material, \$200; Enders & Son, on account of church furniture, \$100; Board of Trustees, on account of borrowed money, \$100; brass band and incidental expenses, \$82; A. Kahn, for hardware, paid in full, \$40; Buckelew & Presents, for hardware, paid in full, \$33.40; J. D. Welch, for ac-

count of excursion, \$50; J. S. Fellers, for account of excursion, \$10; Wm. Harper, for account of excursion, \$10; J. E. Traisclair, for account of excursion, \$15; A. J. Smith, for account of excursion, \$10; C. W. Hardy, for account of printing, \$27; Pierre Landry, for account of excursion, \$25; Shreveport Times, for account of printing, \$21.35; to attorney-at-law, for account of excursion, \$50; rent of Cole's Park, Dallas, Aug. 23, 1890, \$20; superintendent and building St. Paul Church, \$10; total, \$2,118.76. Receipts outside of excursion from all other sources and disbursements of same, \$980.56; paid J. H. Prescott, insurance on church, \$56; paid John R. Jones, building material on parsonage, \$26; paid D. Callahan, carpet and glazing, \$73.39; paid P. H. L. Hargrave, lumber for parsonage, \$70.77; John H. Cook, tin work (on account), \$10.40; paid Commercial National Bank, \$600; paid W. J. Walker, brickwork, \$13; paid H. B. Jones, carpenter, \$45; paid Jos. Pleasance, painter, \$8; paid Major Lloyd, painter, \$35; paid building outhouse and repairing fence, \$20; paid Farman & Hamilton, hardware, \$2.50; paid Buckelew & Present, hardware, \$7.50; paid Wm. Harper, return of borrowed money, \$50; total, \$980.56; money collected by stewards to date, \$1,076.70; grand total to date, Dec 10, 1890, \$4,176.02.

The officers, members and friends of St. Paul Church are now engaged in raising the balance due on the pastor's salary, and with good weather we will send down our full assessment for benevolent purposes.

Complimentary resolutions to ex-Senator Wm. Harper, to whom St. Paul Church is so deeply indebted for valuable service during its great struggle for reconstruction and money raising, were adopted; to Dr. D. A. Smith and Mr. Isaac Johnson, both of Shreveport, for special favors; to the Rev. T. G. Montgomery, Presiding Elder, for his uniform kindness, as president, were also adopted. The administration of the Rev. P. Landry was endorsed and resolutions passed looking to his return to St. Paul Church, as pastor for 1891, were adopted in the midst of the best of feelings.

N. R. Clay, Aberdeen, Miss.

The fourth quarterly conference was held here Nov. 29, with Rev. J. O. Eckles, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Reports show the church on the forward move. The steward's reports showed that we had raised for all purposes seven hundred and sixty-six dollars and fifty cents, of which the pastor had received four hundred and eighty dollars (\$480), the Presiding Elder sixty-six dollars (\$66), and other expenses the balance.

The Elder preached another of his heart felt sermons. Text: "There is a river that maketh glad the city of God." During his sermon our hearts were made to burn within us. After preaching the two hundred and twenty-six souls partook of the Lord's Supper. The Elder was assisted by Revs. M. O. McEwin, M. Proctor and the pastor. Collection \$22.

We are preparing to celebrate Emancipation Day as never before. Our people are just now beginning to appreciate that eventful day as they should. They have been sleeping upon its importance until awakened by your valuable paper, which is a great educator among our people. May your paper live long and continue its work as our best wish.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conferences, 1891.

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Mississippi	Mobile	Jan. 7-10	Novan
Louisiana	N. O. La.	14-17	14-17
Indian Miss. Conf.	Guthrie, O. T.	15-18	15-18
Georgia	Leicester, Ga.	15-18	15-18
St. John's Bay	Lawley, Fla.	15-18	15-18
Texas	Navasota, Tex.	15-18	15-18
Alabama	Edwardsville, Ala.	22-25	22-25
Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	22-25	22-25
Austin	Waco, Tex.	22-25	22-25
Little Rock	Texarkana, Ark.	22-25	22-25
Arkansas	Fort Smith, Ark.	22-25	22-25
Central Alabama	Marion, Ala.	22-25	22-25
Savannah	Macon, Ga.	22-25	22-25
Southern German	Waco, Tex.	22-25	22-25
Upper Miss. Holy Springs	Miss. Feb. 5-8	5-8	5-8
South Carolina	Greenville, S. C.	5-8	5-8
West Texas	Waco, Tex.	5-8	5-8
Virginia	Renovert, W. Va.	5-8	5-8
Kansas	Washington, Kan.	5-8	5-8
Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.	5-8	5-8
Missouri	Brookfield, Mo.	5-8	5-8
Baltimore	Washington, D. C.	5-8	5-8
South Kansas	Stark, Kan.	5-8	5-8
Central Pa.	Sunbury, Pa.	5-8	5-8
Central Missouri	Marshall, Mo.	5-8	5-8
Washington	St. Louis, Mo.	5-8	5-8
S. W. Kansas	Newton, Kan.	5-8	5-8
St. Louis	Springfield, Mo.	5-8	5-8
New Jersey	Trenton, N. J.	5-8	5-8
Lexington	Lexington, Ky.	5-8	5-8
Wilmington	Centerville, Md.	5-8	5-8
N. W. Kansas	Norton, Kan.	5-8	5-8
Wyoming	Baltimore, Md.	5-8	5-8
East German	Baltimore, Md.	5-8	5-8
Delaware	Cambridge, Md.	5-8	5-8
New York	Yonkers, N. Y.	5-8	5-8
North India	Bangalore, India	5-8	5-8
New York East	Patchogue, L. I.	5-8	5-8
New England	Lynn, Mass.	5-8	5-8
Newark	Washington, N. J.	5-8	5-8
New York West	Watertown, N. Y.	5-8	5-8
New Hampshire	Newport, N. H.	5-8	5-8
Troy	Albany, N. Y.	5-8	5-8
Maine	Brunswick, Me.	5-8	5-8
Vermont	Northfield, Vt.	5-8	5-8
East Maine	Damariscotta, Me.	5-8	5-8

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India	Madras, India	Jan. 7-10	Thoburn
Africa	Victoria, Africa	14-17	14-17
Bengal	Jubapur, India	15-18	15-18
Mexico	Pachmex, Mexico	15-18	15-18
North India	Bangalore, India	15-18	15-18
Poochow	Poochow, India	15-18	15-18
Malayan Miss.	Singapore	15-18	15-18
China Miss.	Nanking, China	15-18	15-18
Bulgaria	Constantinople, Bulgaria	15-18	15-18
Italy	Florence, Italy	15-18	15-18
N. China Miss.	Peking, China	15-18	15-18
W. China Miss.	Chungking, China	15-18	15-18
Switzerland	Zurich, Switzerland	15-18	15-18
Germany	Hellbronn, Ger.	15-18	15-18
Denmark	Copenhagen, Den.	15-18	15-18
Japan	Tokyo, Japan	15-18	15-18
Norway	Bergen, Norway	15-18	15-18
Sweden	Uppsala, Sweden	15-18	15-18

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The South Carolina Legislature is discussing the adoption of the Jim Crow car system. The colored people have held a convention and several other meetings to protest against the proposed law.

Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Shallowhorne, of Shreveport, will please accept many thanks for a fat Christmas turkey. This reminds us that to-day is January 1st, and another fat turkey would not be out of place for such an occasion.

We make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

HAVE you read Dr. Haygood's Colored Man in the M. E. Church? If you have not, you can have no true idea of the history of the colored man in the M. E. Church. Send for a copy from this office. Price only \$1.25.

The presiding elders of the Louisville Conference unite in requesting every member of the conference to be sure and reach this city to take part in the grand quarter-centennial celebration of the conference which takes place at Washington Artillery Hall, Jan. 13. The exercises begin at 10 a. m., and close at 11 p. m. Let the day be observed as a general Methodist holiday.

A CORRESPONDENT of Zion's Herald, Rev. Geo. S. Butters, relates the following incident as having taken place in the classroom of Rev. Dr. J. W. Lindsay, of Boston University: "In the midst of that afternoon's work a brother's translation had made the teacher smile because of its familiarity, and the young man defended himself by saying, 'I'm not much of a Hebrew scholar anyway.' That statement is more exact than your translation, my brother," was the ready response of the professor."

The holy Sabbath is the special day for worship. The best time to worship God is in the morning. It is a sad mistake that some preachers and some people make of making the Sunday night service the most important. All of Sunday ought to be given up to the sacred purposes of this consecrated time. The old-time Methodists, following the example of John Wesley, were accustomed to meet together before daylight for divine worship. If we do not observe that custom we ought to hear a morning prayer-meeting and a morning sermon in every one of our churches. There ought not to be a single exception to this in all Methodism. Any fairly healthy minister can preach three times on Sunday and he will not be hurt. Short, hot, gospel sermons—one of them in the forenoon, and at least two of them every Sunday, should be the universal rule.

Happy New Year.

We greet our readers, one and all with the best wishes for a happy, happy New Year! The year of our Lord 1890 has passed into unchangeable history; the chapters of its closely written volume have finally closed, and for weal or woe, it is gone to keep company with the centuries of the past. Its record is not lost, however. For God will certainly bring everything to face us in the judgment, whether it be good or whether it is evil. No doubt the pages of the year that has just closed are disfigured by the shapeless wrecks of many wholesome resolutions made at its beginning, and which we have often broken to our shame and sorrow. We resolved to be better men, better women, and better children on the first of January, 1890. Too many of us find that, depending upon our own strength, we failed most disastrously. Shall we now give up in despair? No, a thousand times never. But, rather let us gird up the loins of our minds, resolve anew; take up the implements of our warfare and fight the good fight of faith, in the strength of Him who is the Captain of the Lord's host, the Author and Finisher of our faith. As we recall the visitations of Providence toward us during the past year, we recall many sorrows and joys, many hours of darkness as well as of sunshine. Those varied experiences, like the former and the latter rains, while not always welcome or understood by our feeble humanity, will, if we trust submissively in the goodness and wisdom of our Heavenly Father, yield for us a rich harvest of the purest bliss. Now then, facing the great unknown before us, let us venture out upon the year that to-day opens to us with resolutions to be better and to live nearer to God. All who started out with us on the march of the year that has just closed were not permitted to see its close, neither will all those who start out with us on the journey which 1891 now opens be permitted to see its close; but if we are true to God, to ourselves and to each other, it will be well with our souls. Again we greet you with a happy, happy new year. May all your days be bright, may your churches be crowded, your Sunday schools alive, and every house become a house of prayer; may your life be full of joy, and your end peace.

Political Review.

The past and present week being holiday weeks, very little of a political nature has really culminated. Dispatches from Washington are to the effect that the Senate will adjourn from day to day, if there is a quorum on both sides of the chamber. The debate on the election bill will continue, and one of the features of the discussion will be a speech by Senator Hoar. Should there be a quorum of Republican senators during the week then may be expected a transformation of the light skirmishing which has been in progress for a month into a heavy engagement of the political forces, for it is the intention to take up the new cloture rule introduced by Senator Aldrich as soon as a safe Republican majority can be assured.

It is not expected that any business will be transacted in the House during the coming week. There is a possibility, however, though not a probability of a quorum being in attendance either Friday or Saturday, and should the unexpected happen, the appropriations committee is prepared to take advantage of the circumstances and take up one of the regular annual appropriation bills.

RAM Chander Bose, who has twice represented India in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, seems to be growing out of harmony with Methodism by accepting high church principles. He is of the cast of mind that would lead him in that direction, and besides he has not realized his ambitions in

connection with our church. But we must expect just such incidents in our India and China missions. In a measure we will pass through the experience of the Apostolic Church when it came in contact with Greek Culture.

Emancipation, January 1.

The Faith Cadets of this city will celebrate Emancipation Day, to-night, at Morris Brown Chapel. J. F. Barrow is captain and founder. Rose Scott is daughter of the company, and Rev. I. H. Hall, father. Geo. H. Nelson, and E. H. Phillips are first and second lieutenants. We thank them for the beautiful complimentary ticket. The following are expected to speak on the occasion: Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D.D., President New Orleans University; Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., editor SOUTHWESTERN; Hon. T. B. Stamps, editor Standard-Pelican; Hon. E. S. Swan, William Porter, and others. Also, during the day there will be a grand New Year dinner for the benefit of the Old Folks' Home.

The New Orleans University students and their teachers will celebrate the day with the people at First Street Church. President Adkinson, Pastor J. W. Hilton, and Dr. Albert will be among the speakers.

Personal.

—Bro. C. F. Simmons, of Mississippi, is teaching at Washington, Texas, and is saving all he can so as to enter Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., next fall. We hope him much success in his holy purpose.

—Rev. W. E. Hutcherson requests his correspondents to address him hereafter at Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, until further notice.

—Prof. R. C. Barrow, Jr., who is teaching at Abbeville, La., spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays in this city. He paid us an appreciated call.

—Revs. J. F. Marshall of La-Teche, Stephen Priestley of Monroe, Emperor Williams of North New Orleans, S. Duncan of South New Orleans, J. W. Hudson of Baton Rouge District, have all completed their fourth rounds, and are now ready for conference. They report splendid advances in many directions.

—Everybody that has ever met him, will be pained to learn that Rev. R. H. Harbert, until recently presiding elder of the Houston District, Texas Conference, has been sentenced to the Texas Penitentiary for two years. He has taken an appeal, in which his many friends extend the most fervent hope that he may finally be acquitted. This is the outcome of the unpleasant altercation which took place at Houston between Bro. Harbert and O. C. Minnegan some weeks ago when Bro. Harbert fired several shots at Brother Minnegan. Brother Harbert claims that he was acting in self defense, as he thought Bro. Minnegan was about to do him physical injury. Without pretending to say aught in the premises, we certainly deplore this most unfortunate affair, and sincerely hope that our dear Bro. Harbert will be acquitted. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

—Bro. Geo. Washington and Sister Mary E. Coleman, old members of Union Chapel, New Orleans, were buried last week. They died well.

—Miss Martha Bibolet, daughter of Mr. L. Bibolet, died in this city last Friday morning, after a long illness. We extend our condolence to bereaved ones.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

A grand entertainment was given by the trustees of Malden Chapel, on Washington Avenue and Tonti streets, Saturday, Nov. 22, for the benefit of the church.

Rev. F. Walker and family were with us, and his wife played some very nice music on the organ. We had a good time. Isaiah Brown steward.

Bishop Mallalien preached a very edifying sermon at First Street Church last Sunday night to a large and appreciative congregation. Revs. S. Priestley, T. G. Montgomery, J. F. Marshall and A. E. P. Albert were among the visitors. Pastor Hilton is closing a good year.

Bishop Newman.

He Will Come to New Orleans to Take Part in the Quarter Centennial Jubilee of the Methodist Conference.

Bishop John P. Newman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been spending a few weeks in this city, will go to Washington after Christmas, and early in January he will proceed to New Orleans, where he will take a prominent part in the quarter centennial jubilee of the Methodist Conference. It was in 1864 that Dr. Newman was sent to New Orleans by Bishop Scott, at the request of President Lincoln, to take charge of the Methodist churches in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana, which had been abandoned by their Confederate pastors. Dr. Newman organized the first Methodist Conference in that section of the country twenty-five years ago.

The celebration will be held in the largest hall in New Orleans, and Bishop Newman will be the orator of the day. He will speak on "The Future of the Negro Race." The festivities will include a banquet. Starting from New Orleans, Bishop Newman will enter upon his duly assigned visitations through about nine conferences in the West and Southwest. He will go to Texarkana and Fort Smith in Arkansas, thence to Omaha, Neb., and through Nebraska and Iowa.

He will preach, lecture and make appointments for the local ministers for another year. He will visit colleges, attend missionary conventions, ministerial associations, and will dedicate churches. All this will fill his time until next May, when the Bishops meet again and arrange for another year's work. Bishop Newman is one of sixteen general bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church who hold semi-annual meetings and apportion among themselves the work of widely scattered conferences. Each bishop usually has about 1,500 clergymen to look after in the conferences assigned to him.

Returns from the Contest.

	FOR	AGAINST
Grand Cane, La.....	19	2
Columbus, Ga.....	14	14
Crystal Springs, Miss.....	27	47
Shuqualak, Miss.....	38	46
Kings, Ga.....	9	110
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT, LA.		
Pelican.....	11	66
Pleasant Hill.....	5	65
St. James.....	56	22
Marthaville.....	3	64
Scott circuit.....	5	3
Robeline.....	11	19
Fairfield.....	3	18
Alpa circuit.....	3	88
Compti.....	22	37
Columbus circuit.....	7	7
Fasonia.....		
PALESTINE DISTRICT, TEX.		
Buffalo and Hopewell cir.....	9	19
Cotton Gin circuit.....	21	57
Fairfield circuit.....	5	23
Franklin circuit.....	1	9
Hearne.....	3	17
Jacksonville circuit.....	10	25
Leona circuit.....	5	76
Palestine.....	8	21
Palestine circuit.....	6	39
San Augustine.....	12	3
Sutton.....	5	3
Providence.....	30	3
Fort Jessup.....	27	37
Natchitoches.....	2	20
Boyce.....	75	125
Fairmount.....	125	45
St. Paul.....	45	

If I can place only one little brick in the pavement of the Lord's pathway I will place it there, that coming generations may walk thereon to the heavenly city.—Phillips Brooks.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People:

The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No 115, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passengers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Associations earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or, still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those moulders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the suit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing in-

sult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.
N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal, and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

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Schools and Colleges.

The late Gen. Clinton B. Fisk left \$25,000 in his will for Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

The dedication of the Mechanical School at Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., takes place Jan. 7. Dr. J. C. Hartzell and other educational lights will take part. It promises to be a grand affair. Everybody is invited.

The Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier of Dec. 5, 1890, devoted six columns of its space for representation of the noble work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, that is being carried on at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C. The Courier lauds the work to the highest, and is profuse in its appreciation of Dr. L. M. Duntun, the wise, devoted, and consecrated head of that great institution. May it, and the noble men in charge of that great work, be long-lived to bless this race and the unborn multitude who are to be influenced in right lines from this perennial spring of living waters.

J. W. Butler, Shreveport, La., St. Paul M. E. Church: "An educational meeting was held at the St. Paul Church, Nov. 21. It was called to order by Rev. J. H. Hod pastor of St. Matthew A. M. E. Church.

The following officers were elected: Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, president; J. Cleveland, vice-president; A. J. Samuels, Hartwell Swanson, and John Clark, secretaries; D. W. Boatner, G. F. Huntley, and John W. Butler, assistant secretaries. H. Yaney, and C. D. Shallowhorne spoke very feelingly upon the subject of christian education, setting forth the morality and social elevation of the peculiar work of schools established by the M. E. Church. Mr. Moses Stewart gave the history of efforts to establish a school in the past. He insisted that education was the chief importance in the attainments of the qualification of a lady or gentleman.

Rev. J. H. Ford said that history has no record of a people so ignorant that ever succeeded. That every evil we now complain of is due to ignorance; and that the only future for the Negro is wealth and education; and that no race of people ever succeeded in ignorance. Prof. Boatner spoke at length upon education. He advocated the claims of education for the elevation of the Negro.

Prof. A. P. Grigsby gave an outline of the work intended to be carried on in the Shreveport Academy, and the good that would be accomplished with the necessary support.

Rev. Geo. W. Lady, Presiding Elder of Pine Bluff District, Arkansas Conference, was introduced and made a very encouraging speech. On motion of Rev. P. Landry, pastor of St. Paul Church, it was decided to publish the proceedings of this meeting in our city paper and in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. P. Landry promised a larger congregation at our next meeting.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Free Choice.

REV. JOSEPH COURTNEY.

After speaking of the great work accomplished by the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South, *The Southern Christian Recorder*, Edited by Dr. Bryant, says: "This great church has increased by surrendering one of the great principles which God teaches, and the discipline of the church sanctions; 'of one blood God made all nations.'" She will never enroll as her members the greatest and truest men and women of the Negro race. No true man or woman will ever willingly submit to his own degradation." The above was quoted by the SOUTHWESTERN, December 4, 1890.

Joshua, the successful leader of the Israelites into the promised land, in his valedictory urged upon them to choose whom they would serve. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." That eloquent persuasive minister of the Gospel of Christ, Paul, says—"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

Man is a moral free agent. If not, then he is not accountable neither is he responsible to a greater than himself. From the Scripture quotations above, it is perfectly clear to all rational minds, that man is free to choose for himself, and to be persuaded in his own mind. In the first Scripture quoted—it seems to me, that as free men, the liberty of choice was granted to the Israelites in order, perhaps, that they might not have it to say afterwards that they were compelled. The Israelites were called upon by Joshua, to decide for themselves what God they would serve. In the second—"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Let every man in harmony with the light and truth which he receives from the Gospel, act from the conviction of his own mind in reaching conclusions for himself. If he has conscientious convictions, then let his conscience be obeyed. He who would change or decree it otherwise, would wholly disqualify man for conscientious spiritual worship, or as a proper subject of civil government. We admit that intelligence is necessary to conversion and for acceptable worship, but how much? How little is enough? To my mind, a clear conception of divine things, correct views, and proper acknowledgments of the one true and living God is sufficient. A man possessed of sufficient mental ability to accept God as his savior, and then obey and consistently worship him in spirit and in truth, is a rational level headed man. He has in deed and in truth complied with the essential requirement—"Fear God and keep his commandments." Any one who is capable of choosing God as his Savior, is capable also of making free choice of what church to unite with. Should he not unite with the particular branch of the church to which I belong, would it be christian-like on my part to cast unholly reflections upon him and his church, because he exercised his own choice in selecting a church home? Would he not be acting for himself, and also be fully

persuaded in his own mind in doing so?

All the Negro men and women of brains in this country, are not in any one specified denominational church. No not even in the African Methodist Church. But from what Dr. Bryant of *The Southern Christian Recorder* says; That church has all the "greatest and truest men and women," in Methodism, "of the Negro race." Poor Dr. Bryant, he has had the sympathy of all good people for quite a while, and he is now to be pitied. Is it possible that the sixteenth annual conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church, composed of colored ministers and members, who number up into the hundreds of thousands, are not true men and women? Why of course, they would be considered the "greatest and truest men and women of the Negro race." Why? Simply because they are in the Methodist Episcopal Church. "The Methodist Episcopal Church has increased by surrendering one of the great principles which God teaches, and the discipline of the church sanctions; 'of one blood God made all nations.'" The Methodist Episcopal Church is not a distinctive class church, like that of the African M. E. Church, she has fully demonstrated to the world that her fold is the fold of God's love embracing all nations and races of people. Where is the church which has shown, on Christian principle, a fuller recognition of all the nations as fit for its membership, than the Methodist Episcopal Church? "Of one blood God made all nations," and of all nations God's Church—The Methodist Episcopal is composed.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has some as great and as true men and women of the Negro race in it, as the country affords. They have proven though the many years to be strictly true to themselves, to God, and to the M. E. Church. If they did not unite with the church willingly, how did they? or by what law were they forced to unite with it?

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Books and Current Literature.

One of the most remarkable lists of famous contributors ever brought together in a single number of a magazine is presented in the January issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, of Philadelphia. The authors in that number include, Henry M. Stanley, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Ex-President Hayes, Hon. John Wannamaker, Joseph Jefferson, Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, Gen. Lew Wallace, George W. Childs, Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, Robert J. Burdette, Edward Bellamy, Will Carleton, Charles A. Dana, Sarah Orne Jewett, George W. Cable, Julian Hawthorne, Mrs. Lyman Abbott, Mrs. Margaret Bottoms, and nearly twenty others.

Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, have just issued an edition deluxe of Goodyear's History of Art, which work is considered by most critics to be the best of the

smaller Histories of Art published. The book is bound in rich red cloth, white and gold sides and back, ornamented with designs selected from art subjects, gilt top, uncut edges, and put up in a neat box. It contains 314 illustrations in color, is replete with numerous text-cuts, is printed from the clearest of type, and in this form makes one of the most beautiful and valuable gift books of the year. Send for specimen pages to the publishers. This firm has also just published a new Atlas by the famous Geographer, James Monteith. It is entitled "A School and Family Atlas," and contains all the latest maps and statistics, and is illustrated with numerous engravings showing the physical outlines of the different countries and the various characteristics of the industrial centers all over the world.

George William Curtis, in the Editor's Easy Chair in Harper's Magazine for January, reverting briefly to the question of co-education, says: "The secret and deepest source of the distrust of a change in the educational opportunities of women was apprehension of loss of womanly charm. But it has now long been seen that an intellectually accomplished man is not for that reason unmanly. Why, then, should such a woman be unwomanly? The question now is, how shall she obtain her accomplishment? It is now agreed that Juliet may study, but shall she study with Romeo? That question makes even Boston pause."

In the Editor's Drawer in Harper's Magazine for January Charles Dudley Warner writes about the popular tendency to make good resolutions at the beginning of the year. The first of January is the time, he says, for reforming the world; and yet reform at any time would be easy enough if we knew, or could agree, where to begin. But one of the perplexing questions is whether we should begin with the men or with the women.

One reason given for the existence of A Washington Bible class, by Gail Hamilton, which will be published shortly by D. Appleton & Co., is the desire of mothers to have some reasonable system of faith to teach to their active-minded children. Although this is not primarily a book for young people, thoughtful mothers will find in its suggestions that cannot fail to be helpful to them in presenting Bible stories to their children without taxing their credulity and reason. It is a book of hints rather than systems, but the hints are in the direction of Nature and common sense. It shows the kind of theology that people talk after they get home from church.

In preparation, new work by the Nun of Kenmare. "The Story of My Life." Price, \$1.50. 450 pp. Cloth. This will give the story of Miss Cusack's whole life, and will truly be a romance of real life—the history of one who has suffered the loss of all things for conscience sake. Address Miss M. F. Cusack Hotel Bradford, 65 East 11th street New York.

The most important issue of *The Popular Science Monthly* in many months is the December number. It contains the first of a series of carefully written and generously illustrated articles on The Development of American Industries since Columbus. The manufacture of iron and steel is to be described by Mr. W. E. Durfee, and the opening paper deals with our First Steps in Iron-making. In the same issue Mr. Appleton Morgan asks the question, What Shall we do with the "Dago"? and points out in a style both witty and serious the evils that attend Italian immigration. Many other choice articles make this an exceptionally strong number.

New York: D. Appleton & Co. Fifty cents a number; \$5 a year.

The Century magazine is running a fast press day and night in order to print the first instalment of the delayed "Talleyrand Memoirs" in the January number.

We have received Lee's map of the Valley of Virginia, showing the location of all the industrial towns, battle fields, mountain passes, and Luray Caverns. Send ten cents in stamps for a copy. Alex. Y. Lee, C. E., Top Engineer V. L. & I. Co., Luray, Va.

From Babel to Comparative Philology is the title of a chapter in Dr. Andrew D. White's Warfare of Science, which opens the January Popular Science Monthly.

Prof. Huxley has attacked the idea that the people who spoke Aryan were one distinct race. His discussion of the point is printed in the Popular Science Monthly for January and February, under the title The Aryan Question and Prehistoric Man.

The Storage of Electricity will

be explained in a fully illustrated article by Prof. Samuel Sheldon in the January number.

Seven Dreamers is the title of a collection of short stories and dialect sketches by Annie Trumbull Slosson, which Harper & Brothers have just published.

Harper & Brothers have just published the seventh number of the Franklin Square Song Collection, compiled by Professor J. P. McCaskey. The collection now includes fourteen hundred popular songs, hymns and melodies, besides a large amount of reading matter on musical subjects.

"Every walk is a sort of crusade preached by some Peter the Hermit within us, to go forth and reconquer this Holy Land from the hands of the infidels." Such is the brief preface to William Hamilton Gibson's new book, *Strolls by Starlight and Sunshine*, just issued by Harper and Bros.

The Christmas number of Harper's Bazar was fairly redolent with the spirit of the age.

The Forum, the foremost periodical for thoughtful readers. Its range is fairly indicated by the following table of contents of the December number: The Government of American Cities. Andrew D. White; wherein European cities are better governed than ours; the danger-place in our political system and the remedy. City Growth and Party Politics; William M. Springer.—The increase of urban over rural population as shown by the census; how this increase is advantageous to Democrats. The Stability of the French Republic; Jules Simon of the French Senate.—A review of domestic and foreign influences favorable and unfavorable to the Republic; a hopeful outlook. Family stocks in a Democracy; President W. C. Elliot, of Harvard.—Democratic society favorable to the perpetuation of families; a study of American conditions therefor. Does China Menace the World? President W. A. P. Martin, of the Imperial Tung Weng College, China.—Why the tendency of Chinese life forbids fear of competition. The Humanities; Major J. W. Powell.—The first of a series of articles to show that the theory of biographical evolution fails when applied to sociology. Formative Influences; Archdeacon F. W. Farrar.—An autobiographical essay, following similar ones by Prof. John Tyndall, W. E. H. Lecky, Frederic Harrison and other noted men. Speed in Railway Travel; Prof. R. H. Thurston.—The possibility of 200 miles an hour with steam; why electricity is likely to supersede steam. Armor for War Ships; Commander F. M. Barber, of the U. S. Navy. Notes on Ghosts; Andrew Lang. Pity, Genuine and Spurious; Frances Power Cobbe. Among the features of the Forum for 1891 will be:

Results of the Census; a series of articles by Gen. Frances A. Walker. Results of the latest research and of the most recent achievements in all important lines of work, in science and industry, by specialists. Political discussions, by the leaders of opinions in the United States, and by foreign statesmen. Shibboleths of the Time, a critical examination of popular opinions, by W. S. Lilly, the British essayist. Autobiographical essays, a series of the most noted men of the time, American and British, have contributed. Discussions of social and religious problems; Literary articles, discussing the tendencies of literary work along all directions of activity, by the foremost critical writers. The Forum, New York, 50c a copy, \$5 a year. Subscriptions taken in club with this paper. Special inducements to new subscribers.

The New Year number of the Methodist Review calls for special notice. During 1890 this periodical has given full attention to fundamental Old Testament questions; during 1891 it proposes the discussion of various New Testament problems that are of vital importance. In addition, the Review will also undertake the discussion of the moral and sociological questions which are now at the front. The opening article in the January-February number, on "The Gospel of John," is by Professor G. R. Crooks, of Drew Theological Seminary; it is an unanswerable argument for the early origin of the fourth gospel. G. M. Steele, D.D., writes ably on "Industrial Reconstruction." A vigorous symposium on the "Temperance Movement" is contributed by G. P. Mains, D.D., Henry Graham, D.D., and T. P. Marsh, D.D. "The Holy Spirit as a Factor in our Intellectual Life" is from the pen of that sturdy thinker, J. A. Roche, D.D. An appeal to the benevolent sentiments is made by the Rev. J. S. Breckenridge in "Hospitals—Ancient and Modern." J. E. Price, Ph.D., writes thoughtfully of the

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"Modern Sunday school," while the Rev. Henry Mansell sends from the far missionary field an instructive article on "The New Mohammedan School of Thought." The editorial departments combine carefulness, vigor, and adaptation to the times. Much will thus be found in "Progress of Civilization," "The Arena," "The Itinerants' Club," "Foreign Resume," "Spirit of the Reviews and Magazines," and "Critiques and Notices" of books, to please the varying tastes of the many readers of the Review. The leading editorials, on "Is the New Testament Safe?" "The Demand of Socialism for the Reconstruction of Society," and "The Human Element in the Missionary Movement," are most timely, scholarly and convincing. Altogether, the Review is indispensable. There is no other periodical in its grade that is so well equipped with departments adapted to the needs of the Christian ministry.

We have received His ory, Prophecy, and Gospel, edited by E. Benjamin Andrews, D.D., LL.D., president of Brown University; a volume of nearly 500 pages, English quarto size, elegant in print, paper and binding, and sold at the low price of \$1.75 a copy. These expositions of the International Sunday School Lessons for 1891, forty-eight in number, will cover each lesson of the year, and will prove especially helpful to Sunday school superintendents, teachers of adult classes, and all Bible students. They have been prepared by men eminent for their ability, active in Christian work, and in full sympathy with President Andrews in his effort to elevate the character of Sunday school instruction. This volume differs somewhat from those heretofore in use. Less attention is devoted to textual explanations and details, and more to the presentation and enforcement of the "lessons" which should be garnered and treasured, thus making a departure toward a broader and more definite study of the truths of the Word of God. The critical scholarship which has been brought to this work by these able and devout men, is a sufficient guaranty that the book is one of rare excellence and value—a volume of well considered studies which will appeal strongly to thoughtful Sunday school workers everywhere. Price, single copies, \$1.75; club rates: 3 copies \$4.50, 5 copies \$6.25. Address Silver, Burdett & Co., 6 Hancock Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Among other things, the Chautauquan for January, 1891, presents the following: The Intellectual Development of the English People, by Edward A. Freeman; the English Constitution, IV, by Professor George P. Fisher; England after the Norman Conquest, Part I, by Sarah Orne Jewett; Sunday Readings, selected by Bishop Vincent; Training Boys and Girls in Housework, by Harriet Carter; Tenement House Visiting, by Helen Iselin; Housekeeping for Two, by Rose Lattimore Alling.

Ready January 1, 1891, The Calvary Hymnal, for Sunday school, prayer meeting, and church service, by Robert Stuart McArthur, D.D., and Kate S. Chittenden. Silver, Burdett & Co., publishers, 6 Hancock avenue, Boston.

We have received the Journal of Proceedings and Addresses delivered at the National Educational Association, session of 1890, held at St. Paul, Minn. It is one of the most valuable volumes that we have received for many months. Every phase of education is there in discussed.

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port, where it will no longer be necessary to subsidize it to keep it afloat. Let us cease to be dependent by a general and united rally for the SOUTHWESTERN. We don't need names; what we need is cash with the names. To multiply names without cash is simply to multiply our liabilities without increasing our assets. Now, brethren, we plead with you to roll up your sleeves and pile up in such a list of cash subscribers as will put this paper among the other great papers of the church, where it will support itself independent of any General Conference appropriation. The SOUTHWESTERN never fails to stand by your every interest; now stand by it and make it self-supporting. A strong pull and a pull all together will accomplish the desired end. Send cash with the names.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my relations that I left in Newton county, N. C., about three years after the war. My mother's name was Muen Pitt. Brothers were Harry Bennett, Jay Bennett, and Ben. Pitts, and my name is Jacob Pitts. Sisters names were Lucy Wheeler, Amy Aven, July Taylor, Venus Polk, and Caroline Jones. My sisters were married when I left for Mississippi. Any information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received.

JACOB PITTS.

Graball, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to find my mother and one sister. Mother's name was Sophie Dabbs; sister's name was Mary Dabbs, and step-father, Stephen Dabbs. They all belonged to Joe W. Dabbs, Davison co., five miles from Nashville, on Old Mill Creek, Tenn. Joe W. Dabbs moved to Sardis, Miss., during the war. Thence to Morehouse parish, on Buff river, La. There the Yankees come to us and we followed them to Goodridge on the Mississippi river, and then W. H. Dabbs joined the Union army, and took marching orders to Vicksburg, and I have never seen my mother since. I would be glad to receive any information of her whereabouts.

W. H. DABBS.

Graball, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my grandma, sisters and aunt. They used to belong to one S. G. Lane, in Troup county, Ga. Their names were Winnie, and Catherine. Aunt Winnie belonged to Miss Jane Lane, who married a Mr. Crawford, and moved to Bainbridge, Fla. Aunt Catherine used to belong to a Mrs. Shealey in Alabama. She had one son named Reuben. Mr. Shealey sold her to a Negro trader, who carried her to Louisiana. My grandma was named Rhoda Klemm. She belonged Miss Lanie Lane, who married a man named Henry Klemm. This man Klemm sold grandma Rhoda to a man named Finley in Lafayette, Ala., Chambers county. My great-grandma was named Katie Lane, and her husband was Dick Lane. All the family once belonged to the Lane family, of Troup county, Ga. I know where Aunt Matilda lives, and I wish to hear from the others if possible. Address ELLEN SHEPHERD, Wedowee, Ala.

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The Slave Mother's Story.

BY REV. WALTER H. BROOKS.

"Twas as we sat one evening
Beside the cabin door,
Forgetting quite the sorrows
Which all our lives we bore.

And talked of bliss of heaven
With rapture and in tears,
And golden streets and angels
Far, far beyond the spheres.

Old master came with fetters,
And bound my daughter tight,
For he that day had sold her
And she must go that night.

I saw the traders take her,
I heard their jests profane;
As from the dear old cabin
She went in galling chain.

I saw them treat her rudely—
Insult her to her face,
For they had bought my daughter
For barter and disgrace.

But she had pledged her master,
Who dwells and reigns on high,
To lead a life of virtue
Or, in the effort die.

So weeping for her mother,
And hot with rage she went,
She knew not, asked not whether
Till days and nights were spent.

She went to lose, not honor,
But life itself instead,
For news came shortly to us,
"Thy daughter, now, is dead."

Sleep on, my child, till judgment
Thy sacred dust shall rise,
And thou shalt judge thy masters
From thrones within the skies.

Thus spoke a mother to me,
As through the south I went,
To find out why the Negroes,
When slaves were not content.

And I heard her story,
And saw her furrowed face;
And had the proof from many,
The thing had taken place.

I felt the blood coursing,
Through all my manly frame
Ah! felt as they who fought,
To free our land from shame.

But I should not grow angry,
The slave is free to-day,
The horrors of his bondage
With it must pass away.

Yet, like some field of battle,
All strewn with wounded men,
When cannons cease their thunder,
And peace has come again.

The south is covered over
With maddened and battered forms,
Who, in their state of serfdom,
Brook'd fierce and bitter storm.

Their minds and hearts and bodies
Have each alike been crushed,
"Ours to help these weak ones,
So shall their cries be hushed."

Then let us help the freedmen—
Help make their lot secure,
Help educate their children,
And make them wise and pure.

Help make their homes a comfort,
Their rights let's help maintain,
Help them when truly worthy,
Distinction proudly attain.

And when the late oppressor,
Lifts his hand and smite's
The ignorant and helpless,
Because they plead their rights.

O! let us one and many,
Take up the Negro's part,
And tell the pseudo-master
Just all that's in our hearts.

Ay! tell him by our protests,
From pulpit, stump and press,
Till this our Christian nation
Shall each vile wrong redress.

The Household.

FIG PUDDING.—Chop half a pound of figs fine, mix with a tea-cup of grated bread-crumbs, half a pound of sugar, a tea-cup of melted butter, five ounces of candied orange peel and citron, one grated nutmeg, and five well beaten eggs. Steam four hours and serve with sauce.—Ladies Home Journal.

SPANISH ONIONS.—Put them in a dripping-pan in the oven without removing peel or stalk. Bake at least four hours in a moderate oven. They will burn and blacken outside, which is of no consequence. Keep them turned so that the darkening may not go deeper on one side than the other. When quite tender (but do not try them until they begin to shrink, or you will let out the juices), so that a knitting-needle will run through them, take from the oven, strip off three or four skins, remove root and stalk, and place the onions without breaking them on a dish; put for each one a piece of butter as large as an egg, with a salt-spoonful of salt, and a quarter one of pepper, on each onion; cover them and put in the oven till the butter melts, and serve very hot.—Chico's Cookery.

Our Symposium.

While there is a great amount of wickedness in the world, there is vastly more righteousness; it sin abounds, goodness much more abounds. For one Judas they were eleven incorruptible in that old day, and we believe the proportion of the true has greatly increased from that day to this.

Funeral pomp is the worst form of human vanity. The "trappings and the suits of woe" affected by Congress when a member dies, its matter of course adjournments, and its stilted set eulogies are essentially hypocritical.—Chicago Times.

A woman who died lately at St. Martin, near Montreal, at the age of ninety-two, was married when thirteen years old, and had 17 children, 145 grand children, and 286 great-grandchildren. Her living descendants number 303.

The American Citizens' Equal Rights Association appeal to our people, churches and societies, for help in order to contest the infamous law passed by the State Legislature, relating to the separate car system. We hope that our people will contribute liberally to help in this good work against caste and oppression. Give the Association, in its noble effort to protect us in our civil rights, a loyal support. Not only of your means, but of your moral encouragement also.

When our people will have understood their true position in the body politic of this country, and the means employed by our enemy to degrade us through partisan legislation, and appreciate the effort of their true friends to ameliorate their condition, they will readily contribute to the good cause. May they see the necessity quickly.—Standard Pelican.

The gossip about Governor Hill and the Senatorship recalls a familiar passage in *Julius Caesar*, "I saw Mark Anthony offer him a crown; yet 'twas not a crown neither; 'twas one of these coronets, and, as I told you, he put it by once; but, for all that, to my thinking, he would fain have had it." The doubt that perplexes the Democratic Caesar of the moment is whether to take the coronet is to risk the crown; whether to accept the Senatorship is to hazard the Presidency; and again, whether to put aside the Senatorship is to lose both the Presidency and the Governorship.

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HOME READINGS.

M. 1. Kings 12. 1-11. Tu. 1. Kings 12. 12-17. W. Rom. 12. 3-16. Th. Isa. 12. F. Prov. 15. 1-9. S. Isa. 2. 10-17. S. Psa. 33. 12-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16. 18.

LESSON HYMN, C. P. M.

Be it my will wisdom here,
To serve the Lord with filial fear,
With loving gratitude;
Superior sense may I display,
By shunning every evil way,
And walking in the good.

O may I still from sin depart;
A wise and understanding heart,
Jesus, to me be given;
And let me through thy spirit know
To glorify my God below,
And find my way to heaven.

Time.—B. C. 975.
Place.—Shechem, in Central Palestine.

Rulers.—Rehoboam, son of Solomon, king, by hereditary claim, on all Israel, King of Judah (975-957 B.C.); Shishak, or Sesonchis, King of Egypt; Rezon, King of Syrian, at Damascus.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

The Old Men's Counsel, v. 1-7. Of what gathering does the lesson tell, and what was its purpose? What fugitive in Egypt heard of this gathering? Why had Jeroboam fled to Egypt? See chap. 11. 40. What request did Jeroboam make of the King? What was the king's answer? Of whom did the king seek advice? What was the old men's counsel? 2. The Young Men's Counsel, v. 8-11. How did the king treat the old men's advice? Of whom did he then take counsel? What question did he ask the young men? How did they advise the king to answer? 3. The King's Decision, v. 12-15. Who came to the king as he had requested? In what spirit did the king answer the people? What wise saying of his father did he then disregard? Prov. 15. Whose counsel did he reject? What answer did he make? Why did he not hearken to the people? By whom had the Lord made a promise, and to whom? What was that promise? see chap. 11. 31.

4. The consequence, v. 16-17. What reply did the people make to the king? Where did they then go? Over whom did Rehoboam reign? What warning have we against a haughty spirit? Golden Text.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught: 1. To be careful of whom we take advice?

2. That kindness will win friends?

3. That harsh words stir up strife?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Find what sort of home Rehoboam's grandfather chose for his counselors.

Find what Rehoboam's father had said about counselors.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school]

1. Whom did Rehoboam succeed, as king of Israel? His father, Solomon.

2. What did the people ask Rehoboam to do? To make their burdens lighter.

3. What answer did Rehoboam give? "I will add to your yokes."

4. How did the people receive this answer? Ten tribes revolted.

5. Whom did the ten tribes afterward choose as their king? Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

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Obituary.

Dilsy Van Buren Justice, wife of Jim Landers, who was born five miles south of Lebanon, Tenn., Jan. 3, 1841, and was married to Jim Landers April 7, 1861, died at Lebanon, Tenn., Nov. 1, 1890. The name of Dilsy Landers will long be remembered in this community. As a daughter she was obedient, thoughtful and kind. As a wife, she "looked well to the ways of her household" and ate not the bread of idleness. As a mother, "she opened her mouth with wisdom" and "in her tongue was the laws of kindness." She was a life-long Christian. She joined the church at Macedonia, in August, 1856. In 1866 she transferred her membership to Lebanon, being one of the first members of the M. E. Church at that place. She was devoted to her church. There was never a day too cold, nor a night too dark, for her to attend services. Only sickness kept her away. She was the mother of six sons and three daughters. Four of the sons have gone to their reward. So recently as the 17th of last February was Nathan called to give up his membership in the visible church for the church triumphant. Much of her life was spent in caring for the sick. As a nurse she was unexcelled. She was vigilant, thoughtful and kind. She was a member of the "Benevolent Order" from its organization, and for several years was its efficient president. She was taken sick in Murfreesboro, but recovered sufficiently to enable her to return home. Here she lingered for five weeks, ripening for the change. Repeatedly she expressed herself as not afraid to die. When she felt the end approaching, she called her husband and children around her and gave them her final counsel and blessing. Though taken from the earth, her work in the world does not cease. She being dead, yet speaketh, and the memory of her good works will often encourage her loved ones to lead better lives. If she could now speak, she would no doubt bid husband, children and friends not to mourn for her, but to run with patience the race set before them, and when they are called to follow her. She will be at the gate waiting and watching for them. Drew A. Hibbert.

Rev. E. Harris, late pastor of the M. E. Church at Fayette, Miss., was a native of Alabama, but moved to Mississippi about 30 years ago. He professed religion when quite young and joined the Baptist Church, where he became a preacher of the Gospel. In 1886 he joined the M. E. Church under Rev. W. McDonald, who was then Presiding Elder of the Brookhaven District. During the years of his ministry in our church, he served very acceptably the following charges: Vernel circuit, China Grove circuit, and then Fayette, where he closed his ministry. He was loved by both white and colored. On the morning of the 11th of December the weary wheel of life stood still and the pulse that once beat so strong and flourishing gave way. He was satisfied that the end was near and desired to come home to die. His home was about seven miles west of Brookhaven. He arrived at Brookhaven ten days before he died, and stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Blunt, relatives of his. They gave him all the attention they could, with the help of the doctor. The last thing he said to them was, "You all have done all you can for me. I thank you. The angels have come for me. Good-bye." Mrs. Blunt asked him where he was going. He said he was going to heaven. He leaves a wife and two adopted children to mourn his loss, but their loss is heaven's gain. He was buried by the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of the Brookhaven Lodge, but he was a member of the Fayette Lodge. B. L. Crump.

Victoria, Texas.—Mr. Jerry Silar, one of the oldest citizens of this city, departed this life Dec. 3. He was born in the year 1835; in Chilton county, N. C. He lived a quiet citizen up to his death. The week before his death he professed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. He leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his departure. Three of his daughters and two of his sons belong to our church. Their loss is his gain.

Moses Smith, P. C. Brother Calvin Hyde departed this life Dec. 14, aged 74. He lived a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 25 years, and left a wife and many friends to mourn his loss.

A. M. Randolph, Tennessee. Lake Como Circuit, Miss.—Sister Augustus Gavin departed this life Dec. 14. She leaves a husband, eight children, four brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was a member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church for 12 years. Age, 35 years. L. Tate, P. C.

Shubuta, Miss.—Sister Caroline Yates, after a week's illness, departed this life Dec. 16. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church. When she was first stricken to her bed, she told her children good-bye; that she was going to heaven. She leaves five children and many friends to mourn.

A. J. McNair, P. C. Luling, Tex.—Sister Mary H. Bryant departed this life Nov. 8. Sister Bryant lived and died a Christian, and a good worker in the church and Sunday school. She asked her mother and father not to grieve after her, but to meet her in heaven. She was just 20 years of age. She leaves a mother, father, several sisters and brothers, and a large circle of relatives to mourn her departure. She was the favorite with them all. Elder H. Swan and I will attend to the funeral service, the fourth Sunday in January, 1891, the last quarter.

J. H. Brawley, P. C. Griffin, Ga.—We mourn the loss of Sister Irene Hunter, the wife of Rev. W. C. Hunter, pastor of the Whitesville circuit. Sister Hunter and Bro. W. C. Hunter were married in 1871. She was a devoted wife and a faithful Christian mother. Wherever her husband was sent by the bishops she was perfectly willing to go. At times the field to which they went was hard, but she cheered her husband in his work, and would always say, "It is the Lord's work and he will pay us by and by." She was a true woman in every respect and was loved by all who knew her. She was sick only four weeks. She died in the full triumph of faith, leaving a loving husband and seven children to mourn their loss. She was conscious of her approaching death and talked freely to friends until the last. She died Nov. 26, at her post in Whitesville, Ga. The whole Griffin district, sympathize with our dear brother worker in the Master's vineyard. Sister Hunter was twenty years a member of the M. E. Church. E. L. Hammett, P. E.

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THE biographical sketch of Rev. A. A. Johnson, A. M., D. D., given in a recent number of the Fort Worth (Texas) University Argus, furnishes a sufficient inspiration for the most unfortunate young man. Dr. Johnson will long and favorably be remembered as at one time president of New Orleans University, and the founder of the Ft. Worth University. The Doctor is now pastor of the M. E. Church at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Presiding Elder J. W. Hudson, of the Baton Rouge District, has kindly remembered us with a copy of the minutes of his last District Conference. "It's a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Conference Notices.

Notice.

The Mason, Tenn., District Conference will convene at Ganeville, New Pleasant Grove, Jan. 8. All the members, pastors and visiting friends are required to come on the 6th and 8th of January. We will meet them at the train at Mason which arrives at 11:55, and on the next train, which comes at 1:23, all in the day time, on the Louisville & Nashville road. We will meet them those two days only, and those that come after then may expect to walk. We hope they will be on time.

A. BURDETTE, P. C.

Notice.

Brethren of the Dadeville District will please meet me at Opelika on the 27th of January, 1891. Those along the East Tennessee and North and South, meet me at Selma on the morning of the 28th. We will have two hours for consultation. Be sure to get a certificate from the agent from the place you start, showing you have paid full fare. Yours in Christ, W. F. SMITH, P. E.

Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference. Second Round.

Newport	Jan. 10-11
Russellville	17-18
Gray's and Edgewoods	24-25
Oliver Springs	Jan. 31 and Feb. 1
Tazewell	7-8
Knoxville sta.	14-15
cir.	21-22
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There comes no death to those we love,
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In slumber hushed and deep,
Translated to their home above,
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No more to wake and weep.

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gives the following hopeful state-
ment: "One of the most distin-
guished representatives of our
Baptist brethren, whose name is a
household word in that commu-
nion throughout the South expressed
a common view among us when
he said, not long since: 'We once
thought that Negroes were incapa-
ble of education, but we have
found ourselves mistaken, and now
favor the education of the race,
trusting that with better educa-
tion better ideas will come.'"

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take no-
tice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to
our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on
only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous ques-
tions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should
not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be con-
densed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no
manuscript.

Rev. J. H. Cook, of the Bower-
ton circuit, Miss., writes a very
strong letter in favor of the divi-
sion of the Brookhaven district.

Rev. Geo. Johnson, Grand Cane,
La., reports his quarterly confer-
ence held by Rev. T. G. Montgom-
ery Nov. 21, a grand success. Paid
presiding elder, \$2 40. Raised all
the benevolent collections.

Rev. Dewitt Frierson, Freehope,
Texas, rejoices over the close of a
good year. Presiding Elder P.
Morgan held his last conference
there Nov. 1, 2, and preached a
great power. The church and
Sunday school are prospering.
Conversions, 22; reclamations, 4;
received from the Baptist church,
4; from the A. M. E. Church, 2; re-
ceived in full connection, 9; col-
lected for benevolent purposes,
\$28; paid for building and im-
provements, \$52.

Rev. Stephen Tillman Olivier,
La., rejoices over the fact that after
much hard work, his new church
at that point will soon be a real-
ity. He expects to occupy it dur-
ing the month. The church is
known as the Mt. Zion M. E.
Church.

N. Cannon, Crystal Springs, La.

My fourth quarterly conference
was held Nov. 15, 16, by Rev. B.
L. Crump, presiding elder. Re-
ports showed the circuit in good
condition. The elder preached a
glorious sermon and administered
the Lord's Supper. Paid elder in
full. My revival commenced on
the 15th of November and lasted
two weeks and four nights. Con-
versions, 61; backsliders reclaimed,
6; and the church greatly revived.
Bro. S. H. Nevils was present, and
was a great help, too. Sister C. I.
Peck, a woman preacher, was also
present, and preached some good
sermons. We have had 104 con-
versions this year on Crystal
Springs this year, and have painted
the church inside. The young
people gave an entertainment and
raised \$25; and bought a carpet
for the pulpit and aisles. Miss
Julie Vaughns, Miss Dinah Ford
and a great many more of the
young people helped.

A. Moore, Booneville, La.

We are closing our second year
at Booneville. Elder Marshall was
with us Nov. 8, 9, and held our
fourth quarter. The elder was
very pleasantly entertained, and
we had a grand time. The elder
found the pastor and people in
peace and harmony. We promised
the elder fifteen dollars a quarter;
and have raised the full amount
promised. He left us with a smile
and looking as J. F. Marshall al-
ways looks—sweet and pleasant.
We commenced to raise our benev-
olent money in March, and have
raised to date: for missions, \$26;
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed-
ucation, \$30; Church Extension,
\$4; Tract and Sunday school Un-
ion, \$2; for education, \$3; total,
\$65. These moneys are all in the
hands of the different secretaries
and treasurers. I always send off
my benevolent money as I raise it,
even if it is but a dollar, as it is
not a safe plan to keep it. More
money was raised here last year
than has been raised in the history
of this church. A benevolent rally
was held Dec. 20th. We had a pig
which we called a benevolent pig;
it cost us \$2 50; but we netted
from it \$18 20. The church and
parsonage and graveyard fence
are being repaired and whitewash-
ed. Converts, 43; backsliders, 12;
total, 60. We have bought a cir-
cuit horse and saddle and bridle
costing \$40.

C. W. Kershaw, Bastrop, La.

I am closing the year's work
very satisfactorily. There has not
been much increase spiritually,
but, with a small membership, we
have managed to build a church
here. The Lord has blessed us in
our efforts, and our people are
rejoicing. Dec. 1, 2, 3, Rev. S.
Priestley was present, and held
our fourth quarter. The reports
were good. The people of Bastrop
promise to send their preachers to
the annual conference all right.

H. Dickson, Huntsville, Tex.

Presiding Elder Parker was with
us and held our third quarter Sept.
13, 14. He made an interesting
lecture, and preached twice. Our
receipts for the quarter were as
follows:

Pastor, \$62; elder, \$25 55; mis-
sions, \$5; tracts, \$2; Sunday
school Union, \$2.

Conference claimants, \$2; Church
Extension, \$6; Woman's Foreign
Mission, \$1.

We had a grand time at Mt.
Prairie Church, where this confer-
ence was held. It is alive and do-
ing a successful work. They are
building a new church 24x37 ft. af-
ter our Church Extension plans.
The church will be finished just
like the plan selected. I have some
cash subscribers to the grand old
SOUTHWESTERN, and will send
them in soon.

R. Sewell, Grenada, Miss.

Rev. A. G. Houston, my faithful
and energetic predecessor, started
a fine church building; but, owing
to his removal to Oxford, Miss.,
he was unable to finish it. We
received from the Church Exten-
sion Society a donation of \$200,
and a loan of \$300; which greatly
aided us in our work. With this
amount and \$600 raised among
members and friends of the church
we finished it. The total cost, be-
ing about \$3000. By the 14th of
June we had the church complet-
ed and ready for the district con-
ference. This surprised the mem-
bers and friends very much, as it
had been said by members that it
could not be done owing to their
financial embarrassment. I can
say without fear of contradiction
that we have the most hospitable
people in the Holly Springs Dis-
trict. My family arrived here in
April, and had not been in our
new home three days when we
were pleasantly surprised by Sis-
ter Dudley, who came in and took
possession of our house, and soon
had our table loaded with many
good things. The evening before
dedication the sisters again sur-
prised us with the same hospitali-
ty.

Vincent Chapel was dedicated
Oct. 12, 1890. Owing to the lib-
eral contribution of that generous
and noble-hearted christian gen-
tleman, Bishop John H. Vincent,
of Buffalo, N. Y., the brethren
saw fit to remember him by giving
the church its present name. The
dedication sermon was preached by
Rev. O. E. Libby, S. T. D., presi-
dent of Rust University. Rev. B.
H. S. Ferguson, of Holly Springs
was present, and preached at 11 a.
m., and at 7:30 p. m. The dedica-
tion proved a grand success. Col-
lection, \$168 86. Many of our best
white citizens were present, and
among them were Revs. J. E.
Thomas, the M. E. Church, South,
and J. C. Carothers, of the Pres-
byterian Church.

C. D. Shallowhorne, Shreveport, La.

I take this means of thanking
the public for the liberal apprecia-
tion shown me in the patronage of
the concert given in my honor by
Prof. Boatner's School. I desire,
also, to extend to Prof. D. W.
Boatner my heartfelt gratitude for
the interest he has taken in me;
and to thank those noble little
boys and girls for rendering their
parts so well, thereby causing

the concert to be a grand success.
The amount realized was \$69 05.

M. F. Fairfax, Lake End, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference
was held by Presiding Elder T. G.
Montgomery Nov. 29, 30. The el-
der was pleased with the work.
The church, which has been re-
paired, has had ten feet added to
it, and has been ceiled inside. The
elder preached two sermons. Col-
lection, \$22 75. Paid elder in
full. We will come up to confer-
ence with all our missionary mon-
ey. (Rev. T. G. Montgomery is a
sympathizing brother.)

B. F. Williams, Mincola, La.

Rev. Dr. I. B. Scott held our
third quarterly conference. The
work is progressing. Converts
this year, 25. This is a hard work.
We have a very good Sunday
School.

Wm. Campbell, Starkville, Miss.

Webster circuit is alive. My
third quarterly conference was
held Oct. 20. Elder J. C. Eckles
was not able to be with us. Rev.
F. O. Crowder filled the chair and
preached a good sermon. Reports
showed the work to be going up-
ward. Built a new church 30x40,
worth \$700. Improvements on new
Prospect church to the amount of
\$40; added to the church, 50; paid
pastor, \$61.50; since last quarter,
\$10 50; paid on building and im-
provements, \$300.

D. P. Shaw, Vaiden, Miss.

My fourth quarterly conference
was held in Midway Church by
Rev. H. R. Revels. Reports show-
ed the work in good condition. The
elder preached an able sermon,
which made many souls happy.
The Vaiden circuit is alive. 109
souls have been added to the
church this quarter. Rev. B. Ri-
ley rendered valuable service in
my revival. Collection for el-
der, \$9; pastor, \$96. We are
working for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Williams,
of Greenville, Miss., were very
agreeably surprised by quite a
number of ladies Monday night,
Dec. 22d. Each one brought a
present as a token of welcome to
Mrs. Williams in their city and so-
cieties. Such surprises are always
welcome. They say "call again."

A very successful complimentary
exhibition and concert was given
for the benefit of Rev. C. D. Shal-
lowhorne, by Prof. D. W. Boatner
and the members and friends of
St. James Church, Shreveport, La.
Monday, Dec. 15, as a compliment
to Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, who
is on the eve of the completion of
his third year's work at the St.
James M. E. Church, where he
has served so faithfully. The
entertainment consisted of some
choice literary selections, good
music and new tableau scenes.

Division of Louisiana Conference.

Rev. M. R. Butler, Baton Rouge, La.:
Dear Brother: Referring to
your letter of the 10th in
which you called my attention to
the importance of the division of
the La. Conference, in favor of
which you declared yourself and
asked that I "speak out in an open
letter defining my present position
on the subject:—To yours, and all
such letters, and inquiries allow
me to say, that I am now where I
was when we brought the matter
to the notice of the Annual Con-
ference in 1888, which by resolu-
tion instructed its delegates to the
Gen'l Conference at New York, to
secure the passage of an act to
enable the La. Conference to divide
(see discipline of 1888, part vi,
chapter iv., under the head of ena-
bling acts.)

I believed then and believe now
that the Conference ought to divide.
I was in favor of division, and we
ought to have divided at the Don-
aldsonville Annual Conference in

1889. Failing there we ought to
have divided at the Conference
here in 1890, we will yet divide;
and for the following reasons:

That after twenty-five years of
growth, we have reached that pro-
portion as a body which cannot be
accommodated without much in-
convenience to the people outside
of the large cities. This will ac-
count for the fact that the Confor-
ence session has been held in all
these years, in only seven different
places in the state, whereas a
smaller body could easily be enter-
tained at every parish seat, even
in the remotest parish in the state;
to the end that a more intelligent
conception of the composition of
our Conference could be had by all
people, and the great mission of
the church better understood and
appreciated. What we need is a
more equitable Episcopal supervi-
sion, and the presence of our Con-
ference in all of its parts which
would afford a better opportunity
to the head of the church, to learn
the real condition and need of the
people, and at the same time give
the people a chance to learn for
themselves to a greater degree the
usefulness of the church and their
need of the same.

Divide! and the people white
and black in every part of Louisi-
ana will see and become acquain-
ted with our system of government,
and hear the inspiring utterances
of our Bishops, in their dealing
with men and things. Let the
people hear for themselves the able
presentation, and eloquent appeals
of such sweet messengers as Drs.
C. C. McCabe, J. O. Peck; A. B.
Leonard, of the Missionary Society;
J. L. Hugburt, of the Sunday-
school Union and Tract Society;
A. J. Kynett, W. A. Spencer,
Board of Church Extension; J. O.
Hartzell, Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education; Charles A.
Payne, Board of Education; A. E.
P. Albert, Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. Let them see the Chris-
tian deportment of our preachers,
at the seat of conference, and the
parliamentary decorum maintained
during the session of the same
compared with that of other like
assemblies, and we will set at rest
those wicked fabrications, that
caste is the predominant element
of our church, and that her colored
preachers are the hirelings of white
men, and are therefore to be treat-
ed as interlopers.

Divide! and we will have a more
equitable division of our educa-
tional advantages and at the same
time awaken a greater educational
impetus among the colored people
of North Louisiana, who are now
establishing comfortable homes
upon the high and fertile lands of
the state, where our Methodism is
so adapted to the want of the peo-
ple, and in this way take the entire
state for God and humanity.

Divide! and verify the twenty-
five years' promise by our preach-
ers and presiding elders to the peo-
ple that the Conference and Bish-
ops would come to them. Divide!
and in twenty-five years more we
will have two strong and healthy
conferences occupying the state of
Louisiana, easy of entertainment
and of access and thus avoid indi-
vidual preachers traveling from one
extreme end of the state to the other
to reach the seat of conference.
The reasons why we should divide
could greatly be multiplied if time
and Dr. Albert's space would allow,
but what I have said are the re-
sults of years of experience and
reflection, and I cheerfully submit
them for the consideration of all
concerned.

Soon will all the leaders of our
great church meet in annual coun-
cil, and whether we should divide
this year or wait while will be the
question which will be more a mat-
ter of good policy than of differ-

ences of opinions, on the necessity
or division I am willing to rest the
case upon its merits.

PIERRE LANDRY.

Shreveport, La. Dec., 25, 1890.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

What They Say.

Dear Dr. Albert:

I write to congratulate you upon
the wholesome manner that you
handled Prof. B. T. Washington of
Ala., and Bishop Payne of the A.
M. E. Church, on their denouncing
three-fourths of the Baptist and
two-thirds of the Methodist min-
istry as morally and otherwise unfit
for the ministry. Your exposition
of the matter is the most sensible
and truthful that we have ever
seen. There are thousands of wit-
nesses who in this and other states
back your assertion that the A. M.
E. Church, "transfers the corrup-
tion of one conference into another,"
thus encouraging and preserving
it. We have thought that the immor-
al example set by this church did
the race more harm than the sa-
loons, for the reason that there is
nothing expected from saloons but
corruption, but if the world cannot
get a pure example from the church,
where will they get it? We think
that the Bishop reflected consid-
erably on the honesty and piety
of his administration when he,
knowingly continued men in the
ministry two-thirds of whom were
"morally and otherwise unfit."

Justice to his high official station,
to his church and the common
cause of Christianity, required his
refusal to appoint them. Did not
the Bishop's refusal to punish this
immorality in the face of his knowl-
edge of the fact (for he says he
knows whereof he speaks), make
him a party to the sin which he so
loudly complains? Yes Doctor, we
were glad to hear you speak.

J. C. HOUSTON.

Yazoo City, Miss.

Please accept my thanks for the
editorial in a recent issue on
the Washington-Payne criticisms.
I agree with you. We have no
right to dispute their statements,
if confined to their own churches.
One ought to know the crowd with
which he trains.—Rev. I. B. Scott,
D. D., Marshall, Tex.

Bro. D. B. Watkins, Meridian,
Miss., has sent us very flattering
resolutions, adopted by the Official
Board of that church, toward the
popular pastorate of their pastor
—Rev. A. D. Payne—and which
were presented to him and his de-
voted wife on Bro. Payne's recent
birthday. A fine birthday dinner
was given on the occasion at the
parsonage, in which the following
took part among others:
A. Christian, T. Hinton, O.
Hendon, S. Halloway, O. C.
Shields, M. Moore, L. Hopkins, D.
Needom, P. Cooper, J. Evans, W.
A. Ambrose, H. Anstin, D. B.
Watkins, U. T. Ward, J. H.
Brooks, F. M. Mucun; Revs. O. W.
Ivy, of Meridian circuit; and S. L.
Jones.

Church Polity.

Dear Dr. Albert:

I see in a recent issue of the
SOUTHWESTERN, the name of W.
Pretzman, as the delegate of the
Central Alabama Conference, to the
Ecumenical Conference. The
fact is Pretzman and H. W. Smith,
were both elected, you omitted the
name of Mr. Smith.

Yours fraternally,
A. W. MCKINNEY.

You don't seem to understand
the plan under which the Ecumeni-
cal Conference is to be consti-
tuted. The Annual Conference elect-
ed no one to the Ecumenical Con-
ference. They only nominated,
each, two ministers and two laymen.
The Commission appointed by our
last General Conference were in-
structed to select out of those
nominated, one denominational
proportion (127 members), who
should be members of this Ec-
umenical Conference. That's the
reason they only appointed Dr.
Pretzman. He was selected by
the Commission.

Letters from the Districts.

LaTache District.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

In closing up the conference year on this district we find much over which to rejoice.

Through embarrassments and difficulties, even dangers on every hand, the Lord has led His servants, the ministers of the gospel, who have been braving every danger to stand at their posts and make full of their ministry, and to carry the word of life to the perishing multitudes.

The brethren have done well upon the whole, and will come up to conference with good reports.

Five new sites have been secured for churches and two churches built, while repairs and improvements have been made on a number of others.

The spiritual work of the district has been good. Over 800 conversions were reported at the last district conference, and it has been our hope to make it 1000 by the annual conference. Whether we fully realize this or not, we rejoice greatly in what the Lord has wrought through us.

Rev. S. Duncan, of the South New Orleans District, reports over \$1400 of new property purchased, and over \$4000 of old church debts paid on his district during the past year, and over 200 conversions.

Paris, Tex., District Conference.

W. L. DUNCAN.

Conference convened in Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Nov. 12, 1889, Rev. P. Morgan, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

W. L. Duncan was elected secretary; S. H. Grant, assistant; F. Gilmore and W. B. Perry, statistical secretaries.

Revs. C. B. Martin, of the Baptist Church; E. E. Makiel, of the A. M. E. Church; Dr. I. B. Scott and Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elders of the Marshall and Navasota districts, were introduced.

Report from the Presiding Elder showed a great improvement of the district, and new fields that have been opened for Methodism. Also some of the finest churches in the Texas Conference.

All the pastors were present with good reports, except a few. All reports were sent in from those that did not come. Each pastor's report showed that much good had been done during the year in conversions, building churches, raising benevolent money, establishing new fields and spreading the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mrs. O. D. Lane and C. B. Corner, of the Paris City school, were introduced.

Dr. I. B. Scott spoke very highly of Rev. L. M. Hagood's book. A good many subscribed for it. Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder of the Navasota District, spoke of its intrinsic value, not only to Methodists, but to any man that wants to know the colored man's standing in the M. E. Church.

Rev. F. Gilmore preached the introductory sermon. The house was crowded.

The reports of local preachers, superintendents, district stewards, class leaders and exhorters, were all encouraging. Methodism is finding a deeper root on the district.

Mrs. E. B. Long, one of the Paris City teachers, was introduced.

Dr. I. B. Scott spoke to a crowded house. His lecture was on The Preaching Demanded for the Times. We cannot forget some of the things which he said. Our hearts burned while he poured the truth upon us.

All of the papers were very good. Dr. Scott and Rev. W. H. Logan think that some of the papers could not be bettered.

Brother M. Littlejohn offered a resolution asking the pastors to raise money to get the Presiding Elder a conference suit of clothes. He was appointed to collect the same.

Revs. Dr. W. D. F. Pyles,

Presiding Elder of the A. M. E. Church; C. B. Marlin, of the Baptist Church; W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder of the Navasota District; J. D. Pettigrew of the Congregational Church, and Rev. Hillison were present and heard Dr. Scott's sermon. The sermon will not soon be forgotten.

Revs. Paul Pruitt and Ned Graham were received from the Baptist Church.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society was well represented. Sister Reid, an earnest worker for its cause, made a strong appeal to the young ladies, through their parents, to crowd Willy University.

The Sunday school met at 9 a. m., on Sunday, with a full force of model teachers. Prof. J. B. McCullough, of Clarksville, acted superintendent.

At 3 p. m., Elder Logan preached to a crowded house. He stirred things generally.

At 8:30 p. m., Rev. P. Morgan, Presiding Elder, preached with power. After the sermon, 115 partook of the Lord's Supper.

The wife and relatives of our dear father, Brother P. Douglass, have the heartfelt sympathy of this district conference.

The conference honored father Daniel Battle, one among the oldest Methodist "war horses."

The following was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The SOUTHWESTERN is doing so much for our people in lifting them to where they can see the beauty of the great Church;

Be it resolved, That each pastor give himself no rest until he has put it into every family on his work.

Meridian District, Mississippi Conference

J. M. SHUMPERT.

Conference met in a second session for 1890 at Newton, Miss., Nov. 20. All the pastors except three were present, and there were also a full attendance of local preachers, exhorters, class leaders and stewards. After a most impressive address by the Presiding Elder, G. W. Smith was elected secretary and A. J. McNair assistant.

The Presiding Elder read a lively report, which showed that great work had been done for Christ and Methodism throughout the entire district. More than 1100 precious souls had been happily converted during the year. Accessions, 1425. The reports from the pastors showed that their efforts to build up Zion, both spiritually and temporally, had been crowned with much success, and that they had been diligent in the circulation of our church periodicals and books. Most all the benevolent collections had been taken and sent off. The reports of the local preachers and exhorters showed that they had been diligent in the work assigned them by the Church.

There was preaching each day at 11 o'clock, which proved to be a great blessing to all present. Sunday, at 11 o'clock, Rev. B. L. Crump, Presiding Elder of the Brookhaven District, preached one of his best sermons. At 2 o'clock, Rev. G. W. Smith; and N. Tooles at 4 o'clock. There was a general outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the people at each service.

Rev. P. Blne and his people, aided by his good and untiring Baptist friends, made the session pleasant. Too much cannot be said in praise of Rev. P. Blne and his people at Newton. Collection, \$71.

Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

E. C. COLE.

The conference met in John Wesley M. E. Church, Durant, Miss., Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1889, at 9 a. m., Rev. W. McDonald, Presiding Elder, in the chair, who presided with his usual dignity.

The following officers were elected: E. C. Cole, secretary; J. W. Winbush, assistant; S. H. Nevils, statistical secretary; S. R. Gipson, assistant.

P. O. Jamison, S. H. Nevils and S. R. Gipson were elected conference stewards.

The address of welcome was delivered by Prof. R. W. Jackson, principal of the Durant public school, who acquitted himself creditably. The following visitors were introduced: Fred H. Banton, of Winona, Holly Springs District; Rev. J. C. Hibler, of Natchez, Brookhaven District; Rev. A. D. Geren, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. S. P. Martin of the Durant Baptist Church.

During the week Revs. L. L. Shumpert, S. R. Gipson, F. H. Banton and D. A. Bragg, preached soul stirring sermons to a crowded house each night.

On Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. W. McDonald preached to an overflowing congregation, which will long be remembered. At 2 o'clock p. m., Rev. J. C. Hibler, of Natchez, preached the dedicatory sermon of our new church at Durant. I could not say too much in praise of Bro. Hibler's sermon, but I feel safe in saying that Bro. Hibler is one among the ablest pulpits orators of Mississippi.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All letters will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother. She left Northport, Ala., about fifteen years ago and went to Yellow Bush County, Miss. She had two boys—Mack and Willie. She left me with a lady named Mrs. McCoy. Since I married my name is Jennie Comuk. Please send any information to Rev. A. G. Glenn, pastor of the M. E. Church, in Gadsden, Ala.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my father. His first owner was Bill Brooks; second was Eli Grdett. He was then sold to a man named Ware. My father's name is Daniel Brooks; mother's name is Sophie Perry, by her last husband. Mother died October 1889. Father had a daughter named Annie Brooks; my name is William Brooks. Any information will be gladly received. Address WILLIAM BROOKS, Clarksville, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my people. I want to find Mr. Turner Mason and his two sons Luke and Garry. Luke is blind. They left Barnwell Courthouse, S. C., last January for Garland City, Ark. They were hindered by the high water, and failed to get there. The last I heard of them they were in Vicksburg, Miss. His wife's name is Mary Mason, who is now in Garland City, Ark. I desire also to find my son Henry Rogers. The last time I saw him he was at Texarkana, Ark., August, 1889. Any information will be gladly received. Address REV. CHARLIE BROWN, Garland City, Ark.

Mr. Editor: I wish to find my mother. Her name was Hattie Herm; and lived at Holly Springs, Miss. She was taken from me when I was six years old. My name was Henry Herm. I have not seen her all those years. She was sold to a speculator named Godman. Now my name is Allen Curle. Any information will be Allen Curle. Address ALLEN CURLE, Elkhorn, Miss.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abuses should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

A. W. Wright, Shuqualak, Miss.

We have just closed a revival at Scooba. It was a grand success.

Accessions to the church, twenty-three. Rev. H. T. Hampton, of DeKalb circuit, was present and preached three able sermons.

Bro. Davis, pastor of the Baptist Church, also helped us. At St. Peter we were at work building a new church. The contract had been let to two of the brethren of the church—Bros. Bowen and Davis—but to the great misfortune of Bro. Bowen he was at a gin a few days ago and somehow or other, I am unable to say, he got his right arm cut off within about six inches of his shoulder; so this leaves all of the work to be done by Bro. Davis with the aid of the brethren. At Brownsville we have a new church on hand. Our third quarterly conference was held by Rev. H. York. Rev. W. McDonald, the presiding elder, could not get there. Bro. York preached an able sermon, and greatly pleased the people. At Shuqualak we have a grand church.

The presiding elder, Rev. W. McDonald, was present Nov. 22, 23, and held our fourth quarterly conference. He preached a soul-stirring sermon, and administered the Sacrament.

A. D. Payne, Meridian, Miss.

I am glad to be able to report a year of prosperity on my charge. We have labored incessantly this year, and the Lord has blessed our labors. There have been forty converts, and seventy added to the church. The different meetings of the church are as well attended as any place in the State. The spiritual condition of the church was never better than now—the proof of which was manifested on the 30th of November, at the fourth quarterly conference when Presiding Elder Rev. J. M. Shumpert was present and preached with his usual power, and administered the Lord's Supper to 248 persons, the largest number, I am told, that ever partook of the same at this place. We are now completing a nice parsonage that will equal, if not surpass, any in the State. The most of the money realized was raised by a committee of earnest working sisters. The parsonage is situated corner of 26th Avenue and 12th street, opposite the church. And they both add much to the beauty of that city, and of them the people generally and rightfully feel proud.

The presiding elder's salary—\$75—was paid in full at his last visit. The pastor's salary is not yet all paid, but the people are trying and doubtless will pay all before conference. There might have been more done, but of our work we do not feel ashamed.

G. B. Abbott, Columbia, Miss.

Thanksgiving was a day of financial success to the Methodist churches in this town. The A. M. E. Church raised \$90 with their 300 members; and the M. E. Church \$117 with only 75 members. I am closing my three years pastorate in this place, and the Lord has blessed us. The membership has increased from thirty to seventy-five. I started the Sunday-school. We had no building at all, but now we have the nicest colored church in town, valued at \$2,200. By the help of God the bottom rail is on the top. Thanks be to God that giveth the victory.

Geo. J. Rogers, Rosedale, La.

I am now closing my fourth year's labor at this place. When I first came here I found a debt of \$277 on the church. We paid it. Finding no church at Shiloh on Bayou Mariganin, about 3 miles from Bayou Gros Tete, in my second year on this charge, I built a new church on Bayou Mariganin at a cost of \$325, and every dollar paid. I ceiled this church and fit it out with new pews, costing \$475. This year we were over-

taken by the great overflow which has set this country back two years. The cotton farmers failed to make corn on account of the high water; but, thank God, there is one thing that pleases me, and that is the white and colored people stand together here, and so there is no chance of bulldozing in this part of the State.

B. H. S. Ferguson, Holly Springs, Miss.

We are on the forward march. Our people will do all they can towards taking care of the Upper Mississippi Conference in its first session. My people are treating us very nicely in our second year's labor. We have collected more than \$500 for building a new church, which would have been started already had it not been that we feared it would not have been finished by conference for want of lumber, etc. Rust University is getting along better than at any other period of its history. It is nobly managed by Dr. C. E. Libby and his able corps of teachers; and, everything considered, the work will show great progress.

Thanksgiving Day was observed in good old style. The writer preached at 9 a. m. to the faculty and students of Rust University in McDonald Hall, and quite an interest was manifested, after which Presiding Elder H. R. Revells preached at Asbury Chapel to a very appreciative congregation. God has wonderfully blessed this year in many respects, for which we give him thanks. Very recently a crowd of young ladies, led by a sinner young man, came to the parsonage with many good things for the pastor, and thence to the class-meeting. God blessed us with a grand old Methodist meeting in the old way, after which a collection of \$10 was taken up. The pastor was the beneficiary.

C. D. Shallowhorne, Shreveport, La.

Friday, Nov. 28th I visited my wife, who is attending the Wiley University, Marshall, Tex. Mrs. Shallowhorne was comfortably situated at the residence of Prof. G. W. Wells, and being carefully provided for by the Professor and his loving family. In company with Prof. Wells, I called on the Rev. I. D. Scott, D.D., who received us very cordially and made our visit very agreeable. During our conversation the Doctor held a paper in his hand. Seeing that it was the SOUTHWESTERN, I remarked that the editor, Rev. A. E. P. Albert, was married. He was so surprised at this news that the paper unconsciously fell to the floor. In company with the Doctor we visited the University, and there met President Geo. Whitaker, D.D., who led the way into the chapel where the devotional services were being conducted. I made a few remarks to the school. We then visited the president at his office, and there learned that during the present session 210 students were enrolled. We were taken over to the Industrial Home building now in course of construction. The workmen are industrially engaged, and look to an early completion. When completed, this structure will compare favorably with any other of its kind. We next visited the boys' dormitory and found many improvements. The hour for dinner having arrived, we proceeded to the residence of Prof. Wells, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared. After doing justice to the occasion, Dr. Scott bade us goodbye, and proceeded to Jefferson, Tex., on his district. On parting from the Doctor I visited the different departments of the University, all of which were doing nicely. I desire here to make special mention of Prof. Wells' department: On entering this department a recitation was going on. The manner in which the minds of the youth under his care are being trained, make one feel that he is one of the many of which the New Orleans University (his Alma Mater) has reason to be proud.

If you are really a friend to the SOUTHWESTERN, you will pay up every cent of your account at conference.

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Dear Brethren:—The eyes of the whole Church are upon us. During the past year or two we have done grandly in doubling the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN but as yet, we are far from the desired goal. We should not be satisfied until we have placed this paper on the pinnacle of self-support, where it will no longer be necessary to subsidize it to keep it afloat. Let us cease to be dependent by a general and united rally for the SOUTHWESTERN. We don't need names; what we need is cash with the names. To multiply names without cash is simply to multiply our liabilities without increasing our assets. Now, brethren, we plead with you to roll up your sleeves and pile up in such a list of cash subscribers as will put this paper among the other great papers of the church, where it will support itself independent of any General Conference appropriation. The SOUTHWESTERN never fails to stand by your every interest; now stand by it and make it self-supporting. A strong pull and a pull all together will accomplish the desired end. Send cash with the names.

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Secretary J. S. Hill, of the East Tennessee Conference, has favored us with a copy of the last minutes of his conference. They are creditable to all concerned. Thanks.

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A crisis has come in the Church Extension work in the Central South and in the Gulf States. Year by year the General Committee of Church Extension has been increasing the amounts to be given to needy churches in the Central South and in the Gulf States. These, with the shrinkage of collection in the Eastern Spring Conferences and the special calamities in Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas have brought the Church Extension Treasury into great straits.

An appeal now comes for all of these Conferences to help us to their utmost. The Louisiana Conference last year was asked to raise \$500 and made a remarkable advance of \$439. On the first of November there was \$500 to the credit of the Conference, but \$1,100 had been additionally granted which would overdraw the credit of the Conference \$600. This year the Conference is asked to raise \$600, and our Board is allowed to donate \$3,000 to needy cases in the Conference. In addition to this Bishop Mallie and myself have been seeking to obtain special donations to the Mountain Fund to be used within this Conference and those immediately adjoining. What will the response be upon the part of the Louisiana Conference?

The Mississippi Conference last year was asked to raise \$400 and was allowed \$1,600 or four dollars for one dollar. The same ratio is preserved this year, the two new conferences being asked for \$300 each and to be allowed \$1,200 making an advance in the donations to the territory of \$800 for the year to come. Will these Conferences raise their apportionment and make it possible that the Board of Church Extension shall help them?

The Texas and West Texas Conference are asked this year to raise \$900 as against \$800 last year but they are allowed \$3,600 in place of the \$3,000 last year. Will these Conferences push the collection to raise their apportionment? They did so splendidly last year that I have great hopes that they will reach their whole apportionment this year. In their magnificent work in their increasingly important field, they will need every dollar that the Board of Church Extension can spare them, but we must ask their immediate attention, and their utmost endeavor in raising this money for our cause.

The Little Rock Conference was asked last year for \$300 and allowed \$1,500. The same asking and authorization is to be made this year. Unfortunately the Conference only raised one third of the amount asked last year and they did receive in excess of the amount they were entitled to. Shall we have a forward movement on the part of the Conference this year?

The Savannah Conference was asked last year for \$300 and allowed \$1,200 or four dollars for one. This year the same proportion is preserved and they are asked for \$400 and allowed \$1,600, so that a much larger amount of money might be spent in the Conference for needy churches. Will the Conference do its best?

The Florida Conference grandly exceeded the amount asked last year and a larger amount is allowed this year so as to stimulate the Conference to do its best.

The Central Alabama Conference last year was asked for \$200 and on condition of raising it was to receive \$2,600 or thirteen dollars for one. Perhaps no other Conference in the connection had such a generous offer from the General Board of Church Extension. The Conference did actually raise \$101, a little more than one half of the amount asked. There ought to be a general rally and determined push to raise the whole amount this year.

The new lines of the Missouri Pacific pressing down into Louisiana will develop large portions of that state. The new developments of the Piedmont Air-Line in the Georgia Pacific Division makes the work in Alabama and Mississippi much more important than heretofore. These two great Systems are pressing through the entire South and with their related lines are striving to develop the latent wealth of that great region. Much emigration from North Carolina and the Eastern Coast is going on over the lines of the Georgia Pacific and the remainder of the Piedmont Air-Line system. At the same time new markets are developing and new communities are crystallizing along the extension of the Missouri Pacific in its Southward sweep from St. Louis to New Orleans, which will soon greatly change the character of the work in two or three of the Conferences that contribute to the prosperity and are blessed by the labors of the SOUTHWESTERN.

The present is a time of emergency. With the Treasury practically overdrawn seventy or eighty thousand dollars, with financial shrinkage in the Eastern Conferences, where the great wealth of the Church lies, so that these rich Conferences are likely to retreat on their Church Extension collection, we stand where every Conference must be asked to do its utmost and the smallest possible allowance made for any Conference that seems to be indifferent or laggard in the race. Will the Conferences that patronize the SOUTHWESTERN come up to the help of the Church and to their own deliverance during this month and at the Annual Conferences that meet the first of the year?

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General Church News.

We commend to our readers that The Cross Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle which has been recently inaugurated.

There is a confessed need of greater intelligence among our people upon missionary matters. In increase in consecration and in liberality will come when the membership of the churches are better informed upon missionary operations. Appreciating this, the Columbia Summer Assembly at its late annual meeting at Columbia, Missouri, inaugurated a movement, to be called "The Cross Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle," to secure, by means of a systematic course of reading, a greater intelligence and more wide-spread enthusiasm upon the subject of missions. The plan contemplated will be similar to that followed in the Chautauqua movement—it is the Chautauqua idea applied to the specific subject of missions. A course of daily reading to be comprised in three years will be indicated, examinations will be held, and certificates of graduation will be issued upon the completion of the course.

"The Crisis of Missions," by Rev. A. T. Pierson, D. D., price, \$1.

"Our Country," by Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D., price, 50c.

"Life of Livingston," by Annie M. Barnes, price, \$1.

"Life of Judson," by Rev. Wayland, D. D., price, \$1.

The Missionary Review, (monthly Magazine) price, \$2.

Names and admission fee should be sent to the Secretary, to whom also orders for the course of reading, if accompanied by the cash, may be sent.

Heartily endorsement of the plan of the Cross Bearers has come from many sources. Dr. W. Pope Yeaman of the Baptist church, Dr. J. H. Foy of the Christian church, Dr. A. P. Parker, Missionary to China, Bishop A. G. Haygood, and Dr. H. C. Morrison, Missionary Secretary, have expressed their pleasure at its inauguration. Rev. T. J. Scott D. D., in a recent article in "The Gospel of All Lands," says: "Why not missionary societies take up the 'Reading Circle' idea more fully? There is a grand thing in it. Look at Chautauqua. Tens of thousands of persons are getting real culture from an easy, systematic course of reading. The 'National Home Reading Circle,' recently organized in England, is based on the same fertile idea. This is an age of reading circles and clubs.

Let the idea be applied more definitely to missions. Foreign missions are not supported simply because the church does not know about the work in order to feel about it. Set the church to reading on missions, history, biography, peoples, religions, state and need of the work, duty, etc. All this can be done best by method. Form circles in the churches, organize something, give certificates or seals. With the reading will come light and interest and giving. The thought is perfectly practicable, and should be taken up at once."

Pastors, Woman's Missionary Societies, Editors, are all invited to give their support to the movement. Address the Secretary.

Charles R. Forster, Fayette, Missouri, for more definite information.

Letters from the Laity.

Minnie S. Rippey, Bramwell, Tex.
A club of gentlemen gave a grand entertainment to the young ladies in Bramwell, Nov. 20th; and it was enjoyed by all. The SOUTHWESTERN is grand. I would be lost without it. I like it so much for its Bible readings.

Wm. Wright, Greenhill, Miss.
Your most valuable paper is the paper for the Negro to read, because it tells what the Negro is doing all over the South. I love the SOUTHWESTERN, and the more I read it the more I love it. I have not been a member of the church

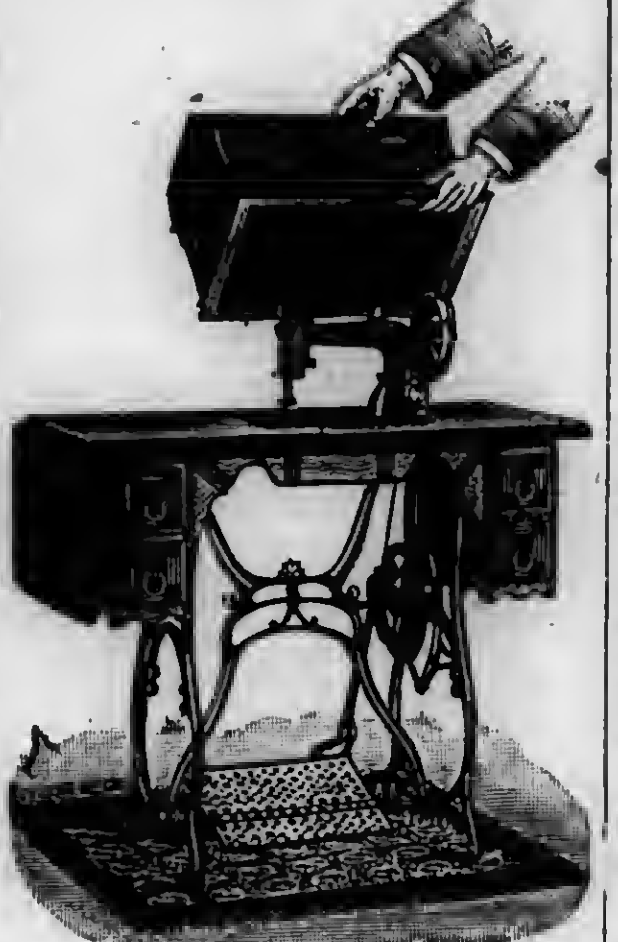
very long, but ever since I have been in the church I have been reading the SOUTHWESTERN; and now I am bound to keep on reading it, because I love it. I was converted to Christ in 1887 under Rev. J. W. Washington, and was received into full connection under our present pastor, Rev. D. D. Goodwin, one whom we love. This is Bro. Goodwin's third year here; and we are sorry that the year is so near out, and that conference is so near at hand, when the time will be that he will have to leave us. Brother Goodwin is a good man; and he has done a great work on this circuit. He is a Christian, and a man that feels the care of his people; and has the church of God at heart. The first year he found no circuit here; but we soon got a house, costing \$140. The second year he started a fine church on the work; and now we have the finest church on Silver Creek. We hope and trust that conference will send him back again; and if they do not send him, send us a man that will feel the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church as Brother Goodwin does. I heard so much talk about Rev. D. D. Goodwin before he came here because he wins by his ways; he wins by his preaching; he wins by his conversation, and he wins by his walking circumspection before the world. Now, my dear brethren of the Mississippi Conference, and Bishop, likewise, we ask you, as Joseph did the butler when he interpreted his dream, make mention of me unto Pharaoh; so we say, think on us when you all meet at the conference; and send us Bro. Goodwin or a man like him.

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Conferences, 1891. (CHRONOLOGICAL.)

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Shop.
Mississippi.....	Miss. Pt. Miss.	Jan. 7.	Newman
Louisiana.....	N. O., La.	" 14.	"
Indian Miss. Conf.	Guthrie, O. T.	" 15.	Bowman
Georgia.....	Demorest, Ga.	" 15.	Andrews
St. John's Riv. Lawley, Fla.	" 15.	Warrin	
Alabama.....	Navasota, Tex.	" 15.	Foss
Alabama.....	Edwards, Ala.	" 15.	Andrews
Florida.....	Gainesville, Fla.	" 22.	Warren
Austin.....	Waco, Tex.	" 22.	Foss
Little Rock, Tex.	Ark.	" 22.	Newman
Arkansas.....	Fort Smith, Ark.	" 28.	"
Central Alabama, Marion, Ala.	" 29.	Andrews	
Savannah.....	Macon, Ga.	" 29.	Warren
Southern German, Waco, Tex.	" 29.	Foss	
Upper Miss. Holly Springs, Miss.	Feb. 5.	Andrews	
South Carolina, Greenville, S. C.	" 5.	Warren	
West Texas.....	Waco, Tex.	" 5.	Foss
Virginia.....	Nonceville, W. Va.	" 12.	Joyce
Kansas.....	Washington, Kan.	" Mar. 4.	Merrill
Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia, Pa.	" 4.	Fowler
Missouri.....	St. Louis, Mo.	" 4.	Vincent
Baltimore.....	Baltimore, Md.	" 11.	Merrill
South Kansas.....	Chard, Kan.	" 11.	Fowler
Central Pa.....	Snary, Pa.	" 11.	Fowler
Central Missouri.....	St. Louis, Mo.	" 18.	Fitzgerald
Washington.....	Baltimore, Md.	" 18.	Fitzgerald
S. W. Kansas.....	Newton, Kan.	" 18.	Vincent
St. Louis.....	St. Louis, Mo.	" 18.	Vincent
New Jersey.....	Trenton, N. J.	" 18.	Fitzgerald
Lexington.....	Lexington, Ky.	" 18.	Joyce
Wilmington.....	Centerville, Md.	" 19.	Fowler
N. W. Kansas.....	Norton, Kan.	" 19.	Fowler
Wyoming.....	Waverly, N. Y.	" April 1.	Bowman
East German.....	Baltimore, Md.	" 1.	Hurst
Delaware.....	Cambridge, Md.	" 1.	Mallard
New York.....	Yonkers, N. Y.	" 11.	Gerald
North Indiana.....	Huntington, Ind.	" 1.	Joyce
New York East Pateboque, L. I.	" 1.	Goodell	
New England.....	Lynn, Mass.	" 1.	Goodell
Newark.....	Washington, N. J.	" 8.	Mallard
New England.....	New London, Conn.	" 15.	Bowman
N. New York, Watertown, N. Y.	" 15.	Hurst	
New Hampshire.....	Newport, N. H.	" 15.	Bowman
Troy.....	Johnstown, N. Y.	" 22.	Hurst
Maine.....	Brunswick, Me.	" 22.	Goodell
Vermont.....	Northfield, Vt.	" 22.	Goodell
East Han.....	Danvers, Mass.	" 29.	Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India.....	Moradabad, India.	Jan. 7.	Thoburn
Africa.....	Virginia, Liberia.	" 14.	Taylor
Bombay.....	Katulpur, India.	" 15.	Thoburn
Mexico.....	Pachuca, Mexico.	" 15.	Ninde
South India.....	Bangalore, India.	" 23.	Thoburn
Poochoo.....	Poochoo, India.	" Mar. 4.	Foster
Malayasia.....	Singapore, Straits.	" 12.	Foster
China.....	Nanking, China.	" Apr. 15.	Foster
Bulgaria.....	Kutichuk, Bulgaria.	" 22.	Walden
Italy.....	Florence, Italy.	" May 1.	Walden
N. China Miss. Beking, China.	" 12.	Foster	
W. China Miss. Chum King, China.	June 3.	"	
Korea Miss. Seoul, Korea.	" June 10.	Foster	
Switzerland.....	Zurich, Switzerland.	" 17.	Walden
Germany.....	Heilbronn, Ger.	" 17.	Walden
Denmark Miss. Veile, Denmark.	July 1.	Walden	
Japan.....	Tokio, Japan.	" 15.	Foster
Norway.....	Bergen, Norway.	" 15.	Walden
Sweden.....	Uppsala, Sweden.	" 29.	Walden

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THE following note from Rev. Dr. J. O. Peck, of the Missionary Society, New York, explains itself: It is not true that I have been "seriously ill." I have been at my office daily, and preaching missionary sermons every Sunday. Please correct. Accept congratulations on your rebuilt domestic altar. Yours as ever, J. O. PECK.

REMEMBER Jan. 13 is quarter centennial day at Washington Artillery Hall. The celebration is in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Mission Conference, out of which has grown all of our work in this great Southwestern country. Let everybody observe it. Let the children, as well as the old people, turn out in overwhelming numbers to celebrate the glorious event.

THE Wesleyan General Conference, of Australia, adopted a resolution that, "while believing it to be desirable that some restrictive measure should be adopted by the various Australian colonies to check the migration of Chinese into Australia, it regrets the extreme measures which have been adopted by some of the colonial Governments." Speaking in support of the resolution, the Rev. Dr. J. Berry said that he "had always felt humiliated that the Wesleyan Church of America had not felt itself called upon to protest against slavery until circumstances compelled them."

Gov. Fitzhugh Lee, who fought with the South to keep the Negro in slavery, in a recent interview, said that the more he saw of the North, the more he was convinced that "the Southern people are the best friends the Negroes have." The Negro has an idea of the relation of values. That idea does not teach him that slavery is better than freedom, nor that the slave is a better friend than the deliverer. The Negro knows his friends. They are certainly not those who fought for the foundation of a government whose cornerstone should be Negro slavery and who have resisted every provision brought forward for his advancement ever since Richmond fell. This is the testimony of reason and common sense.

The Constitutional Commission.

The Constitutional Commission met in the Robert's Park Methodist Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, on the tenth of December.

In the absence of Bishop Merrill, the chairman Bishop Foss, was called to the chair the first day. Bishop Merrill arrived early on the second day, and presided during the remaining sessions. Bishop Ninde was also present and rendered efficient service.

On the evening of the first day the Methodist Social Union of Indianapolis, gave the Commission a reception and banquet which was an exceedingly delightful affair. After the banquet Mrs. J. C. Shaffer, the president delivered an address and introduced Mr. Daniel Stewart who delivered an address of welcome to the members of the Commission, and the response for the Commission was made by the Rev. T. B. Neely, D. D., of Philadelphia. Dr. H. A. Cleveland, of the Meridian street church, then acted as toast-master and called out Bishop Foss, Bishop Ninde, Judge Sibley, Dr. J. Todd, Professor Wiley, of Drew Seminary, and president John, of De Pauw University.

A committee which had convened prior to the meeting of the commission submitted a report which became the basis of action. This report formulated conclusions reached by the Commission at its Chautauqua meeting and to them added their suggestions. The report was considered with great care, modifications of various kinds were made, but final action was not reached on anything, and it was agreed that the results should not be made public until the work had been perfected. Before adjourning the Commission passed votes of thanks for many courtesies received in Indianapolis, and also a vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Neely, for the service rendered and the marked ability displayed as Secretary of the Commission. The Commission adjourned to meet next summer, the time and place to be fixed by a committee of which Bishop Foss is the chairman.

Answers to Freedom's Call.

Dr. J. T. Newman, Treasurer of the Louisiana branch of the American Citizens Equal Rights Association, has received the following amounts from friends at Bay St. Louis, Miss., to test the constitutionality of the separate car law passed at the last session of our State Legislature, viz: L. J. Preinas, \$5; P. Predeaux, \$1; C. Rochon, 20c; J. B. Piernas, 25c; E. Rosenberg, 25c; A. Rochon, 25c; H. S. Piernas, \$1.50; Jas. Bennett, 75c; S. Bennett, \$1; Paul Benoit, 25c; R. Bennett, 25c; J. Clarke, 40c; L. O. Piernas, \$1; O. Rochon, 25c; R. Smith, 50c; G. Price, 25c; J. C. Cartwright, 50c; Baptist Church, \$1.45; Jno. Rochon, \$1; M. Ray, 25c; E. Ray, \$2; E. Anderson, 25c; Rose Ladner, 10c; M. Piernas, 15c; L. Barabino, 50c. Total, \$19.30.

Let others, especially patriotic citizens of Louisiana, send their contributions to Dr. J. T. Newman, corner Canal and Marais street, New Orleans, don't let citizens of other states continue to show greater interest in this matter than our own home folks.

Echoes From Emancipation Day, Jan. 1.

Our Baptist brethren in this city observed the day in a very becoming manner at the Old Baptist Church, Rev. J. L. Burrell, pastor.

At Morris Brown Church, Rev. I. H. Hall, pastor, the interesting feature was the beautiful parade of the Faith Cadets, in connection with the celebration. Besides these nearly every colored church in this city observed the day in some special service or other.

Letters from all over the South tend to show how universally the day is being recognized and appropriately observed. This is as it should be. Not only every Negro,

but every patriotic American should observe this day, made sacred to liberty by President Lincoln's immortal Proclamation of Freedom, issued Jan. 1, 1863.

The celebration at First Street Church, this city, was a perfect success. The addresses by President Adkins, D. D., of New Orleans University; Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., of the SOUTHWESTERN; and Hon. E. S. Swann, were patriotic, able and interesting. Rev. Albert Ellis, of Boston, Mass., conducted the devotional exercises; Wm. Porter, Esq., read the Emancipation Proclamation, and Presiding Elder T. G. Montgomery presided for the pastor, Rev. J. W. Hilton. Several solos and duettes were beautifully rendered by different members of the choir. The exercises were witnessed by a very fine and appreciative audience. Revs. J. L. Burrell and John Marks, of the Baptist Church, were among the visiting ministers.

Political Review.

The past week or two being holiday weeks, very little of a political character has taken place.

It is expected however that the present week will witness the passage of the Federal Election Bill, and of several other important measures especially of an economic character.

The Indian war, in progress in Dakota and Nebraska is proving quite destructive. It is greatly to be hoped that justice may be meted out to those people and that peace may soon be restored. This great nation cannot afford to allow those feeble people to be robbed and wronged as they perpetually are, and then butcher them when they resent it.

The killing of Postmaster Matthews of Hazlehurst, Miss., by McBride is about to be investigated by the U. S. Post-office department, notwithstanding local partisan reports to the contrary it is said to be a fact, that the murder of Matthews is in keeping with the determination not to submit to the appointment of a Republican postmaster there.

We regret very much our inability to give in full the program for our grand jubilee celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Louisiana Conference in this issue. It is certainly a grand one. Rev. Ernest Lyon responds to Bishop Newman; Dr. Albert will give an historical sketch of the original conference; Rev. Emperor Williams presides; Bishop Mallalien, Revs. F. T. Chinn, Wm. Marrell, W. P. Forest, A. Ross, T. J. Johnson, J. C. Hartzell, D. D.; L. G. Adkinson, D. D. and all the presiding elders and others will bear prominent part in the exercises. Every Methodist Sunday school will be out in flying colors. Let everybody attend.

Returns from the Contest.

		FOR	AGAINST
NAVASOTA DISTRICT.			
Anderson.....	12		
Bryan.....			
Brenham.....	26		
Brenham circuit.....	5		
Belville.....	18		
Caldwell.....	2		
Courtney.....	13		
Hackley.....	3		
Hempstead.....	33		
" circuit.....	5		
Iola.....	10		
Millican.....	19		
Navasota.....	21		
" circuit.....	5		
San Felipe.....	1		
Yarborough.....	1		

The vote at Forest, Miss., was only 21 against, and not 221, as appeared in a cent issue.

The opening of the mechanical engineering shop at the Central Tenn. College, takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 7th 1891 at 2 p. m. Addresses by Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., Bishop Walden, and others. The exercises will begin in College Chapel, and will close at the shop where the machinery will be put in motion and work exhibited.

Personal.

—Mrs. A. A. Crayton, of this city, presented her husband with a bonning boy on New Year's eve. Mother and child are doing well. We extend congratulations.

—Bishop Mallalien inspired our people around Chattanooga, Tenn. with his presence on Christmas.

—Revs. A. M. Trotter, I. W. Davis, and R. P. Threlkield, of the Mississippi Conference, called last Monday, on their way to their conference at Moss Point.

—Father Anthony Ross was among our callers last Monday. The old patriarch is burdened with the weight of years, but is as hardy as ever.

—Owing to an attack of illness, Bishop Foster has concluded to give up his contemplated trip to Japan, Corea and China. Bishop Goodsell will go in his place via San Francisco, on the 22d inst. Dr. Baldwin will not go.

—Rev. W. I. Graham, who has retired from the presidency of the Fort Worth University, was presented a short time ago with a gold-headed cane by students of that institution. He is succeeded in the management of the University by Prof. F. W. Martin, who was for four years professor of the natural sciences in Chaddock College, and was vice-president of that institution from 1888 to 1890.

—Dr. John Davis, of Cincinnati, who died last week, was a citizen who did honor to that city. His eminence as a physician, his interest in the public welfare, his integrity in all the relations of life, made him the center of a large circle of friends. He was president of the Union Central Insurance Co., and first president of the Law and Order League of Cincinnati. Dr. Davis and wife were among the most intimate friends of President and Mrs. Hayes. They were the truest friends of our Southern work.

—Prof. A. T. Gribbsby, principal of the St. Paul Preparatory Academy, Shreveport, was in the city during the holidays. He reports very flattering prospects for his school.

—Rev. T. G. Montgomery has closed a very successful year on the Shreveport District, and is now here in full trim for conference.

—Rev. J. F. Marshall, of La Teche District, left for Jeannerette and other points on his work, last week. He will be out till a day or two before conference.

—Rev. Charles Monroe, of Pleasant Plains Church, who has been very sick during the past few weeks, we are glad to say, is now much better. Bro. Monroe is one of our most devoted and successful pastors, and we regret that he has had such a hard spell in the midst of his preparations for conference. He has a good people, however, and they will do all they can to have the record of the year close in as good shape as possible.

—Bishop Mallalien, accompanied by Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin, left for points on LaTeche and Lake Charles districts last Monday. Their visit will doubtless prove a source of great help and encouragement to our people in that section.

—Prof. J. O. Richards, of Gilbert Seminary, Winsted, La., was in the city during the holidays, and gave us a call. He reports the school in good condition.

—Rev. Prince King, of the A. M. E. Church, at Greensborough, spent some days in the city, last week, and called on us. We were pleased to meet him.

—Rev. J. J. Billingsley, formerly of the Louisiana Conference, now stationed at Damascus, Ohio, is doing good work, and is especially

interested in instructing his people in the needs of our Southern work. Bro. Billingsley will be remembered as the author of "The Methodist Steward," recently published by our Book Concern. It is the best thing ever published on the subject. Send for a copy from this office. Price, 75c.

—Rev. Dr. Albert and Mrs. Albert left this morning to attend the Mississippi Conference at Moss Point. The Doctor will collect SOUTHWESTERN accounts. Let every pastor see to it that he makes a full settlement. We need the money. Resolutions of good will are cheering, but they do not pay the expenses. Let us have the "one thing needful," the cash.

THE "House of Bondage," thrilling, charming, and wonderful is out in book form; and is on sale at this office. Every reader of the SOUTHWESTERN should send for a copy at once. Price, 75c. The introduction, written by Bishop Mallalien, is worth the price of the book.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

LaHarpe street church has again agreeably surprised its pastor with many valuable and appreciated presents. Among the party, were Misses Virginia Grant, Lizzie Moore, Polly Mitchell, Bro. C. O. Pardo, and others. The pastor Rev. A. J. Pickett and family are happy. They say, "call again."

Watch meetings were held in all of our churches on Christmas and New Year's eve; and many valuable presents made, to their several pastors. Among others Rev. J. W. Hilton, of First street church received a fine gold watch, valued at over \$50.

The inmates of the Old Folks Home were kindly remembered by the members and friends of First street church with a fine and abundant New Year's day dinner. We don't wonder that the old folks were happy.

Why don't you remember the old folks in your monthly collections? They are dependent upon the few dimes contributed in those monthly collections, besides the managers are burdened with a note which they must soon meet, for the building which they have purchased for the Old Folks Home.

Thomson Chapel has had its fourth quarterly conference. It was held by presiding elder E. Williams, all reports showed a marked success spiritually and financially. Presiding elder Williams commented the reports of leaders, stewards, and trustees—Rev. Johnson closes up with creditable success—Rev. A. A. Lacy, acted as secretary.

Death has reaped a rich harvest out of Union chapel, during the past week or two. During that time he has taken to their rewards, Sisters Mary E. Coleman, Louisa Turner, Father George Washington, Sisters Anderson and Hawkins and Sister Lucy Boker. They are not dead but sleeping in Christ.

A grand old folks concert will be given at Haven Chapel by a committee of ladies and gentlemen, Saturday night January 10, 1891. M. J. Dwyer, pastor; Bro. Thomas English, chairman; Paul Carbon, secretary.

The Christian Advocate gives returns from 337 districts which show the following results:—For, 182,281; against, 109,033; total vote, 291,314; total members, 1,531,624. The districts not having reported are chiefly in mission and foreign conferences, and in the South. Thus we have before us the vote which represents nearly three-fourths of our membership.

"HOUSE OF BONDAGE," now ready. Send 75 cents and get one postage prepaid, or call at the office.

Ignorant and Immoral.

Quite a contention has been going on in the Christian Union, growing out of a statement by Prof. B. T. Washington, that a large proportion of the colored preachers in the South are ignorant and immoral. The protests and denials have been numerous and earnest. But now comes Bishop Payne, senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in a personal letter to Prof. Booker:

In regard to the moral qualifications of the Methodist and Baptist ministers, so far as I have seen and known them by personal contact, I believe that you have not overstated, but rather understated the facts. I say, emphatically, in the presence of the great Head of the Church, that not more than one-third of the ministers, Baptist and Methodist, in the South, are morally and intellectually qualified. I will stand by this statement, and can demonstrate the truthfulness by painful facts in regard to names times and places. Doubtless I shall be assailed like yourself for speaking truth and recording facts. Denominational bias and influence will not cause me to suppress the truth nor to hide facts when it is necessary to speak out with the spirit of Christian reform. I am a Methodist of the Methodists, head, heart, and soul; and while I love Methodism sincerely, I love Christianity better. Therefore, in behalf of Christianity, I speak what I believe and know to be true with reference to our people South. I commenced forty-seven years ago to labor for a well educated and thoroughly Christian ministry. The apostles and prophets were all condemned for speaking out against the corruption of the chief priests and the churches. But a power from above compelled them to so cry out.

This is a straight and startling confirmation, so far as his experience goes. The Christian Union accepts it as conclusive, and suggests, as one means of relief: "A short course in the ethical teachings and the fundamental theological principles contained in the Bible—teaching founded upon the English Bible, and unaccompanied with any attempt at instruction in original tongues, or in dogmatic or historical theology; in short, a Dwight L. Moody Bible school, rather than a theological seminary. Both are needed in the South, but the former, in our judgment, more than the latter."

But neither the professor nor the bishop has authority to speak for the Methodist Episcopal Church. So far as our colored ministry are concerned, we challenge the assertion. That many of our colored men is unlearned and ignorant is true. What else could be expected from a race not a generation out of slavery? But we have many colored ministers thoroughly well educated, and the number of such rapidly growing.

Besides under our Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, our educated and consecrated ministers, both white and colored, in the South, are working to the very end the Christian Union recommends. Institutes and itinerants' clubs are being held, and the colored men themselves are most earnest in insisting upon "a religion of obedience and practical righteousness" in place of one of "a wholly immoral emotionalism."

The other count—that two-thirds of our colored ministers in the South are not morally qualified—we deny outright. The discipline of our Church, exercised by our white bishops, is too searching and exacting to admit of any such possibility. Bishop Payne may confess judgment for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, but only one of our own bishops can do so for us.—Western Christian Advocate.

The late Frances Ridley Havergal was without doubt the most popular devotional writer of this century. Her works have been translated into almost every European tongue; but it remained for the United States alone to issue this talented lady's work without permission or remuneration. At this late day a new edition is being issued by Fleming H. Revell, publisher of New York and Chicago, in which the heirs of Miss Havergal are interested, and on which they will receive royalty.

Schools and Colleges.

Richly Merited.

Dr. L. M. Dutton, who for many years has so excellently presided over the affairs of Claflin University (Orangeburg, S. C.) was surprised with a most attractive Christmas present, the gift of the faculty and students of that institution. It is a pendant (made to order) of gold, a maltese cross, upon one side of which is a red enameled Italian cross, surrounded by a gold crown, the points of the crown holding respectively, a ruby, a diamond, an emerald, a sapphire, a topaz, and a garnet. On the obverse side are the words "L. M. D., from C. U., Christmas 1890." The speaker on presenting it, said his initials were indexes of his character, "love of God and mankind; magnanimity towards all; devotion to the cause of Christian education." A list of names several yards long were presented with the charm.

At the head of the list is the following:—"We, the subscribed members of the faculty and students of Claflin University and State Agricultural College, recognizing the extraordinary merits of Dr. L. M. Dutton, our most worthy president, and fully appreciating the unparalleled success which has crowned his untiring efforts for the weal of our institution, do take this opportunity of manifesting our admiration of his noble work, and our love for the man himself.

May gracious Heaven grant him long years of continued prosperity here below, and when the summons must needs come, a well-earned crown above."

A revolving book-case was given Mrs. Dutton by the same persons.

A note from president L. M. Dutton, of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., says: "This is our very best year. All things seem to be working together for good."

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sight-Seeing.—VI.

L. M. HAGOOD.

The American Falls include Center Fall, which are a quarter of a mile wide, and have a perpendicular height of 164 feet. It will surprise you, doubtless to be told that not far from one hundred and fifty million cubic feet of water flows over these two falls every minute. I know it seems incredible, and yet, if you could go and stand at its base or where the water strikes below, you would be able to understand this. You stand there looking up 164 feet, while the water comes rushing, whirling, rumbling, tumbling and foaming; while the spray that rises covers you like a gentle April shower. It is a majestic and awe-inspiring sight. From the Canadian shore, a distance of some 2,376 feet to Goat Island, the Horse-shoe Falls extend. Its height is 158 feet. As you stand looking, if a close observer, you will see it forms an almost perfect horse-shoe in form. As the water comes whizzing over to fall helplessly upon the rocks below, its deep green color is deceptive in that it appears shallow but is actually twenty feet thick.

A singular story is told concerning this Fall. It is said the Detroit, a condemned ship, on board of which was put a live buffalo, deer, bear, and many smaller animals was sent over this place and not a sign of life nor much of the vessel, though she drew eighteen feet of water, was ever seen after ward. Over this, falls, and has been for many, many years, thirteen hundred and fifty million feet of water per minute. No one who has ever stood looking upon it while the sun was behind a cloud, and then all at once have the sun burst forth from behind the clouds upon it, can possibly forget it. It is just the most magnificently dazzling sight human eyes ever beheld. It comes nearer John's "sea of glass mingled with fire" as we get his conception, than any thing else.

At first, when the sun breaks forth you feel like shouting. Then with bated breath you murmur "how transcendently grand!" But for a moment you stand gazing when behold a beautiful rainbow—sometimes two, parallel—stretching from the American over to this Fall.

That little office you see to the right of you is where you find dressing rooms and guides to conduct you therefrom down a winding stair case that leads beneath this Falls, where you have an awful sight. Looking up, the mad waters seem anxious to engulf you, as it appears, passing over tottering rocks that must soon crush you to earth; you seemingly can almost touch with your hand the mighty, glassy sheet of water between which you stand, as it comes thundering over your head, and the "rocks of ages" near which you stand. He who can stand beneath those mighty billows and not acknowledge that of Niagara "the half has never been told" is certainly obtuse to the point of stupidity. Goat Island is heavily timbered and is some-what more than a mile in circumference, containing about sixty-two acres of ground. It was used by a Mr. Stedman as a goat pasture in 1770. Many persons used to visit this Island by wading where the water was shallow, but it was hazardous before the bridges were built. Now you cross to it on a finely constructed foot bridge. To the right of this Island, a few minutes walk will bring you to Lunan Island: Between these two is a little thin, foamy sheet of water 100 feet wide. It receives its name from the fact you can see a lunar rainbow when moonshiny night from here. From this point one has—in my humble opinion—the finest view of all. You can easily see the Incline Railway, the two suspension bridges, the Cave of the Winds and the American and Center Falls in the distance. While standing here one almost shudders as he feels "the earth rings hollow from below" for it actually shakes as you stand upon it, from the steady and persistent jarring of the raging waters. Not far from Goat Island are to be found stairs erected by a Mr. Bidle of Philadelphia, which enables persons to descend into the cave of the winds twenty feet below. There are 132 steps downward. Going down these steps we find a cave beneath the huge rocks 100 feet wide, sixty feet in diameter, while the ceiling above you is 100 feet high. The mouth of this cave is artistically covered by a spray composed of all the rainbow colors. We enter. The atmospheric pressure is so great in here that perpetual storms ensue; thunder and lightning and roaring, falling rain, while your head is encircled by the misty clouds until you feel as if the "Great Day" had come and you were now "amid the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds," one single, isolated but nevertheless potent thought pervades your mind, aye! seizes your very frame and shakes it, as shakes the aspen leaf in the winds, and that is "I want to get out of here." If there is no other time or scene in this world "that will harrow up your soul, make your two eyes start from their sockets, and each particular hair (if you have any) stand on end, like the hair of the fretful porcupine" and your "thoughts on awful subjects roll, damnation and the dead" going into this cave once will do it. We could not avoid soliloquizing if this place was not a very fair idea or presentation of that department of hades where "devil with devil donned, fierce concord holds." Why, man alive when one has been down there and came back again to earth he feels, I can easily imagine, as if this is the fairest, grandest world; that he, having been already dead "has risen" again. Indeed I believe it would be an excellent place to hold "a protracted meeting," for some of our people.

My wife had been a sufferer for some time with pain in the back; Salvation Oil was freely used and I am glad to say my wife to-day suffers no pain.

W. B. COUNCIL, Baltimore, Md.

Books and Current Literature.

It seems strange that Matthew Henry's commentaries, with all their popularity during the more than seven score years they have been issued in this country in any other style than the cumbersome tones with which the Bible students are so familiar. The new edition in six volumes recently published by Fleming H. Revell is a most successful attempt to put this much prized commentary into easily handled volumes. A not less striking feature is the fact that this has not been done by a reprint in small type; on the contrary, the type is larger than in any former edition.

The Sabbath of the Bible, by S. H. Nesbit, D. D., is the name of one of the best compendiums on the Sabbath question that has ever fallen under our observation. It is worthy of a place in every Christian library; and would really fill a long felt need in our ministerial course of study. Dr. Nesbit is one of the first ministers in our church. His book is published by Meyers, Shriekle & Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

Among the most noteworthy productions of the year in the entire field of periodical literature has been the series of articles on "The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture" which Mr. Gladstone has written for The Sunday School Times. The entire series, with important emendations and additions by their eminent author, is now issued in book form by a special arrangement with Mr. Gladstone by the Publisher of The Sunday School Times. A word from Mr. Gladstone, on any subject that is of interest to him, is sure of a welcome from Americans generally. But when Mr. Gladstone writes concerning the Book of books, an added interest attaches to his words in the minds of all. Bible lovers will be grateful for the service he has rendered to the cause of truth, in this series of important papers in the exhibit of the majestic grandeur of the "Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture." This book issued November 21, contains over 350 pages, (size 7x5 1/2 inches). It is handsomely bound in cloth, gilt top, with portrait and facsimile letter of Mr. Gladstone. Price, \$1.00. For sale by booksellers, or mailed, postpaid, by the publisher, John D. Wattles, Publisher, 1031 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Is there a man, woman or child living on this continent who has not heard of The New York Ledger? Possibly there may be, but it is safe to say that they are very few in numbers. The New York Ledger of to-day, is not by any manner of means The New York Ledger of a few years since, so that it any of our readers say: Oh yes! I know The New York Ledger, we beg to assure them that they do not know The New York Ledger of to-day, unless they have had it brought to their recent attention. The Christmas number of the Ledger lies before us, and its cover, printed in several colors, is so dainty, so beautiful and attractive in every way, that we hesitated a long time before opening the paper. The first article that caught our eye was a story, The Beads of Tasmer, by Mrs. Amelia E. Barr; and when we say that it has been hunted to us that Mrs. Barr received five thousand dollars for her story, Friend Olivia, which has just been completed in the Century Magazine, our readers will understand that The New York Ledger of to-day, by securing the most popular writers, is a literary journal of very high character. On turning the page, we find that the Hon. George Bancroft, and there are few persons in the United States so honored and respected as he, has a beautifully illustrated article giving a description of the Battle of Lake Erie. These two attractions might suffice for an ordinary number of a literary weekly, but in addition we find a magnificently illustrated poem by James Russell Lowell. This poem was written expressly for the Ledger and it is a very beautiful one indeed. One of the remarkable things about The New York Ledger is that it is furnished for two dollars a year, and the publishers, Messrs. Robert Bonner's Sons, 376 William street, N. Y., offer to furnish the paper three weeks for ten cents. This, of course, is done simply that people who do not know The New York Ledger of to-day may learn something of it, the probabilities being, of course, that they will become regular subscribers.—The Independent.

Cardinal Gibbons, Dr. Mary Jacob, Dr. Osler (physician in chief of John Hopkins hospital), Miss Thomas (Dean of Bryn Mawr), and Dr. Folsom, of Boston, all take part in a series of Open Letters to be published in the February Century, on the opening of the John

Hopkins Medical School to women.

The New York Ledger. Christmas number. New York: Robert Bonner's Sons. The Christmas issue of The New York Ledger is a souvenir worthy of the source from which it emanates. It contains a choice selection of articles by George Bancroft, Margaret Deland, James Russell Lowell, and others, who would certainly wear the palm-embroidered coat we have there an American academy of immortals. Amelia E. Barr, author of several much-admired stories, begins in this number The Beads of Tasmer, a novel of prime interest, whose scene is laid on the shores of West Ross, off the coast of Scotland.

Rudyard Kipling contributes the complete novel, "The Light that Failed," to the January number of Lippincott's Magazine. Kipling is attracting more attention at present than any other living writer. This is the author's first novel, and fully justifies the expectations he has raised by his remarkable short stories. A charming Christmas story, entitled Christmas Gifts, dealing with old plantation life, is contributed by Ruth McEnery Stuart. "The State of Washington," an article by Major Moses P. Handy, will surprise the many who know little of this wonderful section of the country. J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia. \$3 per year.

The second installment of the Talleyrand Memoirs in The Century for February will deal almost entirely with Talleyrand's relations with Napoleon Bonaparte, and will include a number of highly interesting anecdotes of Napoleon; namely, the scene when they first met; Napoleon's snubbing of a foreign minister; his strange attack of epilepsy, etc. Talleyrand does not hesitate to tell how he thwarted Napoleon even while he pretended to be serving him. He describes his plotting with Napoleon early in the latter's career, and then his plotting against him. This installment will also give Talleyrand's reason for his rupture with Bonaparte.

Octave Thanet, the novelist, will tell in the January Century a true story of the great Irish famine of 1847-48, from documents never published before. The narrative is a thrilling one, and particularly timely.

The Christmas number of The New York Ledger comes with a cheerful exterior, in keeping with the festive season. The cover displays a New York girl, with her arms full of parcels (Christmas shopping), hastening forward to greet the subscribers and wish them a Happy Christmas.—Philadelphia Ledger.

We have received a copy of the 1891 edition of Topics for Prayer Meetings and Bible Classes, by the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., a little book which has proved of good service in the past to many pastors and other Christian workers in furnishing suitable subjects for prayer and gospel meetings for young men and others. This pamphlet may be obtained from the Committee at cost of publication, viz.—five cent, per copy. Richard C. Morse, General Secretary, 40 East 23rd street, New York.

A Tale of the Worlds Fair, published by F. T. Neely, Chicago, is a sensation. It is a fanciful picture of that great event, and the work rises to the magnitude of possibilities of the great occasion. From the work of such uniform excellence it is difficult to select any particular features; yet we would mention the peroration of Mr. Depew's opening address, Soldiers Day, at the Fair, and the fire scene. The last is a picture of terror and desolation unsurpassed in the English language. Mr. T. R. Burch, purchased 50,000 of the first edition for gratuitous distribution among friends, co-laborers, and policy holders, thus manifesting an appreciation for the book that has never been given any other publication.

Mr. Krebhiel, the musical critic of the "Tribune," has written a paper on Chinese music for the January Century. The composer, Henry Holden Huss, has supplied grotesque harmonies to some old Chinese marches, and these accompany the article.

Harpers Bazar published December 26th contains a story by Mrs. Harriet Prescott Spofford entitled At the Symphony. The pictorial attractiveness of the number, is unusually fine.

Sophie Sweet contributed to Harper's Young People for December 23d a story entitled The Boy from North Jericho.

Frederic Remington, writing from the standpoint of one who has lived

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

among the Western Indians and made a careful study of their condition and character, contributes to Harper's Weekly for December 24th an article on the employment of Indians as Irregular Cavalry.

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

What They Say About the Machine.

I write to let you know that I received the premium sewing machine. My wife has used it two weeks. The more she uses it the better satisfaction it gives. I find all the fault in the one trying to use it. Now she is sewing right along. She has made several garments. All who do not get this machine will miss a good chance. All the families of colored people who have no machine ought to have one in their house. The agents seem to look mighty serious now because there are so many getting machines without their assistance. Yours respectfully, A. L. GREENE.

We make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

COMMENTING upon the call recently made in Boston for a meeting of British-Americans to take action in regard to local politics, Harper's Weekly says: "Whatever tends to emphasize the differences of native nationality among American citizens is hostile to American nationality, and should be rigorously discountenanced. There is no fear that any citizen will forget his native land, or cease to cherish a certain loyalty to it. That is natural and inevitable, but the disposition is not to be indulged beyond the gratification of sentiment. Political organization under the old national name fosters a feeling which is inimical to our national welfare."

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People:

The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No 115, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passengers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers

of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or, still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by euterlaments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those moulders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the suit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing insult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.

N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal, and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

The names of all contributors will be published in the SOUTHWESTERN Christian Advocate, the Standard-Pelican and the Crusader, unless otherwise directed.

Don't waste time on untried remedies. Old Saul's Catarrh Cure has stood the test of years.

NEW YEAR HYMN.

F. R. HAVERGAL.

Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us,
Hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, strong and faithful,
Making us rejoice.
Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day;
For His Word shall never,
Never pass away.

I, the Lord, am with thee,
Be thou not afraid;
I will help and strengthen,
Be thou not dismayed.
Yea, I will uphold thee
With my own right hand;
Thou art called and chosen
In my sight to stand.
Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day;
For His Word shall never,
Never pass away.

For the year before us,
Oh, what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy,
Living streams shall rise;
For the sad and sinful,
Shall His grace abound;
For the faint and feeble,
Perfect strength be found;
Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day;
For His Word can never,
Never pass away.

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant
He will never break;
Resting on his promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year.
Onward, then, and fear not,
Children of the day;
For His Word can never,
Never pass away.

The Household.

Cure for Scandal.

A Terrible Disorder of the Mouth.

Take of good nature one ounce, and of an herb called by the Indians mind your own business, one ounce. Mix this with a little charity for others and two or three sprigs of keep your tongue between your teeth. Simmer them together in a vessel called circumspection for a short time, and it will be fit for use.

Application.—The symptoms are a violent itching in the tongue and roof of the mouth, which invariably takes place when you are in company with a species of animals called gossips. When you feel a fit of the disorder coming on, take a teaspoonful of the mixture; hold it in your mouth, which you will keep closely shut until you get home, and you will find a complete cure. Should you apprehend a relapse, keep a small bottle full about you, and on the slightest symptom repeat the dose. Wm. L. Davis, of Edwards, Miss., sends us this selection.

KITCHEN APRONS.—One of the most convenient kitchen aprons is made large enough to cover the front of the waist and the entire skirt. The bib and lower portion are cut in one piece and gored to fit the figure by cutting the front with a fold in the center, and fitting it by side-front seams which curve gracefully the bust. The bib top is cut up in front, but left high enough to protect the dress, the shoulder edges are short and join narrow extensions which reach to the belt in the back, and are kept in place by a little strap which fastens with button and button hole at the centre of the back, and serves to keep the shoulder straps from slipping down over the arms. The breadths which join each side of the skirt front are fitted to the figure by two hip darts and sewed to a belt which passes underneath the bib. —Ladies' Home Journal.

SCOTCH MARMALADE.—Take equal quantities of bitter oranges and granulated sugar; cut the oranges into halves, take out the pulp, and put the rinds into cold water; boil them till tender, changing the water once or twice, and when cold remove the white from the peel; wash the orange pulps and squeeze them through a cloth, adding a little water the second time, or squeezing; then shred the peel fine, add the juice and sugar, and boil twenty minutes over a slow fire.

Our Symposium.

The Western Advocate says: "Dr. Wheatley writes of Dr. Longking: 'Neither hospital, nor surgeon, nor physician, nor tenderest care will long avail to protract the sunny, protuberant life of the most familiar figure at the Methodist Book Concern—the figure of a man whose name in former years, more, perhaps, than in these Berean days, was familiar as household words' in the domicile of Methodist families—a man whose ninety years of happy toil as author, preacher, editor, printer, have been distinguished by simple faith, radiant benignity, and uneffected lowliness, and whose ripest years rejoice in the prospect of 'Harvest Home.' That man is Rev. J. Longking, D. D. His desk in the office of the *Methodist Review* misses its habitual occupant. Drs. Mendenhall and Sanford speak of him with loving, pleasant sadness. So do his host of friends—who is not his friend? Disease does not fasten upon him. The physical organism is simply worn out, breaking down. 'Blessings upon the good, white head!' is the invocation of all who know him. It is a 'crown of glory;' for it is found in the 'way of righteousness.'"

The tongue of knowledge is admirable, the tongue of wisdom still better, the tongue of fire best of all. The learned tongue may enlighten and edify; the tongue of fire alone is able to touch the soul to higher purposes and a better life. The cultured tongue furnishes cogent reasons and eloquently puts truth to the understanding; the tongue tipped with flame insures conviction and a yielding of the life to the service of Jesus Christ. The tongues of fire is the accompaniment of all our Pentecosts. Much as we value learning, in all departments of the Church, we believe the imperative demand of this time, as of all times, is the fiery tongue, the human talent consecrated to God and imbued with the Holy Spirit. The word is then pungent and quick, and without it our preaching is like sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.—*Zion's Herald*.

Our daily life should be sanctified by doing common things in a religious way. There is no action so slight or so humble but it may be done to a great purpose and ennobled thereby.—George MacDonald.

If Christ had not died then the world would have had no sweet vision of a love unto death. His love was unto death that life might come to all.—Selected.

BRONCHITIS

Is an inflammation of the bronchial tubes—the air-passages leading into the lungs. Either chronic or acute, it is a common complaint, and is often the result of colds, or of exposure to draft, or of a general debility. It is characterized by a cough, which may be dry or productive of mucus, and by a feeling of constriction in the throat. It is often accompanied by a fever, and may lead to pneumonia if not properly treated. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a most effective remedy for this complaint, and is sold by all druggists.

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MT. HOLME M. E. CHURCH—Waters between 11th and 12th. Rev. J. A. Tinsitt, pastor. Sunday services: from 4 to 5 a. m., prayer meeting; 11 to 12 a. m., preaching; 1 to 1:30 p. m., Sunday school; 7:30 to 9 p. m., class meeting; 7:30 to 9 p. m., preaching; Monday night, prayer meeting; Wednesday night, preaching.
MALDEN CHAPEL—Washington street; Rev. Frank Walker, pastor; public worship Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 1 p. m.; class meeting Monday at 7 p. m.; Wednesday, at 7 p. m.; class meeting Monday at 7 p. m.
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Your Nephew,
CHARLES WESTBROOKS.
Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl seven years old. I go to Sunday and day school. I take great pleasure in reading your paper; and I like it very much. I am studying third reader, geography, arithmetic and spelling. I am trying to get an education.

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Dear Uncle Cephas: I want to let you and my cousins know that I am in favor of the admission of women to the General Conference. I believe in women having their rights, and do away with woman subjection, and teach men that they have no rights that women should not have. This day needs something else; it demands that women shall not be mere servants as they have been. Let women vote and go to Congress, if they want to. I am pleading for their admission. I will now answer the questions that one of my cousins asked: The word Lord occurs 1835 times; the word reverend occurs but once, and that in the 9th verse of the 11th chapter of Psalms; the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter j.

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Colored men are nshers at the Philadelphia theaters.

A large exodus of Mississippi Negroes to Oklahoma is expected. Sheriff G. A. Reed, of Beaufort, S. C., is the only colored sheriff in the South.

There are two Negro members of the Atchinson, Kan., Board of Education.

Rev. W. H. Weaver, D. D., has been appointed assistant custodian of the new postoffice building at Baltimore. Salary, \$1,200 per annum.

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FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON II. Idolatry in Israel. 1. Kings 12. 25-33. Commit to memory verses 28-30. Jan. 11, 1891. 970, B. C.

HOME READINGS.

M. 1. Kings 12. 25-33. Th. 1 Kings 13 1-10. W. Exod. 32. 1-10. Th. Deut. 4. 14-24. F. 2 Chron. 13. 4-12. S. 2 Chron. 13. 13-20. S. Psa. 115. 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. Exod. 20. 4.

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

O God, our strength, to thee our song
With grateful hearts we raise;
To thee, and thee alone, belong
All worship, love, and praise.

And thou, O ever gracious Lord,
Will keep thy promise still,
Thy meekly hearkening to thy word,
We seek to do thy will.

Led by the light thy grace imparts,
Ne'er may we bow the knee,
To idols, which our wayward hearts
Set up instead of thee.

Time.—B. C. about 970.
Place.—Shechem, in Central Palestine; 2. Pennel on the brooks in eastern Palestine; 3. Dan, at the south of Jordan; 4. Bethel, in the tribe of Benjamin.

Rulers.—1. Jeroboam, son of Nebat, King of Israel; Rehoboam, son of Solomon, King of Judah.

Connecting Links.—The tribe of Judah, under Rehoboam, undertook to make war upon Israel, but was forbidden by the prophet Shemaiah. 1 Kings 12. 21-24.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Policy, v. 25-27.
- What two cities did Jeroboam build?
- What had before destroyed Shechem? Judg. 9. 45.
- What did Jeroboam say in his heart?
- For what reason did he fear this?
- What command had God given about a place of sacrifice?
- Dent. 12. 5. 7.
2. Deceit, v. 28.
- What objects of worship did Jeroboam make?
- What did he say was too much for the people to do?
- What about the images he had made?
- Who before him had made objects of similar worship? Exod. 32. 4, 8.
3. Idolatry, v. 29-33.
- Where were the golden calves set up?
- Into what sin were the people led?
- What commandment did they violate? Golden Text.
- Whom did Jeroboam make priests?
- For what month and day did he order a feast?
- Where was this feast observed?
- Of what feast in Jerusalem was this an imitation? See Lev. 23. 33, 34.
- Where did he place his priests?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

1. The duty of religious service?
2. That idolatry is a sin?
3. That one sin leads to another?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

1. Find in the Bible allusions to the worship of God under the similitude of a young bull.
2. Note in Jeroboam's conduct how one sin leads to another.
3. Find accounts of the earlier institution of worship in Dan and in Bethel.
4. Read the account of the curse pronounced on the altar at Bethel.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]
What did Jeroboam fear if the people continued to go up to sacrifice at Jerusalem? They would return to Rehoboam.

2. What did Jeroboam do to prevent this? Made two golden calves to worship.

3. When he had done this, what did he say to the people? "Behold thy gods, O Israel."

4. Where did he set these golden calves? One in Bethel and one Dan.

5. What did the people do? They worshipped them.

EXPLANATIONS.

Built—Beautified and fortified. Dwelt therein—Made it one of the royal residences. Said in his heart—Deeply considered. Go up—Ev-

ery year the people flocked to the feasts at Jerusalem. Jeroboam was afraid of the great political advantage this would give his rival. Kill me—Revolutions in the East are sudden and bloody. Their lord—Even yet thousands might regard the son of Solomon as their monarch. Two calves—young bulls—a familiar symbol of creative power. It occurred repeatedly in the architecture of Solomon's Temple. Too much—to go up—"You have gone up long enough." Behold thy gods—Rather, thy God. Helped by this symbol, worship the true God. Became a sin—It violated the second commandment at the outset; and, although it was not at first worship of false gods, it led straight to the grossest idolatry. House of high places—A temple. Of the lowest—rather, of all sorts. He did not limit himself to the tribe of Levi as God had directed. A feast—To imitate the feast of tabernacles.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—God a spirit.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

1. Where is God? God is everywhere.

5. What does God know? God is all-wise; he knoweth all things, even the thoughts of our hearts. 1. John 3. 20.

6. What can God do? God is almighty; he doeth whatever he will.

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Bonchrest circuit, La.—Mr. W. B. Johnson to Miss Mary Washington, December 18, 1889.

December 18, 1889, Mr. Willie Freeman to Miss Mary Johnson.

Rev. A. B. Venable, P. C., officiating.

Baton Rouge, La.—January 1, 1891, Mr. Nathan Earls to Miss Ada Miller.

Mr. R. H. Williams to Miss Sarah G. Moore.

Rev. W. R. Butler officiating.

Batesville, Miss.—Dec. 23, 1890, Mr. Joe Jones to Miss Laura Helton.

Rev. S. D. Truitt officiating.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Mr. R. D. Young, of Willis, Texas, to Miss Ella J. McKie, of Kosciusko, Miss. Rev. C. A. Buchanan officiating. They leave for Willis, Tex., where the groom has a desirable position awaiting him.

Mr. John Landfare to Miss Lucy Williams, Dec. 14.

Mr. Ephraim Reed and Miss Mattie Rule, Dec. 16.

Mr. Frank Ryan and Miss Millie Brooks, Dec. 24.

Mr. Lewis Rule and Miss Amanda Jackson.

Mr. John W. Jackson and Miss Mary Alexander, Dec. 25.

Lexington, Miss. J. W. Winbush, P. C., officiating.

Mineola, Tex.—Dec. 10, Miss Texana Ursey to Mr. Balck McCord.

Rev. A. Williams officiating.

Orange, Texas.—Dec. 25, 1890, Mr. Jake Day to Miss Hannah Welch.

Rev. Tenola Edwards officiating.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Dec. 26, Mr. Willie Longshore to Miss Sarah Evans.

Rev. A. Butler officiating.

Forest, Miss.—at the residence of the bride, Dec. 18, 1890, Mr. Allen Smith and Miss Rachel Lyles.

At the residence of the bride, Dec. 24, 1890, Mr. Colman Perrett and Miss Sallie Simes.

P. R. Crump officiating.

Shubuta, Miss.—Dec. 31, 1890, Mr. Thos. Moody to Miss Hattie Goodman.

Rev. A. P. McNair officiating.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Mr. Phillips Johnson to Miss Mary Dean Smith, Dec. 27, 1890.

Mr. Wiley Slaughter to Miss Susan Murray, Dec. 20, 1890.

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Obituary.

Sister Adaline English, a faithful member of Boonesville M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith Nov. 22.

Sister Edna Ramsdell, a faithful member of Boonesville M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith Dec. 20. Boonesville, La. A. Moore, P. C.

Sister Anna Cradup departed this life in full triumph of faith Dec. 20. She was a faithful member of the M. E.



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Church. Her last words were, "Meet me in heaven."

Forest, Miss. P. R. Crump.

Camp Parapet, La.—Bro. Caesar Bundy departed this life Dec. 17, 1890. Brother Bundy was born in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1818; on the 25th day of December. He was brought to Louisiana some years before the surrender.

He was brought to Christ through the preaching of the Rev. T. J. Johnson, in 1888, and was a devoted Christian. He loved his church, and did all he could to promote the interest of the church. He was leader of class No. 2, and served with much credit, until he was superseded by Bro. W. D. Rignon.

He was made steward and trustee by Rev. S. Evans. In these offices he served up to his death. We mourn the loss of Bro. Bundy. He died a Christian soldier, in full triumph of faith, leaving a wife and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

S. Evans, P. C.

Pleasant Hill, La.—Sister Molly Brown died Dec. 23, in full triumph of faith. She was a faithful member of our church, and died the same. She leaves a husband and three daughters to mourn her loss. Her funeral was attended by the writer, her beloved pastor. She was 52 years old.

F. M. Lashington, P. C.

Sister Charlotte Senerson died in the faith Dec. 23, a member of Wesley M. E. Church.

Baton Rouge, La. W. R. Butler, P. C.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Brother James Roberts, a member of the M. E. Church for years, departed this life Dec. 29. He leaves a wife and children, and a host of relatives to mourn. Our loss is heaven's gain.

A. Butler, P. C.

Eola, La.—Sister Nancy Williams departed this life Dec. 27. She was a member of the M. E. Church for many years. She was in class meeting Sunday night, and Friday she died. She was a faithful member. She leaves five children to mourn her loss.

Emanuel Waddy departed this life Dec. 29. Brother Waddy was a faithful member 23 years of age, and everybody that knew him, white and black, knew him to love him. He was buried in the M. E. graveyard at Eola. Over two hundred persons attended his funeral.

Bonchrest circuit, La.—At sunrise Saturday morning, Dec. 20, 1890, Sister Eliza Johnson, a member of the Bonchrest M. E. Church, fell asleep in Jesus. She had been sick about three years. She told the writer that she was waiting on the Lord. She went home in triumph. Age, about 42 years. She leaves a mother, five brothers and five children to mourn.

Brother Dohn Acklin fell asleep in Jesus, August, 1890. He joined the church before the war, preached the gospel, and was the cause of many souls being saved. He died in full triumph of faith. He told his daughter and family to meet him in heaven, for he was going home. His funeral was preached December 21, by the pastor and two visiting brethren. Age, 75 years. He leaves a wife, daughter and many friends to mourn his loss. He was loved by everybody that knew him.

A. B. Venable, P. C.

Crystal Springs, Miss.—Brother Edward McCateny, a member of New Zion M. E. Church, departed this life Dec. 3. He died in the triumph of faith. He was ready and waiting on the Lord. He wanted the whole church to meet him in heaven. He was a member of our church about 25 years. Age, 75 or 80 years. He leaves children and grandchildren to mourn.

P. Canuon, P. C.

Sister Carrie Brown, a native of South Carolina, departed this life Dec. 7, in full triumph of faith. She was a member of Malden Chapel. She died as she lived. Age, 44 years. The church has lost a great worker. The church mourns with her bereaved husband, Brother Isaac Brown. The following ministers attended her funeral: Revs. Henry Taylor, H. Wilson and Frank Walker, P. C.

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Conference Notices.

Notice.

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Fraternally,
W. H. LOGAN.

Reduced Rates to Louisiana Conference. The Mississippi Valley and Queen & Crescent routes will make reduced rates for members and visitors in attendance at Louisiana Conference to be held at New Orleans, good from January 12th to 20th, for a rate of a fare and a third on certificate plan. Delegates attending should pay full fare going, obtaining from ticket agent at starting point, when tickets are purchased, a certificate showing that full fare was paid, and these certificates, when signed by the secretary of the conference to show that holders have been in attendance, will be honored by ticket agent at New Orleans for tickets for return at one-third fare. Rates are from Shreveport, Monroe and intermediate stations in Louisiana, and Vicksburg in Mississippi.

Snoot Route, Southern Pacific Company, Atlantic System, will make reduced rates for members in attendance at the Louisiana Conference of the M. E. Church, to be held in New Orleans, good from Jan. 12th to 20th, at the rate to be made on the same basis as heretofore, namely, of five cents per mile for the round trip. Texas Pacific Railroad will make rate from stations east of Shreveport to New Orleans and return, of one and one-third fare. Tickets will be on sale Jan. 11th to 13th inclusive, good until Jan. 20th for return.

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Letters from the Districts.

Baton Rouge District.

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For the SOUTHWESTERN.

What Are the Black People Going to do About It?

FRANK J. WEBB, JR.

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Daily we can read of twelve ten, and five thousand dollar positions of trust and honor and responsibility being given to French, German, Irish, and Anglo-Americans, but I have yet to see where one Afro-American, out of the many thousands of competent ones has been offered a single position by the Hon. M. Davis and his Republican Board of Directors. Can it be possible that not one out of the many hundreds of business men, lawyers, editors, teachers and clerks, belonging to our race, are esteemed capable of properly performing the duties of a responsible position? Surely enlightened Illinois, the home of Grant, and Logan, does not still cling to prejudice.

In 1876 such an answer to our claims might have been justified, but in 1890 after fifteen years of constant improvement education, and advancement, such as no race in so short a period has ever experienced, it is preposterous to even hint at such a reply. Situated as the enterprise will be, far from the peculiar social environments of the Southern States—there need be no plea on that score; besides which this gigantic Exposition celebrates the discovering of a land devoted to equality and freedom. In the Senate of the U. S., there is not a black man employed in other than a menial capacity 'tis true, but

that is no valid reason why such a policy should be pursued by the management of the Columbian Exposition; in fact they could rapidly demonstrate to the whole world the evils of social prejudices and class distinctions, which are so rapidly growing in this country, and patriotically affirm that they do not countenance nor are accessories to such refined barbarism. In 1876 perhaps Afro-Americans aspired no farther than they went, but in 1890 we claim the right to assist in governing as well as to be governed.

It is useless to urge that our interests at the Columbian Exposition will not suffer, if we black people of the South are not more alert in asserting those inalienable rights given us as American Citizens; and which those not worthy should not possess. That Exposition will be as much ours, as is our country. It will not be ours to crush, not ours to destroy, but rather ours to help build, ours to cherish, and ours to defend its failure, or glorify in its success.

Representing as we do nearly half the population of this fair and beautiful Southland, the principal element of its agricultural strength and growth—we should exert our selves to the utmost in presenting to the world the emblems of our progress, our prosperous condition, and the unexcelled resources of our common country. There will never come a similar opportunity to us; and consequently it behoves us to bestir ourselves now, and not delay for the future the necessities of the present. The Southern States Conventions can—even if they would do but little for us as a race; what is to be done can best be done by ourselves.

For us to lie snarply at our ease, allowing these brilliant opportunities to depart, unwelcome and unembraced, is the height of folly on our part—we must welcome and embrace them, rise to the sublimity of the occasion, or else forever take our position alongside the heathen Chinese as far as participation in the events which make history are concerned.

The magnitude of the benefits of such a course may at present be unnoticed; but after '92, if we are not up and doing now, our people will witness this grand chance in the glimmering distance gone down the ages unwelcomed and unimproved.

The present peculiar conditions of our social system renders it absolutely and imperatively necessary that our rights in this vast enterprise be well watched and guarded by those of our race; not because the whites cannot look after ours, but mainly by reason that in attending to their own, ours will be neglected. It has always been so; it is now so, and the future, in my humble opinion, holds forth no more flattering prospect.

Not for one instant do I impugn the motives or intentions of the Southern whites; we are their neighbors. They should be and generally are our best friends; but all thinking blacks can easily see how our exhibits at the Columbian Exposition will be ludicrously small and inaccurate unless the masses of our people become interested and arise to the importance of the occasion.

Allow me at this juncture to say that it is not the idea, or desire that our exhibits be regarded in the light of a side show alongside of the circus in an adjacent 60x100 frame shed; we claim the right to exhibit just as does the German, French, Irish, and Anglo-Americans—seeking no especial privileges and willingly granting none of our rights.

I hope my black fellow countrymen will read, ponder over, and act on these sentiments so feebly and inaccurately expressed.

Annona, Tex.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

That "Model Steward."

REV. D. W. HAYS, D. D.

The letters from the laity, that appear each week in the SOUTHWESTERN, are usually well written and deserve more than passing notice. Seldom do we find in them statements of any kind challenging adverse criticism. H. R. Johnson, Bellwood, Tenn., contributes one, in a recent issue, which affords interesting reading. The church, concerning which he writes, exhibits a very encouraging state of affairs. It is especially fortunate in having a "model steward." No wonder it thrives. Would that all the churches, on the Chattanooga district at least, were favored in like manner! There is one feature, however, said to distinguish this particular model steward, which I regard as a blemish.

Brother Johnson, says: "He comes before the people with tears in his eyes." It appears to me that eyes so moistened might be a fit expression of sorrow, and, therefore, becoming in a street beggar or a mourner at a funeral, but when a collection is being taken in the church, the show of such lachrymation in the solicitor, is entirely out of place. The true model steward does not evince his earnestness by wearing a sad countenance. He does not come before the people whining, as though he were driven to the performance of a painful task. Always rejoicing in the faithful discharge of his duties, he finds no occasion for making his eyes a fountain of tears. His look is rather suggestive of a morning without clouds; clear and radiant. With eyes, brimful of joy, he surveys the audience and, immediately, a corresponding feeling is awakened, preparing the way for the successful presentation of his claim. His sunny presence is inspiring to both old and young. He is like a breeze in summer. I have sometimes observed stewards whose manner, when raising a collection, leaned towards dissipating levity; a practice I am far from commending. Frivolity on the one hand and a repulsive, lugubrious bearing on the other, are to be avoided as hindrances to the stewards' work. Be of good cheer, brother stewards! Present a manly front. Yours is a grand work. God bless you and keep you on toward the perfect model.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The West Texas Conference Not Yet Occupied as It Should be.

A. M. MASON.

This is a very important matter to consider. We know that the West Texas Conference is very large; but when we look back at the record seventeen or eighteen years ago, we at once see that more could be done, if we had the men and the money. The following are the places on that district that have no church edifices of any kind:

Taylor; population, 2500. This fast growing town belongs to Georgetown; but what have we there? A church lot, only. After we leave the county seat (Georgetown) of Williamson, the old church is hard to be found in the county elsewhere. We leave here for Rockdale, William county, Cameron the county seat. Rockdale has a population of 2,000. This is a flourishing little town; but we have nothing here. We next go to Calvert, Robertson county. Population, 3,500; we have three churches here, while the Baptists have eight. Next place we come to is Bell, Belton the county seat. Population, 6,000. Here we have no church. After you leave Belton, Methodists are very scarce. At

Lampasas we have a nice church. Lampasas is the headquarters, in this county, of Methodism. Now, when Presiding Elder Mack Henson leaves the city of Hills, going to the sandy city of Calvert, a distance of one hundred miles, he does not hold one quarterly meeting until he reaches Calvert. We have fourteen men on Austin district. But what about Cameron, the county seat of Milan? Nothing there. Cameron is a splendid town, too. Brownwood City, Coleman City, Rockdale, Taylor, Temple are good towns. There are others equally as good that need ministers.

This district needs more men and money. We spoke about fourteen men on the district. Some of the disadvantages that these men have here is that a pastor that has four preaching places. At White Pine is a membership of fifty or a hundred. Do they not need a pastor twice a month? This is one of the great hindrances of this place. One man has too much work, therefore the church and Sunday school must suffer. Too much work will kill any one. You know even in farming if a man takes too much land he cannot work it well; but if he takes just what he can work he will make more. So it is in God's vineyard. If we take just what we can do, and do it well, we can please the Master. These men are doing what they can, but they would accomplish more if they had just what they could do.

The Sunday schools and churches would be better in many places with our worthy presiding elder at the head of these ministers.

On the Waco District, Presiding Elder A. Foster says he needs twelve or fourteen more men. The ministers of the Waco District Conference show that the presiding elder worked up the district and doubled the appointments, which will give twenty-eight men for another year. We have noticed that the Missionary Society has appropriated to the West Texas Conference for 1891, \$3,968. This amount will help this conference greatly, though the appropriation is not large as last year. Have you noticed that we are working right beside other denominations that get nothing but what the people give them, and some of them are doing more than we are? You have also noticed that some of the circuits have more members than some of our town charges. We know we have growing towns in this conference where we have absolutely nothing, and some of the ministers set up a cry that they "had not the men nor the money." It is about time to stop this crying. The best way to get money is to make it. Send those local preachers. They will go and do as much good as their other brethren have done. Our young men in the West Texas Conference are just as well prepared to take charge of a circuit as any others—we mean our local preachers. It's a settled fact that if we do not extend our lines somebody else will. Let everyone that is crying about money before we can do more in this conference, stop and think more. I remember some years ago when this conference received \$5000 a year. That was when we could not help ourselves. Now we are converted. Let us go out and strengthen the West Texas Conference. We will take the Austin and Waco districts as eye-glasses to see the other districts that make up the West Texas Conference. Some of the brethren have an idea that a division of the West Texas Conference would be to its betterment; but I cannot see that clearly. Pour in more oil and turn the wick up. I think the best thing to do is to extend our line.

Intelligence and Power of Woman.

MISS A. L. THOMAS.

I am satisfied that education gives power to the mind, but the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, gives wisdom to the heart and soul. Though woman may not be as fully educated as man, the education that God has given to her overrules that of man. "The hand that rocks the cradle moves the world," and that is woman. It is said that woman has no right in the work of the Master equal to man, but I am prepared to say with my weak mind and judgment that woman stands side by side because God gave his only begotten son for the salvation of woman as well as man. Read the Chap. iv. of Galatians from the third to the seventh verses, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his son, made of woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Then again turn to Chapt. 1 of Gen., 27, 28, 29, and 30, verses. After the ruin of man and women by the fall, God chose an angel and a woman as his apostles to bring man back from his fallen condition, thus it was that woman was first in the completion of man's salvation. When the Blessed Saviour was to be born God prepared a place in the manger, and through that birth all mankind can be saved. We feel that there is a great power in woman; for God giveth not his spirit by measure, but he pours out his spirit upon all flesh. Woman was last at the Cross and first at the Sepulcher. My brethren, the power of woman is great. Read the 7th Chapt. of St. Luke, how she washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and anointed Him with precious ointment for his burial. If this world is saved it will be through the executive power of christian women side by side with man. There was a time when woman was veiled, but Christ has seen fit to unveil her, and she did not have the same privilege but all is now opened for her as well as man. The power and wisdom of woman in a few more years shall cry aloud. What would you do without women? Ten centuries ago when our ancestors laid the foundation of state and church, woman was allowed to discuss and preach the gospel and supervise the affairs of the church. What is the matter with woman at this day and time? They are wiser more highly educated. I am an old woman, fifty-eight years of age and will soon be in glory. I never went to school a day in my life, but I have been in the school house of Jesus for thirty eight years, and I thank God that I can read the Bible, the book of books. May God bless you and help you to realize the power of woman through her weakness.

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Letters from the Districts.

Institute of Paris District.

W. L. DUNCAN, SEC'Y.

The Texas Annual Conference was held at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Paris, Tex., Nov. 10, 1890.

The following places were represented: Paris, Mt. Zion M. E. Church; Blossom and Detroit, Bonham, Paris Mission, Cooper Circuit, Clarksville, Clarksville Circuit, Freehope and DeKalb, Gibson, Greensville, Sulphur Springs, Honey Grove, Red River Mission, Texarkana and Wolf City. The Sunday School Institute met with Rev. P. Morgau, P. E., in the chair.

A. L. Patterson was elected secretary; J. C. Smelser assistant.

The roll was called and the following names were responded to: Revs. P. Morgan, W. Hamilton, W. B. Perry, Prof. R. L. Hoffman, T. Moore, Prof. A. F. A. Polk, Revs. S. H. Grant, P. H. Haley, Profs. R. S. Halbert, and R. S. Thweatt, Mrs. M. J. Latimer, L. Moore, Misses Lilly Terry, M. A. Murry and Enola L. Brooks.

Mrs. L. Moore performed at the organ.

The following papers were read: Mrs. L. Moore, General benefit of the Sunday school to both children and adults.

Prof. A. F. A. Polk, What relation does the Sunday school sustain to the Church.

Miss M. A. Murry, The best way to teach an infant class.

A few minutes were given to discuss the papers. Many good things were brought out.

Rev. E. E. Makiel, of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced.

A paper by A. L. Patterson, What characters must teachers and officers have to fulfill such positions?

Prof. R. S. Thweatt, Education. Prof. R. S. Halbert, What qualifications do men and women need to make good workers in the Sunday school?

Hon. H. C. Griffith, one of our prominent young lawyers, was introduced.

The model Sunday school was opened by Mrs. A. F. A. Polk.

We had crowded houses each day. Some of our best men and women were in the Institute.

The Paris District is second to none. After a full explanation and many good things said to us by Dr. I. B. Scott and Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder of the Marshall and Navasota districts, the Institute closed to give place to the district conference.

Bristol District Conference.

R. T. SMITH.

Conference met in the M. E. Church, Esilville, W. Va., Dec. 11, 1890, Rev. C. Boyd, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

E. A. Marshall came to us from the C. M. E. Church and E. C. Goodman came to us from the A. M. E. Church.

O. Hypsher was elected secretary; P. P. Brooks, assistant.

The reports of the Elder and the traveling preachers showed that the district was moving on grandly.

E. A. Marshall was recommended and was licensed to preach.

The Home Mission work was taken up and the following appointments made:

Kingsport, Tenn.—E. C. Goodman.

Jonesboro, Tenn.—T. W. Jackson.

Yokam, Va.—E. A. Marshall.

Montgomery Switch, Va.—J. H. Butler.

Sunday, at 11 a. m., the Presiding Elder preached a sermon from the 37th chap., 6th v., of Exodus. His sermon will be long remembered.

At 3 p. m., the Rev. O. Hypsher preached a sermon from the 3d chapter of St. Matthew, 15th verse, on Baptism. The people will never forget his sermon.

At 7:30 o'clock the Rev. T. W. Jackson preached. Ten joined the church. The collection was good. This is a good place for our

grand old church. We long to see the day when we shall take this world for Christ.

Notice.

The Greenville District, Upper Mississippi Conference, will convene at Jonestown, Saturday, Jan. 31, at 10 a. m. Brethren coming from north and south on the main line will change cars at Lula Junction for Jonestown.

Program: Introductory sermon, Revs. E. Troupe and G. H. Harvey.

Subjects for discussion: "Our Great Commission," "The Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society," "The M. E. Church and her relation to other branches," "What is the best method to establish a high school at Greenville?"

Committee: N. H. Williams, E. Troupe, M. Adams.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

C. A. Jordan, Hollywood, Miss.

My fourth quarterly conference convened Nov. 6. Rev. C. P. Head in the chair. Added to the church, 1; raised for all purposes, \$10 90. The elder preached one of his soul-stirring sermons. We are determined to do all we can.

Andrew Owen, Columbus, Miss.

Notwithstanding past obstacles, the church is very flattering for the future. Our property is now worth more than ever. Only a few members are left here. Fourteen are all I found in this great city. This charge will not always be in the rear—some day it must come to the front.

E. W. Johnson, Fordyce, Ark.

I have been in Mississippi since the last of August. When I arrived here Rev. G. W. Lacey, presiding elder, sent me to Fordyce. There is not much here; but we are trying to build up the M. E. Church. We hope to do a good work here, as this city is young, and is growing rapidly.

Elder G. W. Lacey, is doing a good work on the Pine Bluff district. We need good preachers and money to do what can be done in Arkansas.

G. A. Paynes, Lake Providence, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 20, 21. Presiding Elder S. Priestley was on time as usual. Everything was in good shape. The elder preached two good sermons. Collection, \$22. Christmas Eve night we had our Christmas tree laden with many valuable presents. At nine o'clock Miss I. C. Burton took her seat at the organ, and rendered sweet music. Santa Claus did not forget the children or pastor. He gave the pastor a china set, a china shaving mug and a shaving brush, a pair of cuff buttons, a collar button, handkerchiefs, socks and other little necessities, of which he has my heartfelt thanks. On the Baptist Christmas tree was a purse with the goodly inside for the pastor at the M. E. Church.

W. E. Ellison, Farmington, Tenn.

Our quarterly conference convened in Farmington M. E. Church Dec. 13; Presiding Elder J. P. Price presiding. Mary Carlee was elected secretary. Reports showed the circuit in good condition. Rev. J. D. Davison was introduced to the conference and preached Saturday evening. He was followed

by Elder Price. Rev. C. E. Alexander of Lewisburg charge, preached Sunday, Dec. 14, at 11 o'clock; at 7:30 p. m. Zach Bowen preached.

Our Sunday school superintendent is doing good work. This place has been neglected for several years; and some of the preachers had thrown it away. When I came here there were no seats in our church; but, thanks to the Lord, we have our church seated neatly, and two other churches that will soon be completed. The elder administered the Sacrament to fifty communicants. * Paid elder, \$10; pastor, \$13 10; missionary, \$3 50; education, 50c; one subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN. Brethren, let us lead the way for the SOUTHWESTERN this conference year.

B. M. Taylor, Sweet Springs, Miss.

Our third quarterly conference was held Nov. 29, 30. Reports showed that every department of the church is being looked after. Rev. W. G. Colby, presiding elder has the respect of the entire community.

On Sunday we had with us Revs. J. Knapper, of Georgetown; J. W. Jackson, of Sedalia; J. W. Rhodes, of Odessa. The officers of the Sunday school were encouraged by a lecture delivered to the little folks by Rev. J. W. Jackson. Rev. J. T. Knappen preached to a large audience. In the afternoon the church was dedicated free from debt by Rev. W. G. Colby, assisted by all the ministers present. Rev. J. W. Jackson preached the dedication sermon. Over seventy persons communed. At night Rev. W. G. Colby preached. The people have fallen in love with Rev. Jackson, and have invited him to visit Sweet Springs again.

He accepted the invitation. On Dec. 17, he gave us a lecture on "Our Composite Nationality." All who heard the lecture were pleased with it; and many pronounced it the best they had ever heard on the subject. He has made many friends here, and can always find a home in Sweet Springs. We expected the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN to be present at the dedication, but, since he did not come, we hope to meet him at the annual conference. No doubt but the editor would fall in love with Missouri, should he visit the Central Missouri Conference.

A. W. Randolph, Tennessee.

Our first quarterly conference was held Dec. 13, 14. Rev. D. W. Hays was on hand. He preached with much power. He is much beloved by our people. Paid elder, \$8 75; pastor, \$51 75; accessions to the church, 4. We are still moving along.

A. L. Nelson, Hartsville, Tenn.

The Lord blessed us last year with a glorious revival all over the work; and my on return this year I was gladly received me. This work in the midst of so many strong enemies is making memorable headway. The good sisters of the church at Hartsville and Oldham chapels are taking steps to build a new church. Sisters Nellie R. Bumley, Annie Carr, Emily Hall, Manda Coily, and Rachael Ward are some of our strongest workers.

S. S. Wright, Natchitoches, La.

Our fourth quarter was held by our presiding elder. He is the right man in the right place. All who know him, and love the cause of Jesus, love him. All the leaders made good reports, and the trustees, also. Our Sunday school is in a good condition. The SOUTHWESTERN has not been forgotten. Benevolent money raised, \$46 50; paid pastor, \$168 65; elder, \$12 85.

F. J. Yeargin, Friendship, Tenn.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Friendship, by Elder B. F. Anderson, Nov. 12. The elder left something on the people's mind that will long be remembered. This work has a small membership. We want to build a new church this conference year, by the help of the Lord and the people. Paid elder and pastor, \$12 25. I want to raise all my benevolence

money. The SOUTHWESTERN has not been forgotten. I am doing all I can to get subscribers.

L. W. Goodson, Brownsville, Ala.

I found fifty-six names on the church record—children and all. Now there are eighty-two; so you can see how the church has grown. Presiding Elder I. Townsend has held all of his quarterly conferences this year. We have made some improvements on the church; and I think I will be able to carry all my benevolent moneys to conference. I cannot say much about my mission work at Avondale.

Our fourth quarter was one of the best held. The elder preached. I am winding up my year's work very successfully.

W. H. Perkins, Radford, Va.

We are getting along nicely in the new church at Radford. I think I will be able to preach in it soon. It has cost us \$750, and not half finished yet. My first quarter was held Dec. 6. We had a good time. Rev. Geo. T. Wright was present and preached.

We have lost three old members since conference. One of them was over a hundred years old. They all died in Christ, and have gone home to rest.

S. H. Viel, Blount Springs, Miss.

My fourth quarterly conference was held at Marion, Dec. 20, 21. Presiding Elder I. Townsend in the chair. He preached a stirring sermon. Paid elder, \$17 20; pastor, \$44; for missions, \$7. We have raised and paid out on our new churches this year \$931 85; also built a parsonage at a cost of \$225. There are six of our church papers taken on our circuit.

L. Tate, Lake Coma circuit, Miss.

My fourth quarter conference was held by Rev. N. Toole, of Heidelberg. Paid elder, \$7 50.

P. G. Gaines, Anniston, Ala.

Brethren of the Central Alabama Conference, please bring one dollar each to the conference to be held at Marion, Ala., Jan. 29, to help the church at Anniston.

Brethren, please bring that money.

Wm. Perry, New Bern, Ala.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Nov. 29, with Rev. H. N. Brown in the chair. It was a successful quarter. Nearly all the brethren were present with written reports. The pastors' report showed that the work was advancing. Paid elder, \$52 75; the pastor this quarter, \$74 10; bishop, \$2; conference claimants, \$1; to various benevolent causes, \$28 15.

Rev. A. Jackson, Dallas, Texas, was agreeably surprised by quite a company of his people, on the night of Dec. 17, with many nice presents. The party was led by Bro. L. Kimble, Misses Virginia Dickerson and Julia Claypool.

Rev. H. Adams, Talladega, Ala., is closing a very successful year at that place. Two years ago, when Bro. Adams was appointed to Talladega, our church was scarcely known in the place. Now we own one of the nicest frame buildings in town, ceiled and plastered. They are poor, however, and greatly in need of help. Help them, brethren.

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Letters from the Laity.

Isabelle Hannah, of Conover, N. C., is delighted with Rev. G. W. Rackliffe and wife at Hickory, N. C. She speaks especially high of the work of Sister Rackliffe in the Sunday school.

Mother Collins, Starke, Fla., speaks in high terms of her pastor, Rev. J. Kellar, and of the recent visit of Presiding Elder R. H. Debose. She is a warm friend of the SOUTHWESTERN.

Miss Mary A. Ragsdale, Jacksonville, Texas, deplors the lack or decrease in religious interests in her section of the country. She finds that church services, Sunday school, and even funeral services do not have the solemnizing effect on the young people that they used to. The people do not talk about religion when they meet on the streets, and in their homes from house to house, as they used to do. God, give us a revival of religious interest and devotion.

Rome, Ga.

The past three months have recorded quite important advances in the history of our church at this place, under the pastorate of Rev. S. C. Upshaw. There have been a great amount of time, labor and money expended on the church property. The church lot, which was several feet below the roadway, has been elevated, by filling in, to the level of the street. Its monetary value has been enhanced by several thousand dollars. There has been purchased a large organ worth \$400, of superior value, excellent tone, and possessing many attractive qualities. Its power and sweetness were tested recently. Last week a grand musical concert was given by the choir in which a very beautiful program was rendered by the following:

Misses Fannie L. Taylor, Enla Ray, Minnie Hodges, Mattie McArver, Annie Upshaw, Chlorella L. White, Hattie E. Franklin, A. S. Cane, and Lillie Daniels; Messrs. Franklin, Camp, Leake, McCombs, and J. Kane.

A refined and appreciative audience manifested its enjoyment of the music by hearty applause and several encores.

Thanksgiving day was highly observed here. Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, was present all day. He preached the annual thanksgiving sermon at 11 o'clock having as his theme "Twenty five Years ago and To-day." He pointed out the educational, financial and moral advancements made by the Negro in that short time, and showed the record unequalled in the world's history. He said that should it be a cause of enjoyment and thanksgiving, because twenty five years ago there was degradation, ignorance and church differences; while to-day there is education, refinement and culture. At night he addressed a large audience on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The collection amounted to fifty dollars and was devoted to missionary purposes. The most important part of the day was the dinner; it was all that could be desired. The pastor spared no pains in making it a feast for all. The invited guests were Dr. Thirkield, the officials of the church, the local preachers, class leaders, exhorters, superintendent and teachers of the Sunday school, and several other friends of the church. Every one satiated himself.

AN OBSERVER.

General Church News.

The pope has finished the draft of his encyclical upon the social question. He expresses himself in favor of intervention by the state in behalf of the poor within certain limits. He condemns capitalism as now organized, and advocates a more equitable and just distribution of riches.

The receipts of the American Board for November were \$24,179, against \$29,800 for the same month last year.

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The year 1891 will close twenty-five years of successful work in the establishment and maintenance of institutions of Christian learning in the South by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This Society had its beginning in the wise counsels of a convention of Methodist ministers and laymen, who met, in response to a public call, in Trinity Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 7 and 8, 1866.

Convention for Organization.

There were present on the first day the following: Bishop D. W. Clark, D.D.; Adam Poe, D.D.; J. M. Reid, D.D.; R. S. Rust, D.D.; J. M. Walden, D.D.; Luke Hitchcock, D.D.; B. F. Cray, D.D.; Robert Allyn, D.D.; Rev. J. R. Stillwell, J. F. Larkin, Esq., and Hon. Grant Goodrich. On the second day, T. M. Eddy, D.D., was present. During the meeting letters were received from Bishop T. A. Morris, F. C. Holliday, D.D.; General Clinton B. Fisk, and Walter S. Carter, Esq.

The twelve who participated in that convention were men of conviction, experience, and courage. Clark, Poe, Eddy, and Goodrich—four magnificent men—have passed into the heavens; and are watching with joy the onward movement of the great work they helped to inaugurate. Dr. Walden (now bishop) and Dr. Rust were doing excellent service in official relations to undenominational societies, and have been important factors in the development of the work to the present time. Rev. J. R. Stillwell was also engaged in undenominational work, and for some time was collecting agent for the Society. Hitchcock, Reid, and Larkin were for several years members of the Executive Committee, and rendered most valuable service. Neither the pen nor the voice of Cray the editor, or Allyn the educator, have been to this day wanting in behalf of the cause.

Providential Direction.

Two considerations, either one of which was sufficient to justify the conclusion reached, decided the course pursued by the convention. It was manifest that the undenominational movement for the relief and education of the freedmen had practically accomplished its mission. Already the Congregational, both the United and Old School Presbyterian, the United Brethren, the Baptist, and the Protestant Episcopal Churches, and the Friends, had organized within themselves, or made other special arrangements for work among the freedmen. The New School Presbyterian and our own Church stood alone in undenominational work.

More important still, our own Church at that time was carrying forward a great movement of reorganization and enlargement in the South. The Missionary Society was aiding in pastoral support, the Church Extension Society was aiding in the erection of houses of worship; but there was no organization through which the Church could adequately meet her responsibility in the vast educational problems confronting the Nation in the Southern States at the close of the war, or provide intelligent Christian leadership for the hundreds of thousands who were flocking to her communion.

Constitutional Provisions and Changes. At first the work of the Society, as expressed in its Constitution, was "to labor for the relief and education of the South, in co-operation with the Missionary and Church Extension Societies;" but, as our dedominational work continued to develop among both white and colored people in the

Southern States, it became manifest that the general Church should foster the educational work among the poorer white people also, instead of leaving it to struggle on with meager local support. To provide for this exigency by the enlargement of the work, the Constitution was amended in 1870 so as to read "for the relief and education of freedmen and others."

In 1868 the Society was heartily indorsed by the General Conference, and in 1872, two years after the change of the Constitution so as to include work among both races, it was given a place among the connectional agencies of the Church.

Twenty-five Years of Victory.

About three million dollars have been received and expended in the work of Christian education in the South. About five-sixths, or \$2,500,000, have been expended among the colored people. The largest proportion of the expenditures among white people have been made since 1880.

The present school property, in lands, buildings, furniture, and libraries, the title to most of which is in the Society, is estimated to be worth \$1,500,000. In addition, endowments have been secured for different schools, amounting to over \$300,000.

The first financial transaction of the Society, in beginning its work in the fall of 1866, was to authorize the treasurer to borrow \$1,500, to send twenty-five teachers into the field. To Dr. Rust, as field secretary, was committed the work of locating the schools and employing the teachers; and, at a meeting held in November, he reported the twenty-five teachers at work in primary schools in thirteen different places in the South. God honored the faith reposed in the Church, and the first year's work ended without debt.

From that beginning the work has grown, until the Society has under its direction forty institutions of collegiate or academic grade, with 315 teachers and 8,336 students. These institutions educate, in their professional and special schools, ministers, teachers, physicians, lawyers, dentists, and pharmacists, and teach more than a score of different trades in industrial schools. The great body of the students are in the English and College Preparatory course of study.

From the comparatively small income of the first years the receipts have steadily grown, until, for the year ending June 30, 1890, the income from all sources was \$264,684.00.

Jubilee Celebration.

In view of the providential beginning and development of this work, and of the great and growing responsibilities which confront the Society in its prosecution in so large a section of our country, it is proposed to celebrate the quarter-centennial of its organization during 1891.

Action of Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The Board of Directors of the Society have taken the following action:

"Whereas, 1891 will mark the completion of a period of twenty-five years since the organization of this Society; and

"Whereas, The great success which has attended its work since its organization has been such as to call for devout thanksgiving to God from the whole Church; and

"Whereas, special addresses and services, calling attention to and emphasizing the inception, development, and widening work of this Society, would be of great value to the whole Church, by showing the blessed results accomplished with the money already expended, in directing the thought of the ministry and members of the Church to the necessity of enlarged contributions by annual collections to the cause of Christian education in the South, and also in directing the minds of the individuals contemplating special gifts to the cause of God to the opportunity afforded in the South of aiding in the endowment of

struggling institutions of learning; be it

"Resolved, That the year 1891 be observed by this Society as Quarter-Centennial Jubilee Year, and that our ministers and people throughout the Church be, and are hereby, strongly and affectionately invited to join in a suitable celebration of the gracious work accomplished through the instrumentality of this Society during the first twenty-five years of its history."

The Executive Committee has placed the responsibility of planning the celebration upon the corresponding secretaries.

Plan of Celebration.

The plan is very simple. It is to ask every pastor in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in taking his collection for this cause in 1891, to give it a full day. In the morning let there be a sermon or an address setting forth the providential development of this work, and a presentation of the work yet to be done by the Methodist Episcopal Church in helping to give Christian leadership to the illiterate and poor millions of white and colored people in the South.

At night let there be a service by the young people, and a thank-offering from them. The Society appeals to the young people of the Church for \$25,000 as a thank-offering to God, that the benefits of Christian Education have been extended to multitudes of the young people of our Nation during the last quarter of a century.

Special Jubilee services for both morning and evening have been prepared, and will be furnished without expense to all pastors or representatives of young people's organizations asking for them.

It is hoped that presiding elders will see that some one is appointed to discuss the duty of the Church to this cause at the first district meeting of the year.

The second Sunday in May, 1891, has been fixed upon by the Society as our Quarter-Centennial Jubilee day, and the hope that all our Churches will observe the day indicated.

If any of our pastors finds it impracticable to observe our Jubilee day the second Sunday in May, we earnestly hope that some other time will be fixed, and our Jubilee program followed morning and evening; so that some time during 1891 every Church in the connection will join in the Jubilee celebration.

Series of Conventions.

To aid the pastors in creating public sentiment for the cause, a series of conventions, holding over Sunday, will be held in the principal cities. The pastors in these cities and adjacent country will be asked to observe the Sabbath upon which the convention is held as Quarter-Centennial Jubilee-day, instead of the second Sunday of May.

We will correspond with every presiding elder and pastor in the Church, give more specific information concerning the Jubilee.

And now praising God for the work already accomplished in the permanent founding of centers of Christian education amongst the poor and needy of our land during the past twenty-five years, and feeling the enormous responsibility of the work yet to be done, we plead for the co-operation of ministers and laymen throughout our Zion. May our Jubilee Year be the occasion of increased intelligence among the people concerning our work, and enlarged contributions with which to carry it forward!

J. C. Martzell, Corresponding Secretary; Geo. W. Gray, Ass't Corresponding Secretary; J. S. Chadwick, Ass't Corresponding Secretary.

Cincinnati, O., January 1, 1891.

We have received a copy of the catalogue of the Cincinnati Bell Foundry Co., containing descriptions and prices of church, school and fire alarm bells, and over twenty-two hundred testimonials from purchasers in the United States and Canada. These testimonials are from every state and territory, and a large proportion of them from ministers, and speak in the highest terms of the bells. The prices are comparatively low, and in reach of even feeble communities. Churches needing bells (and none should be without) will do well to write for the catalogue, which is offered free to all who may apply.

General News Items.

Indianapolis has been flooded with \$2 counterfeit silver certificates of the issue of 1888. Treasury Agent Carter has notified the public to refuse all \$2 bills of the series mentioned.

President Harrison has nominated Judge Henry B. Brown, of Detroit, to succeed the late Justice Miller in the United States Supreme Court. The nomination has been confirmed.

President Harrison has issued his proclamation announcing that the Columbian exposition will open May 1, 1893, and continue six months, and inviting "all the nations of the earth" to appoint representatives and send exhibits.

The air-ship company has purchased 1,000 acres of land near Yankton, N. D., it containing large deposits of aluminum, which they need in the manufacture of their ships.

The census office has published during the week a bulletin containing a summary of the results of a special inquiry concerning the Jews in this country, for the purpose of determining the extent of certain known or alleged characteristics of this people in the United States, accompanying the result with similar statistics prepared abroad. It is found that the number of marriages per 1,000 of the Hebrews here is only one-third as great as in the total population of the country, and the average age at marriage is greater than among the Christian inhabitants. The birth rate is decreasing and the death rate increasing with more prolonged residence in this country; but the general results indicate that the Jews here retain many of the peculiarities which have been noted among them in Europe.

The death of Dr. Henry Schliemann, the archaeologist, is announced at Berlin.

The railroads in Scotland are tied up by a strike of several thousand employees.

On Dec. 2 there was a revolutionary gathering near Lima, Peru, in behalf of ex-Director Pierola. The movement was suppressed at a cost of forty lives.

Archdeacon Farrar receives \$2,000 as chaplain of the house of commons, \$5,000 as canon of Westminster, and \$2,000 from the living at Margaret's, and a house.

A Word to Our Agents.

Dear Brethren:—The eyes of the whole Church are upon us. During the past year or two we have done grandly in doubling the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN but as yet, we are far from the desired goal. We should not be satisfied until we have placed this paper on the pinnacle of self-support, where it will no longer be necessary to subsidize it to keep it afloat. Let us cease to be dependent by a general and united rally for the SOUTHWESTERN. We don't need names; what we need is cash with the names. To multiply names without cash is simply to multiply our liabilities without increasing our assets. Now, brethren, we plead with you to roll up your sleeves and pile on in such a list of cash subscribers as will put this paper among the other great papers of the church, where it will support itself independent of any General Conference appropriation. The SOUTHWESTERN never fails to stand by your every interest; now stand by it and make it self-supporting. A strong pull and a pull all together will accomplish the desired end. Send cash with the names.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to find my aunt. Her name is Emily Ewing. Her husband's name is Joshua Ewing. Her sister was named Martha. My mother's name was Marguerite. My name is Phelix; I don't know my sir-name; but I go by the name of Phelix Walker. My aunt Martha's son was Tom. He lives on Chas. Coke's plantation, where my aunt left me and went to Oak Ridge, La., on Jas. Spencer's plantation. Send information in care of Robt. F. Long, or Mrs. M. T. Layton, Monroe, La.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my fellow servants Emily Rhoda, and Martha. I left them near Greenville, Ala., several years before the war. Martha belonged to Milton Palmer, who lived in Greonville. Emily's husband was Jack Henderson; Rhoda's husband belonged to Mr. Harrison; and Martha was a young girl. Emily, Rhoda, and I belonged to Jack Wright. I was parted from them before the war, and brought to Scott county, where I am now living—six or seven miles southwest of Forest Station, Miss. I am now blind; but my children read the SOUTHWESTERN to me. If anyone who reads this letter know of the whereabouts of any of the above named persons, please address me at Forest, Miss.

JACK WRIGHT.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my father. His name was Ben Smiley. He used to belonged to a man named Smiley, who lived about five miles northwest of Terry and near Spring Ridge, Hinds Co., Miss. My mother's name was Lucinda King. She died when I was a child. I have two sisters and two brothers—Arab, Hada, Henry and Jack Moore. We all used to belong to a man named Perry King who lived two miles north of Terry. The last I saw of him and his brother John and his wife's brother they went out at the back door on their way to the Yankees during the war. I am now married. I have three children dead and two living. Any information concerning him will be gratefully received. Address me at Honey Grove, Texas.

VIOLETTE BROWN.

Mr. Editor: I want to find sisters, brothers, and father. We were born at Lou county, Miss. Father's name was Jackson Fletcher. Sister's names were Elvira, Frances, and Elizabeth. Brother's name was Perry Fletcher. They all belonged to Asa Fletcher. I belonged to Jeremiah Fields. I am now living at Westville, Miss. My name is now Mariah Burton.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my brother and two sisters. I was parted from them during slavery. My sister Melvina was about six years old when sold by Jack Thornton to Guy Harrison. Her mother was named Agness; brother's Horace, Paul and Henry; father's was Fielding. Brother Paul and Sister Agness were taken away from Jackson to Howard county, near North Missouri River. Mother and children belonged to Ervin McClelland, and their father to Capt. Hallway, of Jackson Co. If found, please address Horace Miller, 237 Patten Alley, Springfield, Mo.

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Plan. of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conferences, 1891.

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Mississippi.	Moss Pt. Miss.	Jan. 7.	14. Bowman
Louisiana.	N. O. La.	14.	15. Newman
Indian Miss. Con.	Guthrie, O. T.	14.	16. Andrews
Georgia.	Demorest, Ga.	15.	17. Warren
St. John's Riv. Lawley, Fla.	15.	18.	19. Warren
Texas.	Nacogdoches, Tex.	15.	20. Warren
Alabama.	Edwardsville, Ala.	22.	21. Warren
Florida.	Gainesville, Fla.	22.	22. Warren
Arkansas.	Waco, Tex.	22.	23. Warren
Little Rock.	Texas, Ark.	22.	24. Warren
Arkansas.	Fort Smith, Ark.	28.	25. Warren
Central Alabama.	Marion, Ala.	29.	26. Warren
Savannah.	Nacogdoches, Tex.	29.	27. Warren
Southern German.	Waco, Tex.	29.	28. Warren
Upper Miss. Holly Springs, Miss.	Feb. 5.	29.	29. Warren
South Carolina.	Greenville, S. C.	5.	30. Warren
West Texas.	Waco, Tex.	5.	31. Warren
Virginia.	Romeville, Va.	25.	32. Warren
Kansas.	Washington, Kan.	Mar. 4.	33. Warren
Philadelphia.	Philadelphia, Pa.	4.	34. Warren
Missouri.	Brookfield, Mo.	4.	35. Warren
Baltimore.	Washington, D. C.	4.	36. Warren
South Kansas.	Glrand, Kan.	11.	37. Warren
Central Pa.	Marion, Pa.	12.	38. Warren
Central Missouri.	Marshall, Mo.	12.	39. Warren
Washington.	Baltimore, Md.	12.	40. Warren
S. W. Kansas.	Newton, Kan.	18.	41. Warren
St. Louis.	Springfield, Mo.	18.	42. Warren
New Jersey.	Trenton, N. J.	18.	43. Warren
Lexington.	Lexington, Ky.	18.	44. Warren
Wilmington.	Centerville, Md.	18.	45. Warren
N. W. Kansas.	Newton, Kan.	18.	46. Warren
Wyoming.	Waverly, N. Y.	April 1.	47. Warren
East Gorman.	Baltimore, Md.	1.	48. Warren
Delaware.	Cambridge, Md.	1.	49. Warren
New York.	Yonkers, N. Y.	1.	50. Warren
North Indiana.	Huntington, Ind.	1.	51. Warren
Delaware.	Cambridge, Md.	1.	52. Warren
New England.	Lyons, N. Y.	1.	53. Warren
Newark.	Washington, N. J.	1.	54. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	55. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	56. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	57. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	58. Warren
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New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	61. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	62. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	63. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	64. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	65. Warren
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New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	69. Warren
New York.	New York, N. Y.	15.	70. Warren

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
North India.	Moradabad, India.	Jan. 7.	1. Thoburn
Africa.	Virginia, Liberia.	14.	2. Taylor
Central America.	San Jose, Costa Rica.	15.	3. Thoburn
Mexico.	Pachuca, Mexico.	15.	4. Thoburn
South India.	Bangalore, India.	29.	5. Thoburn
Formosa.	Foochow, China.	Mar. 4.	6. Thoburn
Malay Peninsula.	Singapore.	11.	7. Thoburn
China.	Nanking, China.	Apr. 15.	8. Thoburn
Bulgaria.	Russchuk, Bulgaria.	22.	9. Thoburn
Italy.	Florence, Italy.	22.	10. Thoburn
N. China.	Peking, China.	15.	11. Thoburn
W. China.	Chungking, China.	June 3.	12. Thoburn
Korea.	Seoul, Korea.	June 10.	13. Thoburn
Switzerland.	Zurich, Switzerland.	17.	14. Thoburn
Germany.	Hellbronn, Germany.	17.	15. Thoburn
Denmark.	Velle, Denmark.	July 1.	16. Thoburn
Japan.	Tokyo, Japan.	July 1.	17. Thoburn
Norway.	Bergen, Norway.	15.	18. Thoburn
Sweden.	Uppsala, Sweden.	22.	19. Thoburn

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MRS. S. Maton, Chicota, Texas, an old lady seventy-two years of age, writes to plead against any such innovation as the admission of women to the great legislative assembly of the church.

The people are wide awake to the enterprise. They are preparing to ceil the church. God bless the people on Batesville circuit. I have been with them two years.—S. D. Troup.

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REV. W. J. Holland, Wolf City, Texas, believes in solid work. He says: "Talk will do pretty well as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough to keep the lights of our grand old church burning. So quit blowing, brethren. God bless our editor; may God crown him with success. Brethren, we live in an age of electricity, and it becomes us to keep step with the music of progress. Considering this, don't forget to bring up the money for the SOUTHWESTERN."

GREAT preparations are being made for the first triennial meeting of Women's Council of the United States, to be convened in Albany's Opera House, Washington, D. C., Feb. 21, 22. Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis, Ind., corresponding secretary, is working up the meeting, and the most distinguished women of the nation. Each national society in the Republic is invited to elect one member to serve on the executive committee of the council, and to represent the society on the program. Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop has been chosen to represent the national W. O. T. U. Besides this, all national societies of women are invited to send fraternal delegates—one or two each—who will be warmly welcomed.

Echoes From Emancipation Day, Jan. 1.

At Pleasant Hill, La., Emancipation Day was one of the grandest with our people. The church was nicely decorated, and everything went along nicely. The Farmers' Alliance joined in with a Thanksgiving dinner. At night we had a grand time at Prairie Bayou, singing and speaking and ringing our new church bell, given to the church by Bro. Dock Bloodsey, one of our exhorters. The pastor gave a talk on the good old SOUTHWESTERN, and got two cash subscribers, and two ladies each sending fourteen dollars for sewing machines.—F. M. Lashington.

The emancipation proclamation was commemorated with a grand success at Silver Branch. The following speakers were present:

Prof. T. H. Brown, Mrs. Narcissa, first assistant in the Falsom High School; Miss Dollie Newsome, Revs. J. E. Wetherby, Green Bryant, and others.

East Baton Rouge celebrated in grand style. Preaching, singing, and speaking were the order of the day. Rev. P. W. Clarke and Rev. W. R. Butler preached in the afternoon. In the evening, J. W. Hudson, presiding elder, was chosen president, and F. A. Rylander, secretary. Hon. J. J. Williams, John Reed, and Dr. T. A. Walker made addresses, urging race confidence and unity.

Rev. A. J. McNair, of Shubuta, Miss., writes: "Emancipation Day was observed in Mt. Zion M. E. Church. Songs of praises were sung. The speakers were W. Hyde, T. Brooks, Bro. Gillespie, T. Eskridge, A. Allen, and Revs. M. Due, Jenkins and O. Hawkins, of the Baptist Church. Also Revs. M. Martin, pastor of Decatur circuit, A. Howze, V. Trotter, and W. H. H. Smith, made grand speeches. A. J. McNair closed the services with an eloquent address touching the observance of the 1st day of January as general emancipation day. The order of H. H. turned out in a fine procession with their brass band of sweet music."

Nolensville, Tenn., celebrated the day for the first time. The hearts of the mothers and fathers were made glad, and the young people got new aspirations. It will long be remembered. Rev. T. C. Harden and others made addresses.

F. C. Robinson, Pickens, Miss., says:

We celebrated Emancipation in an appropriate style. We had a good time. The most solemn part of the services was to hear the old people express their sentiments in regard to slavery. We had several addresses delivered. Our pastor, Rev. S. R. Gibson, delivered an address which touched principally on morals, and it would have been good for the whole Negro race to have heard it. I hope that the pen, press and the lips of all Christendom will unite in raising the standard of our people morally and intellectually.

In Okolona, Miss., the exercises were held in the M. E. Church. Judge C. Brown was the orator of the day. He pointedly reviewed the various stages and plans of the black American, citing instances from the Caucasians and Indians in throwing off the yoke of slavery. Hon. M. M. Carter responded to unanimous call in a powerful and magic speech. Rev. L. W. Washington addressed the audience in an interesting speech. The near approach of his leave for Oklahoma Territory, and the church losing its untiring pastor added new features to the occasion. Nice refreshments were served.

The celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of our emancipation took place at Durant, Miss. The program was so arranged as to consume the whole of the day in its execution. Mrs. E. S. Spriggs furnished us with music

and songs suited to the occasion. Prayer was offered by the venerable Carter Sproull, senior deacon of the Baptist Church. The Emancipation Proclamation was read by Mrs. Spriggs. Prof. R. W. Jackson delivered the opening, which was followed by an address by Rev. S. P. Martin, pastor of the Baptist Church. In the afternoon Prof. R. A. Simmons, of Richland, delivered an address. He was followed by Rev. H. Hislop. The closing features of the program were the literary exercises by the young folks. The occasion was perfectly grand. The people generally gained strength and encouragement from the meeting.

Rev. E. E. H. Morant, Franklin, La., says: "Emancipation day has come and gone. It will long be remembered and never forgotten. We did not carry out the program as issued, owing to circumstances over which we had no control. We were compelled to render only a part of it. We did not parade, 1, because it rained in the morning, and the roads were very muddy and sloppy; 2, because our people raised a big wind among themselves, and created quite a storm in a tea-pot, and made it appear that if Abe Lincoln's statue was paraded in the street, the white folks would all turn to sparks and devour us in short order. The result was, not one of the societies that were invited put in their appearance, nor any of the speakers, except a good number of our own people. We had a good time both in the evening and at night. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Allen Hamilton, Hon. B. W. Smith, Revs. A. J. Hal, Sam. Rogers, and E. E. H. Morant. The speakers acquitted themselves very well, and each received encore after encore. The good Lord was with us."

The Rev. Dr. McNeillough, of the Philadelphia Methodist, commenting upon our efforts to get the American people to appropriately celebrate Jan. 1, or National Emancipation Day, says: "Emancipation Day, Jan. 1, will be celebrated this year by our colored friends, both North and South, with greater eclat than ever before. The colored churches all over the land will be open, and with sermons, orations, music and thanksgiving they will commemorate the day of their deliverance from the most cruel bondage known to modern times. This is as it should be, and we trust that in the years to come Emancipation Day will continue to be observed by our African citizens with all the religious enthusiasm with which the Jews celebrated the Passover in the best days of their history."

Political Review.

Last week the Senate laid aside the Election bill and took up the finance bill. This was done by the aid of eight Western senators who favor free coinage of silver, combining with the Democrats. It was then feared that this action would kill the election bill, whereat there was great Democratic rejoicing. It is said, however, that the election bill will soon again be taken up and passed—the eight senators strongly favoring it, but they desire to secure votes for the silver bill by making sure of some doubtful Republican votes for the measure. It is promised that the bill shall pass.

Several State legislatures have organized this month. New Hampshire legislature elected a Republican governor, notwithstanding the peculiar make up of the body, and Democratic threats. The Republicans will also re-elect Senator Blair, much to the gratification of our people.

In several of the States combinations with Alliance members are being made in order for either party to elect candidates.

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Personal.

—Rev. G. W. Lacy, of Pine Bluff, Ark., is in trouble on account of the illness of his wife, who has been sick over a month and a half. This hinders his work of the closing year.

—We were pleased to have Mrs. and Rev. C. H. Brown, Rev. J. H. Cook, J. I. Garrett, J. C. Beaman, J. D. Knox, J. C. Honston, and L. J. S. Bell, of Yazoo City and circuit, to call on us last week when they passed through on their way to the Mississippi Conference at Moss Point.

—Mrs. M. A. Walker, formerly of Shreveport, La., and now of Honey Grove, Texas, is reported to be very sick. Bro. Nathan L. Walker, her husband is also quite sick. He is suffering with his eyes.

—A. J. Pickett was elected president; V. Joichim, secretary; and Phillip Gray, vice-president, Lutheran Society No. 2, for the year '91.

—Rev. D. C. Wilson, pastor at Gretna, met with a serious loss by fire, last Saturday night. Their house was burned while the family were away at church. The clothes they had on only were saved. The fire was an incendiary one, as a lot of oil had been emptied in the premises. Several adjacent houses were burned.

—Homer Eaton, D.D., of New York, one of the agents of the Book Concern, is attending the conference. He spent some time with the Mississippi Conference, and will go to Texas and visit conferences there.

—Rev. Wm. Henry, who came to this city to help organize our work with Bishop Newman, is in the city renewing old acquaintances and visiting the scenes of his arduous labors. He was one of the men who started the SOUTHWESTERN. We cordially welcome him to our jubilee, and rejoice to see him looking so well. Did our space this week permit, we would give some of his many interesting reminiscences; but we hope to have him write them up for us to be used in a future issue.

—C. H. Anderson, M.D., and wife, from Alburgh, Vt., en route to Winsted, called on Monday. They are on a prospecting tour, and will settle in this State if they find a place to suit them. We hope the fertile soil of the La Teche will induce them to remain, for such people add materially to our general good and prosperity.

—Several of our pastors from the country made pleasant calls on Monday.

—Rev. R. L. Crawford, pastor of St. Charles Avenue Church, is somewhat indisposed, and was not able to preach Sunday night. La Grippe is interfering with the work of a number of our city pastors.

Church Polity.

Q. Is it right to receive a person to full membership in our Church who has been divorced for less than a New Testament reason?

A. It is not right to receive a person to membership in our Church who is by the pastor and leaders and stewards believed to be voluntary living in a state of sin by reason of an unchristian divorce, but no question relating to divorce can be answered without more facts than this question communicates.

Q. Are any but members in full connection eligible to appointment as class-leaders in the Methodist Episcopal Church?

A. They are not. Not being members of the church, they can hold no office therein; though probationers might be employed under the direction of a pastor to do special service in the way of instructing others.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People: The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No. 115, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passen-

gers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Associations earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or, still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those moulders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the suit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing insult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation

anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.

N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

The names of all contributors will be published in the SOUTHWESTERN Christian Advocate, the Standard-Pelican and the Crusader, unless otherwise directed.

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Books and Current Literature.

The modern magazine may be taken as embodying the best literature of the world, as the magazine editor pays the highest prices to novelists, scientists, statesmen, soldiers, and even kings and princes, for the best they can furnish in the literary line. The well edited magazine becomes an educating influence in the family circle, whose importance cannot be overestimated. The children, as they grow up, are attracted by its illustrations, and so come in time to have a taste for reading. There is always something that is new, something that is interesting; and we consider that we are doing our readers a positive benefit if we are instrumental in placing such a publication within their reach. The special arrangement which we have made with the Cosmopolitan presents very unusual inducements. That magazine is already recognized as one of the most interesting publications of the day. It is seeking subscribers everywhere and obtaining them. The proprietors believe that the Cosmopolitan has only to be examined to secure a permanent subscriber. That is why we are enabled to make, if the offer is accepted before January next, such a very low rate, by which our readers can obtain the Cosmopolitan for little more than the cost of the journal alone. Just think of what the combination means! You obtain your own home journal at about the regular price, and have thrown in a magazine which gives you in a year, 1,637 pages of reading matter by the ablest writers of the world, including over 1,300 pages of illustrations that are unsurpassed in point of interest and execution. Will it not pay you to send a subscription to this office for the SOUTHWESTERN and the Cosmopolitan immediately? Remember, only \$3.00 for the two.

The author of The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life, Mrs. Hannah W. Smith, is a quaker lady formerly of Philadelphia but who has made London her home for several years past. Her remarkably little volume which has been translated and printed in a number of different foreign countries has been issued in Swedish and Norwegian, and is now being prepared in German by the publisher of the English edition, Fleming H. Revell, of New York and Chicago. The circulation in English has passed one hundred thousand and the little work has evidently become an accepted devotional classic.

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Schools and Colleges

Clark University Atlanta, Ga.

1891 is at hand—a time of memory to some, and a time of tears to others. But to Clark University it is a time of joy. Looking backward we rejoice over the great progress made in these sixteen years, and the scores of noble young men and women who have gone forth from this school to help bring the world to God.

As we look around us we rejoice over the many good things of today; and looking towards the coming centuries, our prospects are glorious.

The college year is nearly half gone, and we take pleasure in reporting to our friends some of the blessings that have come to us, and some of the factors of strength that have been added to us.

We have enrolled about 375 students. If we include the Gammon Seminary students, we have enrolled on these grounds, in all schools, about 440. This is a greater number than ever before at this season of the year.

These students come from fourteen different States, and a better class of young men and young women is not gathered in any school in the South.

With but few exceptions, good health, good order, and a disposition to study have pervaded our classes all the year. Our government has rules; but we put our students on their honor and self respect. Upon some things our government is firm and unyielding, but we always appeal to the students' sense of justice and responsibility. We think this the better way to build character. The departments of the school were never better organized, and surely never better controlled or better taught.

At the opening of the year our Aid Society set off to us a certain sum of money, and said: "Not another dollar this year." This was necessary on the part of the Society, but makes it a hardship on us.

In order to meet our demands we have had to use great frugality and tax every source of revenue. We are compelled to charge all students alike. Much as we desire to favor indigent students and children of our struggling preachers, yet we have not been able to do so except in a very limited degree. We will not have one dollar of student aid money this year. Our students help themselves. They will work out for their board on the farm, in shops and other wise this year not less than \$1,200. There is nothing too hard or too difficult but what willing hands can be found to do it. If any one doubts the earnest desire for an education by these boys and girls, let him come and see them at work and and the doubt will vanish.

PROTECTION.

This property has greatly needed better protection from trespassers and from fire. All these years we have been exposed to a lawless class who were constantly stealing off the grounds and destroying property, especially in the vacation. We kept three policemen

last summer, and yet the rowdies were so insolent at times that Prof. Crogman said he would not spend another summer on the grounds if we did not get better protection. A resolution passed the Executive Board at Cincinnati, and also the Board of Trustees of the University, appointing W. P. Thirkield, W. H. Crogman, and W. H. Hickman, to secure from the Georgia Legislature police privileges, so that our Trustees could have a police appointed to protect our property. This bill was taken before the Legislature and passed, so we can protect all this property as other colleges in the city are protected.

WATER SUPPLY.

For years we have been embarrassed for water. At times we could not get a bucket of water on the grounds, except in a distant well or spring. We have \$125,000 worth of property with no protection whatever from fire. We went to the city to know what it would cost to put in a water system fully equal to our demands. We were told it would cost \$5,000.

We took the matter into our own hands. The students opened the ditches. We hired a man to help us lay down the pipe. We now have a standard system with splendid pressure, bringing all the buildings under protection, at a cost of \$2,500. In a few days we will have 450 feet of hose, and a fire company organized out of students. We will then feel that we have done our duty.

ELECTRIC RAILROAD.

An Electric Street Railroad will be completed soon, which cuts off our south-east land about fifty acres. This road will add not less than \$100,000 to the value of our lands, and more than this if wisely handled.

OUR NEEDS.

1. We need three more houses for professors to live in. This is but a question of time till we must have them.

2. We need a machine shop. We now have a foundry and all other shops necessary to fit us for making engines and other work that makes skilled workmen and pays well. But we lack this one shop. We now have about seventy-five boys in the shops. Some of them would make very fine workmen if we had the range of work to take them through. The machine shop would give us this.

3. Our greatest need is a college building. We ought to have one large "Haven Memorial Hall" for these schools. We are now crowded for room.

If many of our boys were not going out to teach, we could not make room for half the young men that will come in the next thirty days. We take out ten class rooms and a Chapel from Christmas Hall, where every foot of room is needed for the boys' dormitory. Clark University is one of the best schools in the land. It is well founded, well organized and well started on a glorious future for Christian education and the brotherhood of all men. Who will help us?

Will not some one who reads these lines help us to secure some

one of these great needs? A Happy New Year to all. Yours very truly,
W. H. HICKMAN.

Founder's day was observed at Gammon Theological Seminary on Dec. 23rd. A helpful and inspiring address on "The Founder's Aim" was delivered by the Rev. H. N. Brown of the class of '86 now presiding elder of the Marion District Central Alabama Conference. Dr. Bennett of Garrett Biblical Institute was also present and followed with some strong and eloquent words on "The High Calling to the Ministry." Dr. Parks then read a large number of letters received from the Alumni bearing witness to their gratitude to the Seminary for the profound influence it had exercised upon their intellectual and spiritual life. About forty graduates from the three year's course have been sent forth, and their great influence for good is receiving grateful recognition in the various states and conferences where they now labor. Recent addresses have been delivered by Bishop Joyce and the Rev. Dr. Barrett of the Protestant Episcopal Church this city.

Gilbert Seminary and Agricultural College
—Report of the Visiting and Examining Committee.

The closing exercises of the fall term of this school at Winsted, Ga. Dec. 18, and 19, 1890, were very encouraging. The students satisfied us of the fact that they are making wonderful progress in their studies. The following classes were examined Thursday Dec. 18th. First year: Arithmetic, History, Primary Spelling, Civil Government, Reading. Second year: Algebra, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and Reading. Those were good classes which understood their studies well, the days work wound up with a grand concert at night. The Chapel was crowded with both white and colored to witness the occasion, which showed how highly the school is esteemed by those who are best acquainted with its management. After the concert, refreshments of the rarest kind were served. The following classes were examined on Friday. First division: Latin, Arithmetic, History, Grammar, and Geography. They showed a thorough knowledge of their studies so far as they had gone, especially the classes in Latin, History, and Grammar. This was a great day with the students at Gilbert College. The climax of these exercises was reached at night, which wound up with a temperance contest between eight of the students. The speeches delivered by the contestants would reflect credit upon any student or school in the country. As Mr. James Johnson, of New Iberia, was adjudged to have delivered the best speech the medal was awarded to him, after the concert everybody present participated in enjoying the refreshments the good ladies had on hand, which was served in grand style. Thus closes the satisfactory fall term of Gilbert Seminary and Agricultural College.

NOTES.

Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., president, is deeply seated in the hearts of everybody, who declare his presence as president of the school indispensable.

Miss Inez A. Godman, has the superintendence of the temperance work. She is giving king alcohol a bold fight, and from present indications she will roll up quite an army for temperance. She is the second Miss Willard.

Miss M. L. Kirchner, the music teacher, is second to none in the South.

Prof. J. E. L. Hoskins, J. O. Richards, Miss Williams, and Azelia Richard, are the colored teachers who are acceptable with the students, as they are efficient instructors.

Prof. Countryman, of New York, is a very competent instructor in the languages, and is beloved by the whole school.

Committee: E. B. Richard, J. A. Vincent, A. Gray, W. B. Anderson, Secretary.

Marriages.

Mr. Henry Hall to Miss Henrietta G. Moore. W. R. Butler officiating. God bless the happy couple.

Dec. 24, at the home of the bride, Anderson, Tex., Miss Nellie Kingsberry to Mr. Pet Bolton.

Dec. 31, Mr. John Pharm to Miss Rebecca Garee, at their home in Anderson, Tex.

I. Janet, P. C.

At Aberdeen, Miss., Mr. Abe Gibbs to Miss Bessie Dunkins, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pat. Rev. J. W. Parks, P. C., officiated.

Mr. L. D. Franks and Miss P. Walker, Dec. 4.

Mr. Nelson Watson to Miss Mary Johnson, Dec. 31.

Mr. W. Daniel to Miss Annie Funches, Dec. 25.

Mr. Jerry Wells to Miss Melinda Harold, January 1.

Georgetown, Miss. Rev. C. H. Brown officiated.

Mr. Albert Michel to Miss Dollie Middleton, Oct. 16, at the bride's father's house, in Manor, Tex.

Mr. Bill Johnson to Miss Eliza Butler, at the bride's father's house, in Manor, Oct. 26.

Mr. Jasper Jones to Mrs. Mary Williams Morrow, at St. Paul in Little, December 24.

R. H. Pantton, P. C.

Jacksonville, Tex.—Dec. 25, William Overstreet to Miss Molly Thomson.

Rev. Carey Davenport officiated.

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Obituary.

Tate Prairie, Tex.—Sister Esther R. Collins, superintendent of St. Peter's Chapel, departed this life Oct. 9. Her death was sudden, but our loss is her gain. Sister Collins was born Sept. 25, 1865, and was converted Oct. 18, 1880. Ever since that time Sister Esther has been working for the Lord in day and Sunday school. She was married Dec. 25, 1889. She leaves a husband, a host of relatives and many friends to mourn her loss. Sunday school committee: L. Franklin, H. Burke, M. Patterson.

Alexandria, Tenn.—Bro. Richard Woods, a member of Richmond M. E. Church, Mt. Zion circuit, departed this life Nov. 13, aged 74 years. He had been a member of the church 40 years. Rev. A. Phillips, P. E., and Rev. M. Williams, P. C., of Alexandria; Rev. W. M. Goodner, of Sney and Leeville circuit, participated in the funeral.

Thomas Belcher, P. C.

Sneyr Murphree died January 3, aged 18. She joined the M. E. Church in 1890 and was a good member. She leaves a husband and many friends to mourn.

Blountsville, Ala. Rev. G. W. Rievers, P. C.

Sister Minnie G. Wall fell asleep in Jesus Jan. 6. She was converted in August, 1889, under the pastorate of S. D. Troup, joined the M. E. Church and lived a faithful member, being always at her post. She was sick about 7 months. Her pastor asked her the evening before she died if she was trusting in God, and she said, "Oh, yes, He is too powerful not to trust in Him." She leaves a mother, father, brother, sister and one little boy to mourn her loss.

Batesville, Miss. S. D. Troup, P. C. Helm, Miss—The son of Mr. James Mack and Sister Mack were killed by a steam engine Dec. 31.

L. W. Mosley.

Aberdeen, Miss.—Sister Rose Anderson died after 15 months illness. She leaves a husband and five children.

Darrowville, La.—On the 30th of December, 1890, Brother James Washington died, aged about 24 years. He suffered for one month and six days, from an injury he received at the Hermitage sugar house. He leaves a mother, wife, one child, sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn after him. He was buried in the Darrowville Cemetery December 31, by the pastor, assisted by Rev. B. J. Reddix, of Lafayette.

E. H. Clark, P. C.

Grandmother Phillie Chitmon, of Talladega, Ala., was born on Christmas evening, 1772, and died January 5, 1891. She lived to be a hundred years old before she professed to know Christ in the pardon of her sins. She lived a faithful member of the M. E. Church, and just before she died she said she was waiting on the good Lord. She would say, "O praise the Lord, praise the Lord." Her age was 119 years.

Sister Silvia Isaiah, mother of Bro. Derry Isaiah, departed this life Dec. 29. She was burned very bad about a week before, which was the cause of her death. She died as she lived, a consistent christian. She was 102 years old. She leaves one son, ten grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Burial services were conducted by the writer.

L. C. McClendon.

Sister Molly Haynes, wife of Bro. Silas Haynes, a class leader, died Dec. 25. She was a consistent member of the

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Church for 25 years. She leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—P. R. Woodson.

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Books and Current Literature.

World-wide Missions.

The Board of Managers appointed the Secretaries and Treasurer S. Hunt a committee to consider the advisability of raising the club rate price of World-wide missions from ten cents a year to fifteen cents a year. After a careful examination of expenses and receipts for the last two years, it was unanimously decided by the committee that the advance must be made. From Jan. 1 this new rate takes effect. They are now 100,000 subscribers, which of course, will be allowed to run at the old rate till they expire.

Two pages of reading matter will be added, and the paper will be kept up to its present grade as to illustrations and typographical appearance.

Sixty days of grace will be given on all new subscriptions. If at the close of that time a subscription is not paid it will be suspended until it is paid. This regulation is absolutely necessary to prevent embarrassing debt. It will be strictly enforced without respect of persons. Now let us all go in to make World-wide Missions the most widely circulated and thoroughly self supporting Missionary periodical in the world.

Missionary Secretaries.

Among greetings for the New Year the heartiest and happiest come from the January number of the Ladies Home Journal. Oliver Wendell Holmes, George William Curtis, James Whitcomb Riley, George W. Childs, and Will Carleton join with Henry M. Stanley, John W. Wainwright, Rutherford B. Hayes, Joseph Jefferson, Lawrence Barrett, Dr. Talmage, Bishop Newman and many other well known men, to weave for the women of America a garland of good wishes for 1891. It is a perfect treasury of kindly words and bright thoughts, and every woman should read what these great men wish for her. If this number is a fair index the present volume of the Journal will be an especially rich one. Besides a clever series of portraits and articles—Unknown Wives of Well-known men—is begun with Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, who is certainly a remarkably pretty woman. Issued at one dollar a year by the Curtis Publishing Company, 435 Arch street, Philadelphia.

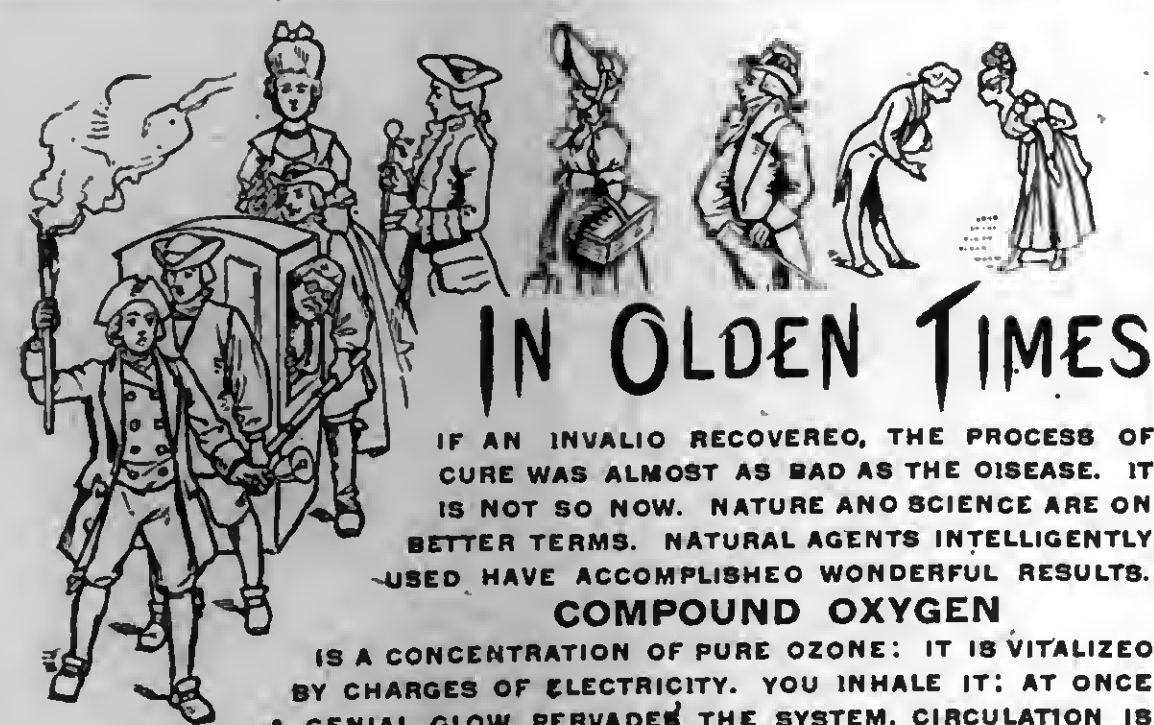
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Sister Rose Gertrude, the young woman about whose work among the lepers of Molokai so much has been written, has been induced to reply to the charges made against her for renouncing her work. Her article, the first from her pen, is to be published in the Ladies Home Journal for February, and will contain a full explanation of what she has accomplished among the lepers, and why she was obliged to forsake her work.



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What matter, though you scarce can
count
Your piles of golden ore,
While he can hardly strive to keep
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Of willing hands and honest hearts
Alone should men be proud:
Then give him all the room he needs,
And never try to crowd.

Don't crowd, proud miss! Your dainty
silk
Will glisten none the less
Because it comes in contact with
A beggar's tattered dress.
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Don't crowd the good from out your heart
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Give each his right, give each his room,
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—Alice Cary.

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3. If unable, for any cause, to send a note, at least try to send some intelligent messenger who can write out the call in full on the doctor's slate.

4. In case of poisoning be sure to send word, if known, what poison has been taken, as the doctor may then be able to bring with him an antidote in time to save life.

5. When the doctor comes let some one person who is familiar with the case give him the details with regard to it; too many informants create confusion.

6. Do not discuss the case before the patient.

7. Have a pencil and slip of paper, and write down at once the instructions received.

8. Try to be exactly accurate in statements.

9. Do not have children or dogs in the sick room during the doctor's visit, as the children and dogs will divert his attention.

10. Carry out faithfully and exactly the orders given by the medical man.

11. "Trust me not at all or all in all," should be the doctor's motto.

12. When consulting a medical man in his own house do so during his office hours. Do not go just at the time he takes his meals.

13. Finish the professional interview with him in his consulting room, and do not continue detailing symptoms in the hall when being shown out.

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One of the most imposing and agreeable results of the election was that in Pennsylvania. But it was in no sense whatever a Democratic victory; and Pennsylvania, having overthrown Quay, will vote for the protection candidate in 1892 more willingly than ever. In Massachusetts some of the Democratic majorities or pluralities were very small, and the election of a Democratic representative in the Eleventh District of that State was due not to a change of opinion, but to a Republican bolting candidate, who bolted on no political difference, but to revenge his failure to receive the regular nomination. Such facts as these point to the conclusion that the result was largely due to Republican disgust—the dissatisfaction of many voters who will yet greatly prefer to vote for a Republican candidate in 1892. It would be a stupendous blunder for tariff reformers to suppose that their victory in 1892 is already won. The victory will depend upon the candidate and upon Democratic conduct in the mean time.—*Harper's Weekly.*

If the white and colored people would learn more of each other, and have more to do with each other in business transactions and other ways different to that which is mostly practiced in many places, there would arise a much better understanding and respect for each other. The two races are kept too far apart. They should strive to cultivate a closer mutual relation. As the Negro is given to reading all the literature produced by the whites, the whites should make it a specialty to read all the journals and other literary productions of the Negro, and they would soon learn that the Afro-Americans are striving earnestly to obtain all those things which tend to make a race strong in intellect, morals, wealth and religion.—*Christian Index.*

Hurried results are worse than none. We must force nothing, but be partakers of the divine patience. If there is one thing evident in the world's history, it is that God hasteneth not. All haste implies weakness. Time is as cheap as space and matter.—*George Macdonald.*

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FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON III. God's Care of Elijah. 1. Kings 17. 1-16. Commit to memory verses 2-5. Jan. 18, 1891. 910-917, B. C.

HOME READINGS.

M. 1 Kings, 17. 1-7. Th. 1 Kings 17. 8-16. W. 1. Kings 16. 29-34. Th. Psa. 23. F. Matt. 6. 25-34. S. Jas. 5. 13-20. S. Psa. 34. 1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Psa. 34. 10.

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

O for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe;
That will not tremble on the brink,
Of any earthly woe!

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear;
In darkness feels no doubt.

Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whatever may come,
We'll wait, e'en the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

Time.—B. C. 910-917.

Places.—Samaria: the brook Cherith, probably flowing eastward into the Jordan; Zarephath, a Gentile town near Sidon.

Rulers.—1. Ahab, son of Omri, king of Israel; 2. Asa, king of Judah; 3. Ethbaal, father of Jezebel, king of Sidonians.

Connecting Links.—Sixty years have passed since our last lesson. During that time the king of Judah, after a troubled reign, had died, and been succeeded by Abijah, who sought in vain to conquer the seceding tribes, and at his death was succeeded by Asa. Asa was the first really able king of Judah since the early days of Solomon. In the main he was a very good man. Meanwhile the Israelitish kingdom had had a stormy history. Jeroboam had to fight continually to maintain his throne. His wicked son, Nadab, was deposed by a usurper named Baasha, who had risen from the ranks. Baasha destroyed all Jeroboam's descendants. When he died his son Elah was killed by Zimri, one of his generals, and Zimri was killed seven days later by Omri, another of Elah's generals. Omri was a vigilant and powerful monarch, and established his family well on the throne. Ahab, who figures in the present lesson, was his son.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Before the king, v. 1. What king is here referred to? Who appeared before him? To what country did Elijah belong? What message did he bear to the king? On account of what sin had God threatened to withhold rain? see Dent. 11. 10, 17.

2. By the Brook, v. 2-7.

From whom did Elijah receive a messenger?

Where was he told to go?

What was said about his food and drink?

What did the prophet do?

What service did the ravens render?

Who feeds the ravens? Luke 12, 24.

Who, then, really fed Elijah?

What happened after a while to the brook? Why?

3. In the City, v. 8-16.

Where next was Elijah told to go?

Who would there provide for him?

Whom did he meet near the city?

What request did he make of her?

As she went, what did he further ask?

What did the woman say about her supply?

What was Elijah's answer?

What promise did he give her?

What, then, did the woman do?

When did the meal and oil fail?

What sure promise of supply have we? (Golden Text.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. To fear God?

2. To obey God?

3. To trust God?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BEGINNERS.

Find other causes in the Old Testament where beasts or birds were used by God as a means of blessings to his servants.

Find another case in which a servant of God met a woman near a city gate, and asked for a drink of water.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What did Elijah tell Ahab?

2. What fed Elijah when he hid from Ahab? Ravens.

3. Where did God send him when the brook dried up? To Zarephath.

4. Whom had God commanded to sustain him? A widow woman.

5. What was her entire wealth? A handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse.

6. What wonderful things did God cause? The meal wasted not, and the oil did not fail.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—The providence of God.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

7. How long has God existed? God is eternal; he has lived always, and will live forever.

8. What is the character of God? "God is love." 1 John 4. 8.

9. Is God holy? God is holy; he hateth all workers of iniquity. Psa. 5. 5.

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Rev. C. K. Marshall, D.D., one of the most eloquent and best known ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died at his home in Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 13. Dr. Marshall was one of the grandest men in his church, and a devoted and faithful friend of the colored people. Southern man as he was, he never failed to defend them against the venomous slanders of their enemies, and the race remembers him with gratitude.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sight-Seeing.—VII.

L. M. HAGOOD.

We fear our limits have already been exceeded and we simply mention the fact that the Three Sister Islands are a triad of beauty, situated only a four minutes walk from the point where we just left. These are connected to Goat Island by three beautiful and substantial foot bridges. As you come upon the first bridge a magnificent scene is before you. Directly north in front of you is Niagara river coming towards you. As far as your eyes can reach you see shallow steps, terraces rather higher and higher over which the rapidly flowing steamer is passing. Here the water is clear as crystal. A few paces farther it is milky white. Just beyond this it is a pea green. A little farther on it is a dark green until at last there breaks into view a deep blue sea as it appears. East you come to each of the Three Islands a bridge between each—every beach tree, and as high up and low down as one can go, is cut full of peoples names and the dates they were there. When you reach the third one you see the main body of water flowing towards the Falls proper. Leaving the Whirl Pool Rapids for the last, we arrive at

THE RAILWAY SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

This is one of the noblest and most stupendous structures extant combining symmetrical strength, artistic beauty and durability in one and the same thing. The cables holding it aggregate in strength 13,400 tons, while it weighs 800 tons and the spans measure from center to center of the towers nearly nine hundred feet. It forms communication between the United States and Canada, over which runs the Grand Trunk and Erie R. R. It was projected in 1852. The road for vehicles is twenty-eight feet below the car track. There is another bridge, *The Cantilever*, built by the M. C. R. R., to connect it with the N. Y. C. It is built upon a new principle hence its name. There are but two others of this kind, the one over the Frith of Froth Scotland, The Lay Bridge, and another built by the Canadian Pacific R. R., over the Frazier river in British Columbia. From the tower foundations up it is solid steel, and the vibrations felt when passing over other bridges is absent on this. Its total length is 910 feet, and the aggregate weight resting upon steel columns is 1,600 tons. While crossing this bridge you have a full fair view of the Falls, the Niagara river and the Whirl Pool Rapids.

The New Suspension Bridge, Bath Island, Terrapin Tower, Table Rock, Lundy's Lane Battle ground, The Devil's Hole, Top of Mountain, and Indian Village are all worthy of note if we had space, time and ability to attempt a description and those who have not seen them had patience to follow, but we must not impose upon good nature. We saw Niagara Falls by moonlight. What more can we say, for the scene beggars description. You simply stand there dumbfounded, awe-stricken, pleased, electrified, dazed. You see so much beauty and glory you find yourself starting to laugh, but tears come rushing to your eyes; you feel solemn, good all over, until there swells into your mouth the words of Mrs. Sigourney:

"Flow on forever, in thy glorious robe
Of terror and of beauty—yea, flow on,
Unfathomed and resistless; God hath set

His rainbow on thy forehead, and the clouds
Mantled around thy feet; and He doth give

Thy voice of thunder power to speak of Him

Eternally, bidding the lip of man
Keep silence, and upon thine altar pour
Incense of awe-struck praise.

"Earth fears to lift
The insect triumph that tells her trifling joys,
Or fleeing triumphs, amid the peal sublime
Of thy tremendous hymn.
But as for us, it seems
Scarce lawful with our erring lips to talk
Familiarly of thee; methinks, to trace
Thine awful features with our pencil's paint,
Were but to press on Sinai.

"Thou dost speak,
Slave of God, who poured thee as a drop
From His right hand—bidding the soul that looks
Upon thy fearful majesty be still,
Be humbly wrapped in its own nothingness,
And lose itself in Him."

While thus soliloquizing the sound of the bell informed us that the hour for closing the gates of Prospect Park had arrived. With nearly 2000 others we reluctantly turned toward our boarding and lodging places. As the crowd pushed forward everybody was trying to tell everybody else how grand the scene, how awe-inspiring and how the scene would ever linger with them. With our mouth filled with laughter, our heart with joy, we trudged along, being jostled by first one and another, until Mr. Smith came up and said: "Did you see it? How did you like it? Grand, wasn't it?" Of course we said yes. "Well, now, I'll tell you I like this; I mean everything I see. I'm stopping at the finest house here, the Cataract, and my folks were a little abashed when we went into the dining room and were set down next to a black man. My wife colored considerably and my granddaughter whispered to me and said 'there's a nigger over there at this table.' Of course I was shocked to hear her say this, because I knew it was heard by the head waiter, a fine-looking white man, who happened to be near us. I told her by a frown and whisper to hush. As we came out the door the office clerk said he would like to speak to me privately."

Texas Conference.

This body met in Navasota, on Thursday last, with Bishop Foss presiding. The session was pretty fully attended, and on the whole very harmonious.

On Thursday night, Dr. Whitaker, president of Wily University at Marshall, spoke on behalf of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and at the close of the morning session next day, presented the claims and the prospects of the University.

On Friday night was held the anniversary of the Church Extension Society, at which Dr. Homer Eaton, of the Book Concern, was the principal speaker.

The case of Rev. Harbert, who shot at Minnegan, was tried on Saturday by a select committee. At this writing their report has not been made public, but it is understood that it finds Harbert guilty, and his removal from the church and ministry will doubtless have been effected before this reaches our readers.

Bishop Foss is winning golden opinions and getting a warm place in the hearts of this people for the many good qualities displayed in his administration.

The early hour at which we go to press precludes publishing the list of appointments, and many other matters of interest this week.

AMEN means, So let it be. Many people don't seem to know that, if we are to judge from their ejaculations of amens, when they should cry out God forbid. Pat in your amens at the proper place.

Louisiana Conference Notes.

The Conference voted against the admission of women to the General Conference by a vote of 31 for, and 82 against.

The proposition from the Philadelphia Conference, providing that the lay and ministerial delegates in the General Conference shall always deliberate and vote as one body and never separate, was rejected by a vote of 1 to 87. The one providing for equal representation of laymen and ministers, from the same conference, was also rejected by a vote of 1 to 87.

The vote of the laity on the question of the admission of women in the General Conference was reported. The majority were against their admission.

The presence and addresses of the following visitors to the Louisiana Conference added much enthusiasm and interest to the session: Mrs. Bishop Newman, Sister Amanda Smith, Revs. Homer Eaton, D.D., Book Agent at New York; W. H. W. Rees, Presiding Elder of Des Moines District, Des Moines Conference; C. L. Nye, of the same conference; and W. M. Henry, one of the original organizers of this conference.

The special services during the week, and the services of the Sabbath, including Bishop Newman's great sermon at Simpson Chapel, and the ordination of deacons and elders at Wesley Chapel, and the temperance meeting, by Mrs. Bishop Newman and Sister Amanda Smith, at St. Charles Avenue Church, were seasons of great demonstrations of spiritual power.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Rights Divine of Women.

BY ADA HINTON SHERMAN.

In this progressive age, and in this the "Woman's country," it would seem that the subject of woman and her rights had been clearly and conclusively defined. And so it has, by eminent scholars of both sexes, who have written and lectured upon the subject until it is worn almost threadbare; and yet, the earnest, thoughtful observer of passing events cannot but note with serious regret the growing tendency of women to disintegrate from the particular realm of activity which by divine right is exclusively hers. When the agitation first arose as to the ability of women to take the initiative in the domain of business, and government, a hue and cry went up against the monstrous innovation. To-day she stands upon the same plane with man by universal admission in her mental capacity, and ability, to direct and control the administration of affairs. Yet it is strange that her entire lack of adaptability should be so lost sight of. In the mad race for positions in the arena of business, in the new lines of study necessary to fit her for office work, a large majority of women have lost their relish for the duties and cares of domestic life. Ambition for social prominence which compels the accumulation of money, has taken the place of ambition for the highest and best in mental and moral training which cannot be obtained outside the sweet realm of home life. The home and the office can no more mix than can oil and water, say who will to the contrary. It was not so intended to do. In the beginning the two spheres of activity was clearly marked by the Creator in the physical and mental build of our primeval parents. All through the succeeding ages to the present glorious epoch the peculiar subtle

beauty of woman's own realm has been finely and perfectly drawn. Influence, ministrations, obedience. Each so full, so complete in every detail, that if either party reach beyond it, they mar the beauty of the whole. For a woman to forsake, (as a matter of preference) the domestic sphere, for the friction and publicity of business life, is to learn to alienate the shaping and moulding of the young life at home. For a mother to renounce for any reason the personal direction of her daughter's inward as well as outward life, is to rear a class of women of whom it will be impossible to expect a race of heroes. Heroes is what we need most impractically just now. Moral heroes, to do, and dare. The effeminacy of the age so often deplored, through the press, and the platform, is not so much the outcome of luxury, as it is the result of the disintegration of woman's activity and interest to other channels than those which God gave her, and for which she is divinely adapted. From the sacred altar fires at home, some of the live coals of truth and love, spread by the ministering hands of the divinely appointed priestess into the widening circles of society, and permeating the broad paths which charity traverses in her mission to the sinful and the sorrowing. Within

the home, be it palace or cottage the sweet duties of wife and mother; without the sacred mission of a ministering angel. With all these divinely appointed duties there are rights which are their natural outcome, on which the soul of woman depends and in which her natural confidence reposes. The utter disregard of these rights, (which it is unnecessary to give in detail) with the painful contingencies they reap about the obedience which should spring from love, the sacrifice of her holiest feelings to the requirements of a self-imposed rotine, repress the natural abandonment to loves fruition, and crowd into ugly, narrow groves the spontaneity of happy freedom. This ugly blemish of social realm necessitates the existence of societies for the advancement of "social purity," and the erection of "Magdalene Retreats." But this blot upon the sacred shield of modern manhood must be removed by the aid of deeper forces than these. They must be constrained by the strength of countervailing influences to retreat to the shades from whence they emanate. This however can be accomplished only through the purifying, elevating, enabling influence coming from within the sacred precincts of home. The springs of action in society, should flow from the domestic hearth stone. Its tenets must be grounded on the united strength of a sanctified marriage. Our sons must be brought to realize that pure womanhood requires pure manhood. Our daughters he trained to remember that the vanities and pleasant nothings of social life are merely accessories and side-issues, and not the end and aim of a woman's existence. Mothers must not forget that to offer their girls in marriage to a "rogue" be he young or old, for the sake of an establishment and heavy bank account, is to sacrifice the sweet womanly life upon an altar whose fires are slow death to all the womanly nature. The mistakes and harangues of modern society which are the subject of so much genuine regret on the part of the good and true are not the results of outside elements dragged in for diversion and pastime, so much as they are the outgrowth of the mistakes and neglects, pervading the modern home. The atmosphere of the modern American home is heavy with the ambition for wealth and

position. Emulation to excel, kills the desire to cultivate those attributes which in their very possession make themselves felt. In the West where the national pulse is quickened into activity by the pressing needs of the hour, the race for supremacy is felt in every avenue of life. Families take root in the new springing life of the West, and in the pushing, aggressive atmosphere, forget and wholly neglect the solid principles which dwell in the ancestral home. And so the present race of boys and girls are not brought up by the principles of a well ordered home, but just "grow up," as did Topsy, "like weeds." False sentiment turns the gaze of truth from the observance of any false life, and the mantle which charity throws over the subject is glittering with the golden threads drawn from his heavy coffers. A noted writer has said that a woman's intuitive perceptions if obeyed would be her surest safe-guard against wrong to her womanly birthright. Let candid American womanhood reflect, and then say if this be not true. If mothers be true to the sacred duty of moulding the moral bent of the rising generation, the abuses of society would correct themselves. It is perfectly useless to throw stones at glass houses, when we set our sons and daughters within them.

We frequently hear the remark, "when Tennyson is gone who is to take his place? When Booth has crossed the river, who will fill the place left vacant in that line of art? When Patti's voice is hushed who will warble as sweetly as she? This the question, this the feeling suggested, and by what? The universal recognition that in the world of American life, something is found wanting. And this want I dare to assert will never be supplied by granting the right of the ballot to women, or by turning her influence, directly into the arena of business but through her acceptance, and undivided consecration to her divine mission instituted and marked out by her Creator, and obligations belonging thereto. Make the home what it should be, and its true gold will illumine the wider sphere of fashionable social life. Purify the domestic atmosphere from the dress of superficiality, false sentiment, and ignoble aims, enrich it with the strength and dignity of noble resolves, patient persevering effort to have, and to hold the true and the best in life, let ambition have for its aim the attainment of the highest intellectuality, morally and physically, then in American homes heroism will again see the light. Turn the thoughtlessness, the natural impatience at any restraint the entire desire for serious reflection, which is so pronounced a characteristic of our national spirit, turn all this into broader, deeper, more generous channels, and the farces of healthful home life will tone and strengthen the calibre of distinctive American character. To attain and bring about all this is the right divine of our modern American womanhood.

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The second "In," stands for *Infant training for God*. "Train up a child in the way they should go."

The little children of Africa are not heathens. Heathenism is a thing acquired. Why not have the little children of Africa, as fast and as far as possible, acquire the knowledge of God and salvation instead of heathenism? This "once of prevention" is worth more than a hundred pounds of cure down in the horrible pit of heathenism.

The third "In," stands for *Indigenous resources of Africa*. In India and China there are hundreds of millions of poor people, who, owing to high rents and heavy taxation, are doomed to perpetual semi-starvation. To send them the gospel and support their missionaries from home is the grandest charity in the world. But the land laws of Africa are so liberal, that if we can graduate from our mission a hundred million of young men and women, we can have every pair of them settled in a house of their own, with all the land they choose to cultivate.

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Our missions with their industries will furnish the object lesson models for millions of happy native homes. The people owning them will build their own schools and churches and support their teachers and preachers.

The British and European nations are anxious for the development of Africa's indigenous resources. Who are to do it? If we wait for a tide of European nations to dark Africa we shall indefinitely postpone the business. The heathen in their darkness, beyond the gathering of the wild products of Africa, as in the past, won't do it. Where are we to find the mind and muscle adequate to the demands of the case?

Why not look into the scheme, and augment its capital, and see if we can't find a short and sure cut, by training generations of the little children in the way they should go? Above all, I specially make this appeal to the philanthropists of my own nation. America has no land grab plan in her motives in coming to the rescue of the nations of Africa. My method of advance into the interior is by chains of mission stations, starting from the coast.

My chain in Angola comprises seven self-supporting stations, extending through that province over three hundred miles; and one station nearly a thousand miles beyond, in Basholange country, founded by Dr. Summers, one of my missionaries. Our dear Doctor after two years of faithful service there, sickened and died.

My friend, "Lient" now Major Weissmann, had previously informed the people of those far off regions that Bishop Taylor was coming to give them "God-men," who would teach them the right way. They became so excited by the effect of the good news, that, I learned from an eye-witness, large numbers of them threw their war clubs into the river, and waited for

the coming of the God-man. I was at that very time on my way, and soon after arrived at Stanley Pool with eight missionaries, six of whom were bound for Basholange and Basoige countries by the first boat going up the Kassai river; but to this day they have not found it possible to get a passage above Stanley Pool. There are now about fifteen trading and Government steamers, and three mission steamers, on the upper Congo, but all of them are used by their owners for their own purposes, and none of them for public passenger accommodation. So that, I and my missionaries have learned from sad experiences of disappointments and delays, that to succeed on this line we must have independent and complete transport facilities of our own, same as the other missions, and the trading companies of the upper Congo.

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We are now getting estimates from a London firm, which have built five of the upper Congo steamers, for a side wheel boat of galvanized steel, ten feet beam, and sixty feet long. The total cost, afloat on Stanley Pool, will be eleven thousand dollars.

All the materials should be carried to Stanley Pool before the beginning of the rainy season, in November. The London builders should have her in hand in March next. We can't go in debt, nor build, till we have the money to pay as we go. I depend on God and his faithful stewards to send in the free will offerings required. Remit any amount "for steamer" to my son, Rev. Ross Taylor, Evanston, Ill. All our funds are now deposited with the Merchant's Loan and Trust Company, one of the strongest banks in the north-west.

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For either purpose, general or special, funds may be sent to our papers, who will kindly acknowledge receipts in their columns, and remit to my son.

Up to this date I have mentioned this steamer negotiation to but one man outside the circle of the contracting parties, and that man was my host—Mr. George Fowler. His short speech was in these words: "I will give you, for the new steamer £500 (twenty four hundred and twenty five dollars). Who will speak next?"

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General Church News.

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The ringleaders of the disturbance, which has alarmed the whole Northwest, covered the scene upon their essays of civilization, robbed many of them of their hard-earned possessions and exposed them to personal peril, should not be left at liberty hereafter to repeat the baneful operation. Had several Indians, whom we could name, been consigned to Fort Marion or Fortress Monroe, shortly after the Ouster affair, we should not have the present complication to untangle. In dealing with these evil doers, let there be no mere revenge, much less indiscriminate revenge.

Years ago indiscriminate punishment might be apologized for on the ground that the Indians were not individually well enough known to make discrimination possible, and there was therefore no recourse in military operations but to make a general seizure of all Indian ponies and guns and to otherwise treat the Indians, innocent or guilty, all alike. The names of all Indians are down on agency lists. Indians are known individually to teachers, missionaries and agents. Discrimination is therefore quite practicable. It will be an event in Indian life of vast and far reaching influence for good if, after this outbreak, the Indians discover that the power which bears the sword will do it "for the punishment of evil-doers and for the praise of them that do well. Let good sense and Christian charity arrest the tendency which this outbreak of wild passion will naturally have to dampen interest in Indian missionary and educational work, and to produce the feeling that such work has been vain. It is surely a fact of vast import that, as is said elsewhere; "Settlers have fled, not so much because of real danger as because of their fears, and while they have been fleeing, lone white women teachers in Indian camps have been pursuing their work without molestation and without alarm."

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conferences, 1891.

(Chronological.)
Conferences in the United States.

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Mississippi.....	Moos Pt. Miss.	Jan. 7.	Newman
Louisiana.....	N. O., La.	" 14.	"
Indian Miss. Conf. Office, O.	"	" 15.	Bowman
Georgia.....	Demorest, Ga.	" 15.	Andrews
St. John's Riv. Lawry, Fla.	"	" 15.	Warren
Texas.....	Navasota, Texas	" 15.	Foss
Alabama.....	Edwardsville, Ala.	" 22.	Andrews
Florida.....	Gainesville, Fla.	" 22.	Warren
Arkansas.....	Waco, Tex.	" 22.	Foss
Little Rock, Tex.	Ark.	" 22.	Newman
Central Alabama, Marion, Ala.	"	" 22.	Andrews
Savannah, Ga.	"	" 22.	Warren
Southern Georgia, Waco, Tex.	"	" 22.	Foss
Upper Miss. Holly Springs, Miss.	Feb. 5.	" 22.	Andrews
West Texas, Waco, Tex.	"	" 22.	Warren
Virginia.....	Homestead, W. Va.	" 25.	Joyce
Kansas, Washington, Kan.	Mar. 4.	" 25.	Merrill
Philadelphia, Pa.	"	" 25.	Fowler
Bismarck, N. D.	"	" 25.	Merrill
Baltimore, Washington, D. C.	"	" 25.	Joyce
South Kansas, Grand, Kan.	"	" 25.	Joyce
Central Pa., Sunbury, Pa.	"	" 25.	Joyce
Central Miss., York, Miss.	"	" 25.	Joyce
West Kansas, Newton, Kan.	"	" 25.	Merrill
St. Louis, Springfield, Mo.	"	" 25.	Merrill
New Jersey, Trenton, N. J.	"	" 25.	Merrill
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.	"	" 25.	Merrill
Winnington, Centreville, Md.	"	" 25.	Fowler
N. W. Kansas, Norton, Kansas	"	" 25.	Merrill
Wyoming.....	Waverly, N. Y.	April 1.	Bowman
East German, Baltimore, Md.	"	" 1.	Hurst
Delaware, Cambridge, Md.	"	" 1.	Hurst
New York.....	Hudson, N. Y.	" 1.	Malcolm
North Indians, Huntington, Ind.	"	" 1.	Joyce
New York East, Patuxent, L. I.	"	" 1.	Goodell
New England, Lynn, Mass.	"	" 1.	Goodell
Newark, New Jersey, N. J.	"	" 1.	Malcolm
New England, South London, Conn.	"	" 1.	Bowman
N. New York, Watertown, N. Y.	"	" 1.	Hurst
New Hampshire, New York, N. Y.	"	" 1.	Hurst
Troy, Troy, N. Y.	"	" 22.	Hurst
Maine.....	Brunswick, Me.	" 22.	Goodell
Vermont.....	Northfield, Vt.	" 22.	Goodell
East Maine.....	"	" 22.	Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Bengal.....	Jalpaipur, India.....	" 13.	Thoburn
Mexico.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	" 15.	Nimds
South India, Bangalore, India.....	" 20.	Thoburn	
Foochow.....	Foochow, India.....	Mar. 4.	Foster
Malayan Miss., Singapore.....	" 4.	Foster	
Gen. China Miss. Nanking, China.....	Apr. 15.	Foster	
Bulgaria Miss. Rusechuk, Bulgaria.....	" 22.	Walden	
Italy.....	Florence, Italy.....	" 22.	Walden
W. China Miss. Chum King, China.....	June 3.	"	
Korea Miss.....	Seoul, Korea.....	June 10.	Foster
Switzerland.....	Zurich, Switzerland.....	" 14.	Walden
Germany.....	Hullhorn, Ger.....	" 17.	Walden
Denmark Miss. Veile, Denmark.....	July 1.	Walden	
Japan.....	Tokio, Japan.....	" 8.	Foster
Norway.....	Bergen, Norway.....	" 15.	Walden
Sweden.....	Uppsala, Sweden.....	" 22.	Walden

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OWING to the crowded state of our columns this week, we are unable to give the proceedings of the Louisiana Conference, but will do so next week. The Conference, which was one of the best ever held, closed last Monday.

WHY do you turn the doxology into an overcoat service? The sacrilegious custom of putting on overcoats while singing the doxology should be forever banished from our churches. A good place to begin to reform this is with the ministers at conference. Shame on the man that does it.

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AMONG the many orders for the House of Bondage, received last week, was one from the widow of Dr. Wm. M. Daily, for several years one of the greatest giants in the establishment of Methodism in this State, during the dark days of reconstruction and immediately after. Mrs. Dr. Daily is now living at Kirkwood, Mo., and is as much interested in the welfare of our people as ever.

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The Great Quarter Jubilee.

The Quarter-Centennial Jubilee of the reorganization of the Mississippi Mission Conference in this city Dec. 23, 1865, which took place in this city Jan. 13, ult., was the grandest ever observed by our Methodism in this section. The whole day was a day of jubilee, and at night the culmination of the grand event resulted in the assembling of about 5000 people in the Washington Artillery Hall to hear the masterly oration of Bishop John P. Newman, D.D., LL.D., on the Negro Problem. The Bishop's address was worthy of the occasion. He appeared in his glory, and was sublimely eloquent. No synopsis that we might give could begin to do justice to it. We hope, however, to give our readers an outline of it in a subsequent issue. The address of welcome by Rev. J. F. Marshall, the introduction by President Emperor Williams, and the response by Rev. Ernest Lyon, were all very creditable. The songs and words of cheer from Sister Amanda Smith were thrilling, and created quite a sensation, so effective were they. The addresses of Rev. Wm. Henry, one of the original organizers of this work, out of which all our work in this State, Mississippi and Texas has developed; of Dr. A. E. P. Albert, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, and Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., were received with great enthusiasm.

The following program was carried out:

9:30 A. M.—Gathering of all the Sunday schools in the city at Wesley Chapel, on Liberty near Poydras street. Walter S. Chinn and Gordon Taylor grand marshals, and all the superintendents their aids.

10 A. M.—The line of children marched down Liberty to Canal; down Canal to St. Charles; up St. Charles to Lafayette; down Lafayette to Camp; up Camp to Julia; up Julia to Washington Artillery Hall.

12 M. Noon.—Addresses were delivered, interspersed with select music by the different Sunday school choirs. Prof. B. M. Hubbard, A. B., principal of Alexandria Academy, and Rev. J. W. Hudson, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge District, delivered the chief Sunday school addresses. Mr. J. H. Norwood, general superintendent, called the meeting to order. Addresses and recitations followed from representatives of all the schools. Mrs. Rev. T. J. Johnson represented the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Mrs. Bishop Newman and Rev. W. M. Henry were introduced and delivered excellent addresses.

7 P. M.—Rev. E. Williams called the meeting to order. Rev. S. Priestley read the Scripture lesson and the Rev. W. P. Forrest invoked the Divine favor.

7:30 P. M.—Rev. J. F. Marshall delivered the welcome address, followed by Bishop J. P. Newman, the orator of the night. Rev. E. Lyon, of Simpson Chapel, responded to the orator. Hallelujah, chorus sung by 100 voices. Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN spoke on the progress of the work. Dr. W. D. Godman, president of the Western Seminary, delivered the eulogy on Bishop Thomson, the presiding Bishop of the first conference. Dr. J. C. Hartzell, of Cincinnati, was to have represented the Freedmen Aid and Southern Educational Society, but was not feeling sufficiently well.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, resident bishop, spoke on what he saw in Louisiana. Bishop Goodsell spoke on what he saw in Texas. Dr. Leonard represented the Missionary Society.

A band of music enlivened the occasion.

Committee: E. Williams, president; E. Lyon, secretary; F. T. Chinn, treasurer; J. W. Hilton, T. J. Johnson, W. P. Forrest, H. O. Wilson, A. E. P. Albert, S. Duncanson, T. G. Montgomery, S. Priestley, W. P. McLaughlin.

In his speech on the progress of the work since the Mississippi Mission Conference organized in this city Dec. 1865—twenty-five years ago—Dr. Albert called attention to the following facts and figures: When we then organized we had in all of the States of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas only 2,116 members; 476 probationers; 13 local preachers; 5 churches, valued at \$47,000; Sunday schools, 9; officers and teachers, 95; scholars, 1,386. Now we have members, and probationers, 73,091; churches, 909, value of churches, \$809,116; parsonages, 374, valued at \$121,338. Total church property, \$920,454. Sunday schools, 1067; officers and teachers, 5,357; schools, 53,073. In these conferences there are about 600 traveling ministers, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of school property.

The following letter was read from Rev. Dr. Rust, Cincinnati, O., Dec. 23, 1890:

Dear Dr. Albert:

Your kind letter is duly received. Mrs. Rust and I thank you and the friends for an invitation to be present on that grand occasion. We do not at this time make a positive engagement to be present, but we assure you that if our engagement and circumstances permit, we will, without fail, be with you. My love for, and interest in, my old friends in the South knows no abatement. Our hearts were with you in those dark days and they are with you still, as the faint streaks of light gild the tops of the mountains, and if darker days come, with our working strength we will bear on high the touch of freedom kindled afresh at the altar of our common Father.

Yours truly,

R. S. RUST.

Following from Bishop C. H. Payne:

New York, Jan. 8, 1890. Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Albert:

In reply to your esteemed favor inviting me to be present and participate in the celebration of the Quarter Centennial of the organization of your conference. I regret to say that a previous arrangement of visiting the conferences will prevent my presence on that auspicious occasion. I fully appreciate the honor of the invitation, and it would give me the greatest pleasure, were it consistent with my other duties, to be present and enjoy the interesting exercises which you will be certain to have.

Few events in the history of our great Church will in the future assume greater or more significant proportions than the inauguration of its work in the South. Our church has expended a large amount of money in that field, but when we mark the results of its missionary and educational work, especially among that people so largely represented in your own conference, I think every thoughtful man must admit that no more profitable investment of labor and money has been made by the church in any field of its wide missionary operations.

I rejoice with you over the splendid success that has crowned the labors of the faithful in the South and of the whole church which they represent. I look with the deepest interest on that entire field, and earnestly desire to see our work carried forward to still greater victories. Great in importance and successful in results as our work has been in the past I cannot but feel that it has a mission yet to fulfill of even greater importance. Unfortunately there are yet some questions to be settled touching the relations of the two races of people in the South and the recognition which shall be accorded to one race by the other. For myself, I can never be satisfied until I see the teachings of the New Testament and of that Gospel of equality which we preach, fully and practically carried out in letter and in spirit, wherever the Methodist Episcopal Church unfurls its banners.

Touching all matters pertaining to the rights and privileges of the colored race I am and must always be a Hebrew of the Hebrews. Born and brought up midway between Bunker Hill and Plymouth Rock. Early breathing the spirit and learning the traditions of both these historic places, educated at the feet of Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison and Gilbert Haven, I can never be anything else than an earnest friend and well wisher of the race for which these reformers made their eloquent pleas.

Nor can I be satisfied until I see that day dawn upon this Republic when everywhere in church and state the one standard by which men shall be judged, the one condition that shall determine their position and their privileges, shall be the stamp of manhood which they bear. So long as the color of a man's skin has anything more to do with determining his rights and relations in civil or in ecclesiastical affairs than does the color of his hair so long is there reformatory work to be done, and in that reformatory work I hope to take some active part until the end of my days.

All honor to the noble men who have thought and toiled so faithfully and successfully in the twenty-five years of your history now closed. All blessing and success be upon those who shall follow in the quarrel of a century upon which you now enter. Trusting your celebration may give new impulse and inspiration to the brave and loyal hearts that represent our cherished Methodist Episcopal Church in the South land, and with congratulations and sentiments of esteem, I am, your brother in the kingdom and service of Christ.

C. H. PAYNE.

In delivering the address of welcome to Bishop Newman, Rev. J. F. Marshall, said:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: We come together on this occasion under circumstances fraught with interests deep and abiding.

The organization of a religious denomination in any quarter of the globe, at any period of time, is a matter of no small concern.

But the return and reorganization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this South land, after a lapse of twenty-one years, which period it had withdrawn active operations from this immediate field; and its achievements in ecclesiastical and educational work during the last twenty-five years, are matters of great importance to its members and every community in which it operates.

Much was temporarily lost to the old church by the separation from what is known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the evacuation of Southern territory during the interval intervening between '44 and '65.

But the memorable Christmas conference of 1865; the anniversary of which we now celebrate, known in history as the Mississippi Mission Conference, out of which has grown seven healthy and vigorous conferences—the Mississippi, Upper Mississippi, Texas, West Texas, Southern German, Austin, and our own Louisiana Conference was the beginning of a new order of things.

And while we can count present at this gathering but four of the original eighteen in this great movement, viz: our venerable then Doctor, now Bishop John P. Newman, whose masterly intellect and guiding spirit played the leading part in this Heaven born work, together with Reas Anthony Ross, Emperor William, William Munrele and W. M. Henry, worthy fathers and promoters in this movement, we might well conceive and be inspired by the thought, that the angelic spirit of Bishop Thompson who presided, and those of all the others, whether in the body or out are with us this evening, breathing into us the consciousness of our duty to carry forward with steady hands and unflinching step the glorious banner of Christ

and his cause, unfurled and raised by our church in those days, and which waves to-day, increasing in glory and splendor as the years go by. We look back with joy over a period of 25 years filled with achievements of permanent deeds in the work of church and school building, accompanied by a corresponding work of evangelization, in the breaking of the bread of life to multitudes, and the enlightenment of thousands by the promethean fires that have been lighted broadcast through this land; while we stand in the glorious present pregnant with facilities and opportunities for greater, better work for the master, looking forward to an auspicious future with anticipations beyond description.

And now, after an absence of about twenty years, the pleasant duty devolves upon me, Bishop Newman, to welcome you back to our beautiful Louisiana, with its wonderful resources so marvelously adapted to the wants of mankind, with its picturesque lakes and bayous portrayed so elegantly in Longfellow's Evangeline.

We welcome you to this our Cosmopolitan Crescent City—the metropolis of the Southwest—with its semi tropical climate, where flowers bloom in mid-winter—to verify this assertion—I present you this floral token of our love and esteem, just plucked from our nature gardens—we welcome you to hospitality of our homes to share with us in common all with which Providence has blessed us—we welcome and request you to inspect and pass upon the work we have imperfectly done.

Above all, we welcome you to impart with us your spiritual gifts, and fatherly council, to the end that we may be edified and encouraged to greater conquests in the Master's vineyard.

We welcome, thrice welcome you!

Political Review.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: Henry H. Swan, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Robert E. Hannay, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.

The Senate has passed the financial bill which provides for the free coinage of silver, and the silver men are happy. The measure is now pending before the House, where it originated for concurrence in the Senate Amendments which have so changed the bill that it can scarcely be recognized as the original measure. The President is said to look upon the bill with disfavor, and its fate can scarcely be predicted.

Now that the financial bill is out of the way the probabilities are that the Senate will not relax its efforts until the Federal Election bill passes that body. It may pass before another issue.

The Arkansas and Texas Legislatures organized last week. A sensation has been created by the report that State Treasurer Woodruff of Arkansas is short in his account \$94,000. The South is now practically solid in the defection of its State Treasurer. Nearly every Southern State, under the reign of its "Superior Civilization" has furnished its State Treasury default. The Texas Legislature has only colored member, M. Patton, of Polk and San Jacinto counties.

Present indications point to the triumphant reelection of Senator Ingalls to the U. S. Senate from Kansas.

Senator Mitchell, Republican, has been reelected U. S. Senator from Oregon.

Senator Leland Stanford Republican, has been reelected U. S. Senator from California.

It now seems probable that Gov. D. B. Hill Democrat, will be elected U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Evans from New York.

The Conger Lard Bill, in the interest of hog lard producers and against cotton seed oil products is doomed for this session of Congress.

The political character of the

murder of Prince Matthews, postmaster at Carrollton, Miss., is said to be established beyond dispute.

Nebraska has three claimants to its gubernatorial office. Gov. Thayer, (Rep.) present incumbent refuses to vacate because Powers, the Alliance candidate, he claims is not a citizen; and Powers, Democratic candidate, claims the office, as a cloud rests over the citizenship of Powers. The case will be decided by the courts.

The Louisiana State Lottery mandamus suit, to compel the Secretary of State to submit to the popular vote of the people the question whether the Lottery may be rechartered or not came up for a decision last Monday, we go to press too early to give the result.

The Legislature of Indiana has petitioned Congress to make the Commissioner of Labor a cabinet officer.

The persecution which has been inaugurated by certain North Louisiana Democrats against the official character of U. S. Judge Aleck Boorman has failed of its purpose, and the Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the charges are about to make a report thoroughly vindicating the Judge.

The resolution of Mr. Blanchard of Louisiana to investigate the political difficulties in New Hampshire are sufficient cheeky to make a dog laugh. Why the very idea of a Democratic representative of a district, that is overwhelmingly Republican, but that is kept Democratic by the most unblushing fraud, offering such resolutions sublimely ridiculous, if it was not so serious Senator Chandler and the Republicans of New Hampshire challenge and welcome investigation.

Echoes From Emancipation Day, Jan. 1.

We celebrated Emancipation Day, Jan. 1, and had a nice time. Raised for Freedmen's Aid, \$3; the SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. We are preparing to build a new church. We will have a \$2 rally on the first Sunday in June.

Emancipation Day was duly observed at New Haven Chapel by a large congregation, with an interesting program. The Emancipation proclamation was read by W. M. Curtis, of Hensley, Ark.; select reading by L. W. Pennington, of Woodson, Ark.; addresses by Rev. G. T. Ruthford, of the A. M. E. Church, and by the pastor. The young ladies and gentlemen furnished excellent music for the occasion. The SOUTHWESTERN is a welcome visitor.—Mary E. Strong Hensley, Ark.

Emancipation Day was observed at Midgett Chapel Jan. 1. The proclamation was read by Tony W. Sherron. Addresses were made by Mr. W. H. Mitchell, Miss Susie Tweedy, Miss Hattie Mitchell, and by the pastor. Rev. A. O. Williams and Mr. Parker Mitchell gave grand talks on the dark days of slavery, and highly magnified our present condition to that of those days. Eddie Blackmar gave a short address on the progress of the Negro in America. Rev. H. W. White on the duty of the race. The writer gave a talk on the race at large from the early days of slavery up to the present time.—Tony W. Sherron, Alamo, Tenn.

For burns and wounds, we would recommend Salvation Oil. All druggists sell it at 25 cents.

Marriages.

January 6, Mr. Henry Mitchell to Miss Ellen Houston. Rev. A. B. Venable officiated. Bonchrest, La.

Obituary.

Millhaven, La.—Brother Isaiah Buford, son of Sister Sarah Buford, departed this life Dec. 28. He was a gem called to his reward. He leaves a mother, father, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss.

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Personal.

—Dr. Albert left last Tuesday for Shreveport, from whence he goes to Texarkana, to attend the Little Rock Conference. Mrs. Dr. Albert accompanies him to Shreveport, where she will remain until February 14, when she will return with the Doctor, on his way from the Book Committee meeting at Cincinnati.

—The editor will visit the Central Alabama Conference at Marion, January 29; Mississippi Conference February 4, at Holly Springs; and the South Carolina Conference at Greenville, Feb. 6.

—Both of our New York Book Agents are in the South at present. Dr. Sanford Hunt, in company with Dr. C. H. Payne, is visiting conferences in Georgia and Florida; while Dr. Homer Eaton is visiting those in Texas.

—Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of Zion's Herald, is not seriously sick, as reported in some of the daily papers.

—Hos. George Bancroft, the great American historian, died in Washington, D. C., Jan. 17, aged 91 years.

—After spending several days in this city, visiting the Louisiana Conference and examining the accounts of the SOUTHWESTERN, Rev. Homer Eaton, D.D., one of the Book Agents at New York, left for Texas, where he visits the conferences in that State. Too much praise cannot be given to Hunt and Eaton for their successful management of the Eastern Methodist Book Concern. Dr. Eaton expressed himself as very much gratified with the management of the SOUTHWESTERN.

—The brethren attending the conference remembered the SOUTHWESTERN with appreciative calls.

—Our faithful business manager, Mr. C. C. Morse, visited and made our collections at the Texas Conference, at Navasota, last week. He was well received by the presiding Bishop and brethren. He returned yesterday.

—Revs. W. H. W. Rees and C. L. Nye, of the Des Moines Conference, visitors to the Louisiana Conference, called during their stay here. We were glad to meet them.

—Revs. B. L. Crump, Presiding Elder in Mississippi Conference, S. J. Woods of Carey, L. J. S. Bell of Edwards, I. W. Davis of Yazoo City, C. H. Brown and wife, and H. Rounds, delegates from the Mississippi Conference to the great Quarter-Centennial of the Louisiana Conference, made pleasant calls. Rev. W. McDonald, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, was also among our callers.

—Rev. R. A. Howard, pastor of our Rampart Street Mission, was in this office a few days ago, and reported his work in a very flourishing condition.

—Gov. Wm. P. Kellogg is expected here this week. His many friends will be glad to welcome him home. Few public men have so ingratiated themselves in the affections of our people as has the bold and manly ex-Governor.

—Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph.D., of Washington, D. C., has been sick, but is now able to be at his work again.

What They Say About the Washington-Payne Arraignment.

Dear Sir:—I beg space in your most excellent paper for a few remarks in reference to Bishop Payne's arraignment of colored ministers.

Bishop Payne may be authority for the several status of the A. M. E. Church, but when he takes it upon himself the obligation of proving that two-thirds of the ministers of our church are mentally or morally unfit for their calling he will find that he has attempted an impossibility.

I am glad to hear the alarm of danger sounded, that there is from these sources, but if candor compelled the Bishop to make this unqualified statement, he will allow

me to be equally candid in pointing out the source of these evils and the remedy. Ignorance is always at a premium in colored Baptist Churches and the only qualification to become an A. M. E. preacher is the ability to tell the old worn out lie of persecution in the M. E. Church, and to be able to exhort the colored people to come out from among white folks. I am not a professional mud-slinger, but I will say this: The Bishop may know by this time that it is not the best thing for the church when men get involved in immoralities to move them around where they are not known, and every time a man falls in some other church hold out inducements for them.

A far-seeing man cannot help seeing that this moving policy will become impossible where vice is so prevalent; i. e. they will soon get around.

I shall state two cases that I think ought to make any church, holding the New Testament as their standard of morals, blush.

Rev. J. W. Summers was expelled from the M. E. Church for immorality, and it was published in the St. Louis Globe Democrat and the Kansas City Sun, but he is still preaching in another church. Rev. G. W. Lead was excluded from the M. E. Church, but he is still preaching in another church. I could give many more instances. "Whosoever carcass is, there also will the eagles gather."

N. E. GILLUM.

Dear Dr. Albert:—Please accept my congratulations for the many way in which you defended the [colored] ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church against the attacks of Bishop Payne and Prof. Washington. It is unfair for the Bishop to charge even the ministers of his own church thus, when he has had forty years in which to make better. He is the senior of his colleagues, and why did he not spend some of his time in showing by example that he has tried faithfully to remedy the evils of which he now complains? It is an established fact that ministers of corrupt morals in the A. M. E. Church are transferred from one conference into another and all their corruption with them. It would be rare news to hear of an A. M. E. minister being cited for immoral conduct of any kind; at least it would be rare news in Tennessee and Ohio, in which places I have lived, and in the latter I now hold a charge. Is such true of the M. E. Church? No. May God's choicest blessings, Mr. Editor, rest upon you in your great work.

Respectfully,

H. W. SIMMONS.

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Grains of Gold from Bishop Newman's Conference Lectures.

I know a United States Senator who, during his whole career as a senator, made sixty-four motions in the Senate; and sixty-two of those were for adjournment. Chas. Sumner never moved to adjourn. He was a ceaseless worker. And that is what you must be if you would command success. Work is the great secret of success.

The great works of Bishop Foster are the sweats of Foster's massive brain.

Don't die at the top. Empty heads make empty pews.

Don't be afraid to work. Intellectual work is the greatest health restorer in the universe.

Don't squander your hours of study. They belong to your people. Common honesty demands that you keep them for your people, to whom they belong. They are as sacred as your hours of prayer.

Study six days in the week, as if there was no Holy Ghost to help you; and plead on your knees for the help of the Holy Ghost on Sunday as if you had not studied at all during the week.

Some books are to be read, others

to be studied. Only a few books need to be studied.

The first paragraph in any chapter generally contains all there is in it.

A good method to study is to take some great personage or event as a center, and from that point radiate your enquiries in every direction. For instance take Luther as the centre of the Germania Reformation Church, and enquire what was the political, intellectual and religious condition of the world at that time. Have some object in view in study. Study geography, geology, botany, chemistry, astronomy, Greek, Hebrew, sacred history, doctrines, etc.; and thereby be prepared for emergencies. Study what you don't like. Bend your mind and thereby exercise it.

Prepare topical, textual, and expository sermons. Paul was the great topical preacher.

Time is an essential element in sermonizing. Don't expect to waste the time in the week and then to succeed in preparing a sermon in ten minutes on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Cultivate your voice and use it for Christ. Speak from the chest, and not from your nose and head.

Be natural in your gestures. Do not point toward Heaven when picturing the tortures of the damned, nor toward the earth when picturing the bliss of Heaven.

Practice and learn to read out your hymns and the Scripture lessons, so as to be clearly understood, or so that the meaning can be made manifest. Use the correct tone and emphasis.

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Schools and Colleges.

Bishop Mallalieu's Plea.

"What! have you no medical school in New Orleans?" The answer is: "Yes; we have a large and excellent one, but it is only for white students. No colored man, whatever his merits, is allowed to enter it." Meanwhile within three hundred miles of New Orleans there are probably more than two millions of colored people. The death-rate among them is far in excess of that among the whites. They sadly need medical attendance. The vast majority of them are too poor to pay the prices charged by white physicians, and most of these consider it as inimical to their success and prosperity to have it known that they practice regularly among the colored people. When the colored people were slaves they were not altogether neglected in the matter of suitable care when they were sick. It was for the master's interest to care for his sick slaves. But who cares for them now? The vast majority of the two millions are neglected by the competent physicians. Every compassionate instinct of good men and women, every impulse of humanity, every heart-throb of Christian love, demands that they be no longer neglected. God only knows the suffering of these people, these multitudes of poor little children, these women that must endure all that comes to women, and no hand of mercy and skill to bring relief. How strange that human hearts should fail to pity such weak and weary, such sick and dying thousands!

The best thing for the permanent good of these people is to establish this medical school for which I plead. But why should my pleadings become necessary? These are God's poor, and he pleads for them. It needs two hundred thousand dollars to build up and fairly endow this medical school. Doubtless men and women will read these lines who could give the whole amount, and then have enough left for all needs, comforts and luxuries. Will they not hear God's call? Will they not respond? These suffering ones have neither

voice nor pen to reach the people who could help them. These words must lack the pathos of the faint moaning of the sick who might live if they had help; these words can not touch the heart as the despairing but pleading gaze of eyes soon to be closed in death because no succor is at hand. But none the less it is most devoutly hoped that some eyes may rest upon these words until the heart is moved with Christlike love and compassion, and generous help be afforded to this cause, which is at once patriotic, philanthropic, and Christian.

Why not open correspondence with the writer of this? He will help, by personal and direct care and supervision, to utilize to its utmost possibility all you will consecrate and give to the high and holy purpose for which it is asked. It is very important to secure \$10,000, in order to hold \$15,000 conditionally pledged.

Write to Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, 1428 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La.

ALLOW ME to add my tribute to the efficacy of Ely's Cream Balm. I was suffering from a severe attack of influenza and catarrh and was induced to try your remedy. The result was marvelous. I could hardly articulate, and in less than twenty-four hours the catarrh disappeared and I was able to sing a heavy role in Grand Opera with voice unimpaired. I strongly recommend it to all singers.—Wm. H. Hamilton, Leading Bass of the C. D. Hess Grand Opera Co.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People:

The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No 115, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passengers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly, or, still better, organize circles to raise

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funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those moulders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the snit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing insult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.

N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal, and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

The names of all contributors will be published in the SOUTHWESTERN Christian Advocate, the Standard-Pelican and the Crusader, unless otherwise directed.

"Fellow-Citizens of the Saints."

"Fellow citizens of the saints." Think for a moment how much is implied in this. What a vast assemblage, what a glorious companionship is that which you and I, with our frailties, our shortcomings, our self-seeking, our worldliness, our distrust, our faithfulness are fain boldly to claim a place! All those glorious spirits, venerable patriarchs, righteous kings, rapt seers, glorious psalmists, who lived and wrought and suffered in the ancient days in the hope of a better promise; men "who through faith subdued kingdoms; wrought righteousness, . . . of whom the world was not worthy." All those apostles and teachers who, kindling their torches at the sacred fire, the glory of the Eternal Son himself, carried the light of the gospel into all lands, giving up everything for Christ, offering to lose their lives, that by losing them they might find them. All those martyrs and doctors of the later ages who handed down the sacred treasure through successive generations amid the confusion of barbarism and the darkness of idolatry, rejoicing to be devoured by hungry lions and to die at the stake. Polycarp, calm and brave

as his flesh quivered in the flame; Chrysostom, with his flowery eloquence; Augustine, with his piercing insight and force—these share, too, in the glorious company whose names live in history. And others, true saints of God, though they appear not in the calendar of any church; men and women from the rigor of whose lives succeeding generations have their inspiration and strength; all whose holiness and purity, whose courage and self-sacrifice, whose gentleness and meekness, whose loving charity, has been a never failing fountain of refreshment to the weary pilgrim in the thirsty wilderness of the world. And others, too, there are, whose memories shall perish not, though they have left no names in history, but whose brows nevertheless, God himself will crown with a halo of glory—poor, despised, unknown artisans and peasants, weak women and feeble children, martyrs in martyrdom of daily life, saints in the saintliness of homely duty, throngs innumerable of every nation and kindred and people and tongue, clothed with white robes and palms in their hand, standing before the throne of God, and serving him day and night in his temple.—Bishop Lightfoot.

Books and Current Literature.

Sister Rose Gertrude, the young woman about whose work among the lepers of Molokai has been written, has been induced to reply to the charges made against her for renouncing her work. Her article, the first from her pen, is to be published in The Ladies' Home Journal for February, and will contain a full explanation of what she has accomplished among the lepers, and why she was compelled to forsake her work.

The February number of The Season is full of interesting matter. The newest and strictest original designs commend themselves to all lovers of the beautiful, both in dress and art-work. No lady should be without it who desires to dress well and to beautify her home. Yearly subscription, \$3.50. Single copies, 30 cents. The International News Co., 83 & 85 Duane street, N. Y.

The Preacher's Magazine for January, edited by Rev. Mark Gny Pearce, of London, and Rev. Arthur E. Gregory, is received. The competency and world-wide fame of its distinguished editors secures for this new monthly, consideration and commendation. Its various departments cover essential fields of study for the preacher, teacher, and Bible students. Its pages are full of suggestiveness, and we have no doubt that it will become an indispensable adjunct to the pastor's library. Send fifteen cents for sample copy. \$1.50 per year. Wilbur B. Ketcham, 15 Cooper Union, N. Y.

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Sunday-School and Children.

FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON IV. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal. 1. Kings 18: 25-39. Commit to memory verses 38-39. Jan. 25, 1891. B. C. 904.

HOME READINGS.

M. 1 Kings 19: 1-8. To. 1 Kings 19: 1-8. W. Psa. 119: 1-8. S. Psa. 119: 1-8. S. Psa. 119: 1-8. S. Psa. 119: 1-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee. Gen. 26: 24.

LESSON HYMN, S. 7.

Only waiting, till the shadows
Are a little longer grown;
Only waiting, till the glimmer
Of the day's last beam is flown;
Till the light of earth is faded
From the hearts once full of day;
Till the stars of heaven are breaking
Through the twilight soft and gray.

Only waiting, till the reapers
Have the last sheaf gathered home;
For the summer time is faded,
And the autumn winds have come.
Quickly, reapers, gather quickly
These last ripe hours of my heart,
For the bloom of life is withered,
And I hasten to depart.

Time.—About B. C. 906. Following closely the last lesson.

Places.—1. Beersheba, a city at the southern end of the kingdom of Judah; 2. Horeb, or Sinai, where the law was given to Moses.

Rulers.—1. Ahab, King of Israel; 2. Jehoshaphat, King of Judah; 3. Benhadad, King of Syria.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Fight, v. 1-8.
What story did Ahab tell?
Who sent a messenger to Elijah?
What was the queen's message?
What effect had this on the prophet?
Where did he leave his servant?
Where did the prophet then go?
What prayer did he offer?
Who came to him as he slept?
What did the angel say?
What did Elijah see when he arose?
What did the angel say the second time?

How long did this food last Elijah?
To what place did he go?

The Vision, v. 9-14.

Where did the prophet lodge?
What messenger there came to him?

What was Elijah's reply?
What was he bidden to do?
What then occurred?
What came after the wind?
What followed the earthquake?
What came after the fire?
What did Elijah do when he heard the voice?

What question was asked him?
What was his answer?

3. The Command, v. 15-18.

Where did the Lord bid Elijah to go?

What two kings was he told to smite?

Who was to be Elijah's successor?

What did the Lord say these three would do?

How many continued faithful in Israel?

Of what encouragement to the fearful does the Golden Text tell?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:
1. That good men are sometimes discouraged?
2. That God knows and numbers his people?
3. That God's cause is sure of triumph?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG READERS.

What two other Bible characters fasted forty days and forty nights?

Mention some other instance in the Bible where people were fed by divine power?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. From what wicked woman did Elijah flee? Jezebel.

2. When exhausted in the wilderness who comforted him? The angel of the Lord.

3. Where did he fast forty days and forty nights? In Horeb, the Mount of God.

4. By what four means did God manifest his power to Elijah? By strong wind, earthquake, fire, and a still small voice.

5. What question did God ask? "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

6. What is the Golden Text? "Fear not," etc.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—The omniscience of God.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

13. Are there more Gods than one? "There is none other God but one." 1 Cor. 8: 4.

14. Are there more persons in the Godhead than one? There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. 1 John 5: 7.

15. Is the Father God? To us there is but one God, the Father. 1 Cor. 8: 6.

Many cases have come under our notice where a single bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup relieved a sufferer from a severe cough, which had been treated for months by competent physicians. 25 cents.

Mississippi Conference.

The twenty third session of the Mississippi Annual Conference convened at Moss Point, Miss. Jan. 7, 1891, with Bishop J. P. Newman, D.D., L.L.D., in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by the Bishop, Rev. L. J. S. Bell, read the scripture lesson and Rev. R. McAlpin led in prayer. The Lord's supper was administered by the Bishop assisted by the presiding elder and the Rev. J. L. Pratt, pastor at Moss Point. J. M. Shumpert, the secretary of the last conference called the roll and nearly all the members were present and answered to their names. J. M. Shumpert, was reelected secretary.

S. A. Cowan and Joseph Campbell were elected assistant secretaries. A. D. Payne was elected statistical secretary, with J. C. Hibbler and J. C. Houston assistants. A. M. Trotter was elected conference treasurer. The secretary was appointed publisher of the minutes. The several standing committees were elected. Bishop Newman presented to the conference a draft of \$577 from the Book Concern dividend which was ordered.

Book Concern accounts were placed in the hands of A. J. McNair and J. I. Garrett, for collection. The appointment for the expenses of the next General Conference was ordered to be apportioned to the several abstracts and charges by the presiding elder. J. C. Houston was appointed to secure subscribers for The Gospel, in all lands. The Bishop then addressed the conference in a very able and appropriate manner, dwelling at considerable length upon the organization of the Mississippi mission conference, in which he was the leading character twenty-five years ago, and upon the marvelous development of the same during that wonderful period.

The twentieth question was taken up and the character of Joseph Campbell, presiding elder of the Jackson district was passed and he reported his work, as did also the presiding elder on his district. Rev. Mr. Byers of the Presbyterian Church, and C. A. Powell, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced.

As Handy and Peter Hill, were absent.

John Erret and S. Jossell were made supernumeraries. J. M. Shumpert, of the Meridian district had his character passed and he reported his work, as did also the elder on his district. H. Henderson, and H. Heslop were absent. The character of B. L. Crump, presiding elder of the Brookhaven district passed, after which he reported his work, as did also the elder on the district. Elias Harris, had died during the year. Wm. Payne was absent. Rev. S. M. Johnson of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was introduced. Benediction by Rev. C. A. Powell.

A statistical session was held in the afternoon, when Rev. J. D. Walden, presided. J. C. Houston, conducted the religious services.

Second Day.—The Bishop delighted the conference with a lecture on ministerial success. G. W. Garrett was elected assistant secretary. Cosmo Stewart and James Drayton were granted supernumerary relations.

A. W. Dorsey was continued as a supernumerary. The vote of the laity on the question of the admis-

sion of women to the General Conference, was reported as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Brookhaven district.....	183	496
Jackson.....	249	752
Meridian.....	415	1547
Total.....	847	2795

Total vote cast.....3642
The Conference voted on the same question with the following result, for admission 11, against 33. J. C. Hibbler, was continued and passed to the seven years' course of study. Dr. O. E. Libby, president of Rust University, was introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of Rust University. Mr. W. D. Denny, the Bishop's host was introduced. Benediction by Dr. Libby.

Third Day.—S. A. Cowan led in prayer. A draft of \$30 from the chartered fund was presented by the Bishop and ordered paid. The presiding elders were directed to apportion the Sunday-school Union and Tract Society apportionments, to the several charges. The following were advanced to the senior class of directors; viz Israel C. Rucker, Melville Cooper, J. S. Thomas, was given a supernumerary relation and continued in the first class of deacons. The proposition from the Philadelphia delegates in the General Conference shall sit as one body and never divide resulted as follows; for concurrence 42, against 2. The proposition from the same in favor of equal lay and ministerial representation was voted upon with following results; for concurrence 1, against 42.

The following second class of deacons were advanced viz. Andrew Reid, Chas. H. Johnson, Andrew J. McNair (1888), I. W. Davis, Peter Hill, and Pleasant Baldwin were continued in the same relation.

Simpson Jossell was taken from supernumerary list and made effective. The following were elected to elder order and ordained on Sunday: Peter F. Robinson, O. H. Flowers, James K. Comfort, James Jordan, and R. P. Thirkield, Wm. McMorris, now at Gammon, was continued in his same course of studies. Quite a discussion now ensued on the practice of ministers engaging in secular pursuits, and while no definite action was taken it was clearly manifest that the conference does not intend to allow its members to thus entangle themselves unless thus driven by necessity. After strict examination and an impressive address by the Bishop the following were admitted into connection, viz. A. B. Logan, A. H. Quinn, (elected deacon and ordained on Sunday), Harris Hampton, Robt. B. Anderson, Richard Roberts, and David Ray were continued on trial, Rev. A. E. P. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, was introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of the paper. Dr. Harmon, of the M. E. Church South, and Mrs. Dr. A. E. P. Albert were introduced. Dr. Harmon pronounced the benediction. During the afternoon a session was held, when J. C. Houston led in prayer.

The following were elected to deacon's orders; Moses Martin, M. L. Hobson, Lewis Tate, Jerry B. Brooks, James T. Knox, Stephen McDavis, Handy Roundtree, Wm. H. Smith, Dr. Homer Eaton, book agent from New York, was introduced. The following were admitted on trial, J. B. Brooks, Stephen McDavis, J. T. Knox, Handy Roundtree, Geo. Beaman, Moses Martin, Lewis Tate, M. L. Hobson. The conference authorized the presiding elders to employ A. Lacy. The Bishop now delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture on the methods of study, sermonizing and voice culture. Benediction by Dr. Eaton.

Fourth Day.—P. H. Davis led the devotion. The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi was introduced and delivered a very friendly and appreciated address. Mrs. Bishop Newman, was introduced and invited to address the conference on the subject of temperance. The elder's orders of W. N. G. Lipscomb from the Baptist Church were recognized, and he took the vows of our ministry. The committee on period-

icals reported and the conference adopted resolutions strongly endorsing the SOUTHWESTERN, and pledging itself to greater exertions in its behalf than ever. Every day of the 365 days of the year were appointed SOUTHWESTERN day; and especially the first Sunday in February, when a special canvass in every charge was directed to be made. Other committees reported and their reports were adopted. Those in favor of temperance and education were particularly strong. Children of deceased ministers were declared claimants until sixteen years of age unless specially afflicted. Dr. Eaton delivered an able and impressive address in behalf of the book concern and the SOUTHWESTERN.

The work of Mrs. V. A. McNyon as a temperance worker was endorsed. A commission on boundary to meet a similar committee from the upper Mississippi conference was appointed, viz the presiding elders, and A. M. Trotter and J. C. Houston. Their expenses were ordered to be paid by the treasurer. The conference authorized as many of its members as had to pass through New Orleans on their way from conference, to act as a delegation to take part in the great quarter-centennial celebration of Southwestern Methodism, there Jan. 13. Benediction by Jos. Campbell.

During the afternoon a special session was held with J. C. Houston in the chair. The treasurer reported W. H. T. Smith was admitted on trial. Strong and vigorous temperance speeches were delivered by Mrs. V. A. McNyon, Rev. L. J. S. Bell, S. J. Woods, J. I. Garrett, Prof. S. L. Jones, and Dr. A. E. P. Albert. Benediction by S. J. Woods.

Fifth Day.—Conference Sabbath day was a day long to be remembered, at 9 a. m., a private conference was held between the bishop and the preachers, at 9:30 the conference love feast was conducted by Dr. J. C. Hartzell, corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Many previous testimonies were given, at 11 a. m. Bishop Newman preached with great power. The spirit accompanied the word and every heart was moved, some to shouts of victory; others to penitential tears.

It was indeed good to be there at 3 p. m., those elected were ordained to deacon's and elders orders. Dr. Hartzell, Rev. C. A. Powell, of the M. E. Church South and Dr. Albert gave short but impressive exhortations. The Bishop then called the congregation a season of special consecration when the altar was crowded with penitent sinners and back-sliders, seeking salvation and with ministers and members pleading for perfect love. Many hearts rejoined and testified of the precious gifts received. At night Dr. Hartzell held his vast congregation spell-bound with the marvelous story of the Cross, and of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, especially through the society which he represented.

Sixth Day.—The conference resolved to raise \$300 to assist in the erection of a church at Natchez. Dr. Hartzell addressed the conference in behalf of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and the conference pledged to fully co-operate in the grand quarter centennial jubilee of the society next May. A number of reports were adopted, resolution of thanks and appreciation to the Bishop, the pastor and people of Moss Point, the secretaries, rail roads, etc. were adopted.

The following statistics were reported: viz. Probationers, 1,930; Members, 12,930; Local Preachers, 208; Deaths, 224; Children Baptized, 685; Adults Baptized, 1,270; Churches, 176; Value, \$110,254; Parsonages, 38; Value, \$11,500; Paid for building, etc. \$11,533; Debts paid, \$1,903; Present indebtedness, \$6,037; Current expenses, \$1,536; No. of Sunday-schools, 178; Officers and teachers, 893; Scholars, 10,247; Benevolent collections from: Churches, \$147.25; Sunday-

schools, \$171.68; Total, \$589.58. Education, \$167.38; Bible, \$12.20; Woman Foreign missions, \$12.60; Woman's Home mission, \$7.25; other collections, \$61.12. Ministers support, \$25,050; Conference claimants, \$61.75.

The following are the appointments:

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.—B. L. Crump, P. E. P. O., Brookhaven.
Augusta—H. C. Lacy.
Bay St. Louis—O. H. Flowers.
Bowerton—J. H. Cook.
Brookhaven—D. Ray.
Crystal Springs—A. Davis.
China Grove—R. Roberts.
Columbia—P. F. Robinson.
George Town—S. McDavis.
Hattiesburg—H. L. Kennedy.
Kenolia—J. B. Brooks.
Moss Point—L. L. Pratt.
Ocean Springs—I. C. Rucker.
Pass Christian—H. May.
Pleasant Valley—James Ford.
Poplarville—S. H. Harte.
Summersville—H. Roundtree.
Vernal—J. B. Smith.

JACKSON DISTRICT.—Joseph Campbell, P. E. P. O., Meridian.

Benton—J. I. Garrett.
Brandon—J. K. Comfort.
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Canton—P. H. Davis.
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Woodville—To be supplied by H. R. Erby.

Wm. McMorris and J. Little left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

Mississippi Conference Notes.

The conference was royally entertained.

Rev. J. D. Walden always sends as many subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, in proportion to his membership as any man in the conference, but is never indebted to the Concern. We generally owe him. Why not pattern after him? Now, wout you?

Dr. Homer Eaton, Book Agent at New York, plead with great power the duty of absolute loyalty to all the publications of the Meth-

odist Book Concern. But he pleaded especially for a more vigorous canvass and extensive circulation for the SOUTHWESTERN. He expressed the hope that every Methodist family would send to this office for a copy of the "House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." These are publications by colored authors; they are worthy of the largest circulation; and should be in the hands of all people everywhere. House of Bondage, 75c. per copy; The Colored Man in the M. E. Church, \$1.25 per copy.

The private conference between the conference and the Bishop and ministers was as effective in its results as its peculiarity and novelty. In answer to the question, "Why are we not perfect in our christian experience?" the following answer was elicited, viz: "My ministry was not subordinated to Christ; I stood before the cross. Temper, and penitence, ambition, vanity, too much self and not enough for Christ; love of ease; vindictiveness; love of applause; lack of faith; family care, impatience; passion and peevishness at carelessness in little things; despondency; egotism; foul imagination; 'I always think myself the biggest fool in any crowd.'"

In his closing address, Bishop Newman took occasion to compliment the conference on the manhood, courage and calmness which they exhibited, and the ability with which they carried on the work of their conference. He was impressed with the good English spoken on all occasions. And he greeted them as a noble body of men. In conclusion, he exhorted them to be true to the church, their vows and ministry, and to Christ.

During the conference session the church was crowded every night to listen to the able and stirring sermons preached by several of the ministers. Among those preaching very effective sermons were: Revs. A. M. Trotter, the missionary sermon; J. C. Hibbler, N. Toole, G. W. Smith, and Dr. A. E. P. Albert.

No company of preachers are more emphatic in their devotion to the SOUTHWESTERN than are the preachers of this conference. They say they propose to double their cash subscription to the paper. All right. Who will be the first to double. All may speak and act at once.

The Conference did a nice thing in its pledges of support to the Meridian Academy; and in its continued loyalty to Rust. The Meridian District will give its Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education collection to the Academy, and the other three districts to Rust. This conference cannot afford to relax an iota in its support to that excellent institution, and its able and devoted faculty. That's right, don't forget Meridian Academy; but don't flinch in your adhesion to Rust.

IT IS TO BE REGRETTED that many mothers do not commence the use of Mellin's Food until their infants are ill. This food, it must be borne in mind, is not a medicine, and is not intended primarily for sick babies; it is the best artificial food for both healthy and feeble infants.

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For the Southwestern.

The Bible and the Admission of Women.

Dear friends of the colored conferences: You as ministers in your respective conferences are casting your votes for or against the admission of women to General Conference. It is of the greatest importance to the work of the church that you vote aright. If this thing be of man it will and it should come to naught "but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it;" but you can hinder even God's work. Christ might have come a thousand years sooner had the chosen people been faithful to their mission; the millennium would be here now had the church of Christ been whole hearted and steadfast in its consecration. Because of this possibility of delaying God's work and because I fully believe that he is in this reform, I ask your thoughtful, candid attention to a discussion in favor of the admission of women from a Bible standpoint. It is a false accusation that those who favor the movement disregard the teachings of the Bible. As learned exegetes as there are declare that the Bible, rightly interpreted, not only is not against but is positively in favor of the change. Mere human authority is not decisive, nevertheless when such men as our lamented Bishops Matthew Simpson and Gilbert Haven, and those still with us like Dr. Pullman, President Ridgway, of Garrett Biblical Institute, President Eashford, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, the editors of nearly all of our church papers and many others of note, doctors of divinity and professors of colleges, advocate the full participation of woman in the affairs of the church, it is time for our opponents to cease their cry that none except those who are determined to wrest it to their own view can doubt that the Bible teaches the subordination of woman. Consider also the vote of the church. The intelligence of the laity of the church is strongly in favor of the admission of women. It is easy enough to say as one of our church papers does in effect, that personal ambition actuates the women who favor this change, but it is worse than unfair; it is worthy only of petty criminal lawyers to strive to arouse prejudice by impugning the motives of those who differ with us. Besides, the vote shows that such an implication includes a large majority of the most intelligent women of the church and it does not accord well with their known devotion and loyalty to the cause of Christ; not to speak of the same paper's discordant statement that the devotion of the women of the church is the balance wheel which pre-

serves the piety of the church during the excitement of the year preceding General Conference, when, according to its vivid picture, pastors and laymen lose their heads or their religion or both.

In the face of these facts; many of the most learned men of the church declaring the admission of women in harmony with the Bible, the intelligence of the laity strongly in favor, the majority of the christian women of the church asking for admission, it behooves everyone who opposes the change to be very sure of his ground, to be ready to admit that he is as liable to be mistaken or prejudiced as his brother or sister, and, in all fairness, to examine the scriptures and see if he has not misunderstood its teachings.

In considering any practical question of this kind it is first to be remembered that the Bible does not attempt to lay down rules to govern man's conduct under all possible circumstances; if it did, the world itself would not be able to contain the books that should be written. It simply gives principles to guide us and the application of those principles must vary according to the civilization in which we are placed. This is seen in the Bible history itself. How does God treat slavery? He does not attempt to abolish it when he first leads an ignorant, degraded, rebellious people to the promised land; he gave laws to mitigate its severity. Are we then to conclude that he approved the system? So argued the Southern slave-holders. How was the fierce code of blood-revenge dealt with? God might have given the Israelites a better criminal legislation than the one which Anglo-Saxons boast as one of the best features of their civil liberty. Instead he gave them the cities of refuge which modified the cruelty of their custom. But the spirit of their religion and institutions as it gradually wrought its work, well-nigh abolished slavery before Christ came and evolved a criminal code which compares favorably with our own. How does the Bible in its history and teachings treat women? Let it be first understood that in the times of Old Testament history, women throughout the world were little better than slaves. In this case as in others, God does not overturn at one sweep the prejudices and customs of generations, but very soon we find that for some reason Hebrew women stand far above the women of all contemporaneous nations. Before the promised land was reached, the daughters of Zelophehad asked that they might have their father's inheritance inasmuch as they had no brothers. Moses did not summarily refuse their request, unprecedented though it was, but brought their cause before the Lord (would that all the Mosesses of the present would do the same). He approved their petition and made it the law for all similar cases. Later Deborah judged Israel and led its forces out to battle. "But," we are told, "these are exceptions and to take exceptional cases for our rule of action would be subversive of all government." That depends upon what the exceptions were based. The first case decided that there was nothing in sex itself that necessarily precluded the inheritance of property, otherwise such a sweeping exception could not be made. The whole transaction shows what our present civilization recognizes that it was prejudice alone which confined the inheritance to the male sex, but with that prejudice God does not see fit directly to interfere except under peculiar circumstances. In Deborah's case sex was no obstacle to her holding the highest position in the nation when superior ability

qualified her for it and she was certainly a clear case of what our opponents would now call "woman's usurping authority over the man." But once admit that sex is not an insuperable obstacle to such position and it is admitted for all time. Whenever any woman has the fitness which enables her to serve God and country in such a position, she is eligible to the position and only God and herself can decide the call. The application of the principle which made Deborah judge over Israel would admit the christian women of the nineteenth century to equal participation with men in the administration of church government.

That Christ did not have women among the twelve disciples seems to some decisive of this question. It would not if they would candidly consider the fact that he never wantonly antagonized the prejudices of his times. He did not come to institute specific reforms but to win men back to God—to institute all reform. Yet women occupied an honored place among his followers and were the first to publish the tidings of his resurrection. The references of Paul to the women who were his laborers show that they continued to proclaim the gospel. "Ah, yes, but Paul says 'wives be in subjection to your own husbands and I suffer not a woman to usurp authority over the man,' etc." That we may know how to deal with these utterances let us ask what is the method of interpretation adopted by our church in all other matters? It is that no mere fragmentary passages, severed from their relations, be taken as the teachings of scripture upon any point but that all the utterances of the inspired writers upon the subject in question be considered in their connection, in their bearing upon one another and in their relation to the circumstances under which they were written. It is by this method of interpretation alone that our Arminian church can keep fellowship with Paul, for Paul has uttered ten calvinistic sentiments to every one in favor of the subordination of women. Yet our church boldly claims Paul as an Arminian. "For," say we, "the specific utterances which, taken by themselves, might seem to teach predestination are seen when taken with their context, to be capable of harmonizing entirely with the Arminian view and any other interpretation makes Paul hopelessly inconsistent with himself and contradictory to the spirit of the teachings of the whole of the rest of the scriptures and of Christ himself." Commenting upon this method of interpretation a Presbyterian Sunday-school lesson help exclaims, "Oh, Paul, you were stoned and beaten and beheaded but did you ever expect to be called an Arminian?" I believe Paul to be an Arminian but by the same method of interpretation, I am equally sure he is the champion of "woman's rights." Upon what other ground can you harmonize his forbidding women to teach in one breath with his commendation of his women fellow laborers in the other? How can his command that women keep silence, be in subjection, etc., be anything but absolutely contradictory to his glorious prophecy. "There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female, for ye are all one man in Christ Jesus," unless you regard the former as given to a particular church under peculiar conditions. I know that our opponents have sought to weaken this prophecy but it now becomes our turn to say that only willful determination to wrest it can bring in doubt the meaning of this passage. In the light of Christ's gospel, the distinction of bond and free have

utterly disappeared from the civilized nations of the globe. The race prejudices of to-day are as nothing to the walls of bitter hatred that then separated nation from nation, and the last vestige of it is sure to pass away. Sex will doubtless remain as long as the race remains upon the planet, but the artificial man-made distinctions based upon it are doomed to destruction if "there can be no male nor female" means anything.

It may be helpful, too, to remember that Paul said repeatedly "servants (which in the original means bond-servants, slaves), obey in all things your masters according to the flesh." He sent the runaway slave back to his master and from those words and that act Southern slave-holders claimed the sanction of God upon the most iniquitous system of slavery the world has ever seen. The very same line of argument which removes Paul from the champions of slavery takes him also from the ranks of those who advocate the subordination of woman.

In the beginning God said, "it is not good for man to be alone." He did not limit the statement to the home and we have no more right to do so than we have to limit it to the school-house or the market place. "But after that came the curse, 'thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.'" What of that other curse, "cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be to his brethren"? If Christ removed the one curse be did the other also. If it is our duty to see that one curse is still enforced our duty is the same regarding the other, and we sacrificed in an unrighteous cause how many precious lives, how much treasure?

During the last century woman has been slowly regaining her rightful position by man's side in one place after another. "Now," say our opponents, "see what christianity, especially Methodism christianity has done for woman! We let her speak in prayer meeting, notwithstanding Paul does say she should keep silence and ask her husband at home, we allow her to 'usurp authority over the man,' to the extent of holding various offices in the church and Sunday-school, voting for lay delegates, etc. We admit her to our colleges, we read her articles when she writes for the papers, listen to her when she speaks from the platform, but with this magnanimity you must be satisfied, we draw the line here." But mark you, those who so freely accord woman the above named privileges but refuse to go farther, fought every step of her advance while she was seeking to enter these hard-won fields and with precisely the same argument with which they now seek to shut the doors of General Conference against her. But in every case thus far she has proved these arguments false, her presence has been a blessing in every department of life to which she has been admitted.

And now brothers, we, a great majority of the christian women of the church ask for what we consider our rightful place in the councils of the church. And we ask it not because we desire place or honor for ourselves but because we fully believe that it will promote the best interests of the church and the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Think carefully and prayerfully before you refuse, be not guilty of the fatal error of those who cried out, "this people that knoweth not the law is accursed."

ISABELLA WEBB PARKS.

Atlanta, Ga.

MERIT and merit alone should be the criterion for the bestowal of our favors. To act upon any other principle is to be guilty of unjust favoritism.

For the Southwestern.

Sight-Seeing.—VIII.

L. M. HAGOOD.

"Well, I'll tell you I felt spotted as a leopard. I knew it was not only a breach of etiquette, as well as an exhibition of ignorance to speak that way of any one, but then I did not blame the girl for she had never been taught that it was wrong. I felt that something would grow out of it for every one that beard her turned red in the face except the black.—Well, now I'd just as well learn common decency while I'm out of the South—the colored gentleman. So after my folks went to their rooms I went to the office. I was surprised to find that it was not the clerk that wanted to see me, but a gentleman in the private parlor, to the right. When I came in I found the finest room into which I had ever gone. A gentleman arose and unceremoniously began by saying "Mr. Smith, I am the manager of this house and find by the register that you are stopping here and that one of your family insulted every person at the table to-day by making a scurrilous remark about one of my guests because of his color. Permit me to say to you that I never brook insults offered my guests though it should come from Queen Vic., and I have only to say"—"Pardon me sir, not knowing your name I can't address you by it, but allow me a word, I said, I saw he was getting excited—"I wish to apologize for my grand-daughter. She was raised in the South. It is true she has visited New Orleans, Nashville, Louisville and Cincinnati, but has never been this far north before and did not know it was wrong. I am sorry to say that some of our women in the South find it wise to act rudely toward people of color to keep down the spirit of jealousy that now and then exhibits itself. Were a lady to sit beside a gentleman of color at any hotel of the cities I have mentioned without complaint, some white man would accuse her at least of having a liking for them." "Now, Mr. Smith, my time is limited, but permit me to say to you that a gentleman is a gentleman wherever you find him; it makes no difference what his color is. And you people of the South must distinctively understand that you owe only what you can pay for and nothing more. That gentleman is educated and refined and there was nothing about him any one could object to except the fact that he was better dressed and understood table etiquette better than any one near him. Did your grand-daughter not notice he was leading in a discussion on recent scientific discovery?" "Yes, yes, that is all true but my folks will know better next time, I assure you. I promise you nothing of the kind will occur again. To mend matters, if you will have him come to the parlor here I shall be glad to introduce my family to him, and"—"Well, Mr. Smith, you will excuse me, but I can tell you unless you have something worthy of his recognition he would not thank me for such a breach of etiquette." "You may tell him I'm Colonel Smith from Ky." "Well I would not advise you to wait, he said, as he passed out the door. I followed him and returned to my room to find my grand-daughter almost in hysterics. My wife had told her her worst fears and they were afraid of being driven from the hotel." We parted—he to go to the hotel and I to my lodging place, but I could not help but think sorely this is "God's country." Early next morning we were at the depot ready to take the train for Lewiston where we were to get a

steamer for Toronto, Canada. There were five hundred excursionists aboard the train. A tall but rather fine looking gentleman, with a large "Cowboy-looking" black hat, and wearing a corkscrew diagonal suit of black, came and sat beside me. He was from Birmingham, Ala. He at first looked up and down the car as if looking to see if anybody saw him sit down by me. No one seemed to know he was there and doubtless he felt it, for he interrupted the conversation between myself and a gentleman and wife from Cleveland who had been in conversation concerning the question of the annexation of Canada, to ask "Yon say you are from Kentucky. Well, what's your name? I'm very glad to meet you. I'm from Alabama and my name is"—But the conductor cried out "Lewiston."

This place (Lewiston) is but a short distance from Niagara and is the place where the steamers for Toronto land. After much commotion and pleasant excitement all were aboard and the fine steamer moved gracefully away from the shore and started due North for Lake Ontario. To the left, as we steamed out, was seen, on the Canadian shore, a fine granite monument. This river, Niagara, is the outlet of Lake Erie into Lake Ontario and is thirty-three miles in length, and 4,750 feet wide. It is now and here a placid stream.

That monument is 194 feet high. Inside is a winding stair-case up which one may ascend nearly to its apex. It was erected in memory of the British Gen'l. Isaac Brock, where he fell in battle at Queens-town, Ca., in the war of 1812. It was almost destroyed in 1840, but was moved nearer the American shore afterward and built as you now see it. It stands there amid sunshine and shadow, foul and pleasant weather a silent reminder of the sad conflict of the past. We ascended 303 steps.

THE following note shows how the SOUTHWESTERN is appreciated wherever read.

A. E. P. Albert, D. D.

Dear Sir:

With, and including this number of the SOUTHWESTERN, July 17, 1890, is my third number of your most worthy and interesting paper, and, allow me to say that so far, I am so pleased with it that I would not be without it for five times the amount of subscription asked. I was solicited to subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN some time ago by your local agent here Prof. G. W. Wells, a member of the Wiley University faculty, and, not knowing the real value of the publication or how interesting it would prove to be to me, I only subscribed of him more as a personal matter between him and I; but as previously stated above I would not be without your paper the (SOUTHWESTERN) for many times its subscription price.

In conclusion I would add that you may rely upon me as a regular subscriber for always. I must have the SOUTHWESTERN.

I remain respectfully,

T. J. FLOWERS.

Marshall, Texas.

Church Polity.

What do you think of a preacher who says that it cannot be proved that the dying thief went to Heaven? He says he has Scripture for it. Please explain. H.R.B.

A. Either you misunderstand and erroneously report the preacher, or he does not know what he is talking about. The teachings of the Scripture are clear that the dying thief that begged the Savior to be remembered was saved, and went with him to the same Heaven or Paradise, where all redeemed souls are now at rest.

Letters from the Districts.

Notes from the Austin District.

MACK HENSON.

The people and interested members of our church have rendered their verdict on the question agitating the public mind as to whether women shall be admitted as delegates to the General Conference. The verdict of Austin district is against the women. According to our membership, only one-sixth of the entire members voted upon the question. There were 98 for, and 294 against admission. The minutes show 2,156 members, and only 392 expressed themselves either way, which shows a lack of courage to express a conviction; therefore the canvass for votes on either side was without enthusiasm.

The letter of Bro. A. M. Mason in a recent issue, touching upon matters pertaining to the development of the work on Austin District is full of good suggestions and advice; which we trust will be carefully read, analyzed and digested. A letter in this direction is to the point in the main, which brings me to my feet, and the more so because the personal inspection I am now making of the territory which comprises the Austin District. However, the paragraph which says:

"When Presiding Elder Mack Henson leaves the city of Hills, going to the sandy city of Calvert, a distance of 100 miles, he does not hold one quarterly meeting until he reaches Calvert."

The reason of this obvious Austin, "the city of hills," is not only the headquarters of the district, but is the base from which we plan and act upon every other part of the district. Were it to our convenience in going one way from Austin to Calvert, we might leave on Northwest Narrow Gauge at 6:30 a. m., and arrive at Burnet at 11:30 a. m. Then take the mail back and jolt twenty-five miles over to Lampasas. Here we board the G. C. & S. F. to Millans junction; thence to Hearn via the I. & G. N.; from thence via the H. T. C. railway to the sandy city of Calvert. For convenience we will call this the right hand route.

The left hand route leaving the city of hills, to Georgetown via Round Rock, thirty-six miles across the country brings us to Belton; from here you might hire private conveyance and go thirty-three or thirty-four miles to Davilla. Here you leave the private conveyance and board the mail back to Bartlett, or to Holland; thence we go aboard of the M. K. & T. to Temple. Here change, if we like, and travel via G. C. & S. F.; get off at Cameron, meet a private conveyance, go down to Milan Grove Church; and the following Tuesday or Wednesday go twenty-three miles over to Calvert, the sandy city.

But one would not like to go this right and left hand route. It is very true this territory is not as well developed as it should be, and the fourteen men with the aid of twice as many local, and would be local preachers, could if they only possess that characteristic Methodist zeal and fervor. No one with sufficient knowledge of the ground occupied by our sister denominations but sees clearly that our churches throughout are better organized and our preachers stand head and shoulders above the majority of any other class of ministers in many points which I might name.

It is true there are those to be found among the 14 men referred to who have done but little else this year but to carry on an incessant warfare among the people instead of going about their work like true men. Some of our Sunday schools have almost died out for want of pastoral oversight. Some pastors have sat in their parsonages when they could have been leading on the host of God. The fact is too clear that there are but few of our men who are willing to do circuit work on circuits, and some indeed were very poor.

A part of my experience is of recent date of this unwillingness.

One man left his work and two others said they were given the meaneast work in the whole conference. And, indeed, these two brethren are occupying the same field, and tilling just where the writer succeeded in 1879, and in addition to this large circuit, we had the financial agency of our conference school; besides this, we found it possible to be in school a part of the time, and manage to keep up with the class in all our studies, including Gildersleeve's first lessons in Latin.

Dr. M. A. Major, a graduate of Meharry Medical School, of Central Tennessee College, at that time belonged to my class, or I belonged to his; Prof. G. O. Richardson, and his father Rev. G. O. Richardson, and their loving and useful wives, were our teachers.

Bro. Mason thinks ministers as well as farmers can have too much to do. That may be true, and it may be true also, that some ministers as well as some farmers fail because they do not, or will not do as much as they can, and ought to do. It seems that some preachers entertain an idea that a bishop or presiding elder can decree success to them.

I have just read a letter from a dear brother who, when I held his fourth quarterly conference, all his people seemed to love him dearly, and wanted him back another year. He says now:

"If you have no other work for me than this, I wish to be left without an appointment another year."

I asked him what could have brought about such a great change in so short a while; that a bishop and presiding elder could pray for his success, but could not decree it; that he had twenty-four hours in a day to work, plan, and pray, and seven days in a week to do the same thing; and fifty two weeks in a year to accomplish the end in view.

If our dear brethren would read more carefully the history and doctrines of the M. E. Church their desire would be healed. Week after week the rich news of the triumph of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the grand old M. E. Church which appear in the SOUTHWESTERN columns, if carefully read would help wonderfully.

The members of the West Texas Conference Mutual Aid Association will convene in annual session at 9:30 a. m., Feb. 4, at Waco, Texas. Please act with promptness, as there is important business to come before that body.

West Tennessee District Conference.

J. S. FOSTER.

The first district conference, of the West Tennessee District, met in New Pleasant Grove Church, Gainesville, Tenn., Jan. 8.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. S. Foster. Rev. B. Anderson, presiding elder, presided. J. S. Foster was elected secretary, H. W. Key assistant secretary.

Reports showed that a good work had been done since the annual conference.

The district conference agreed to hold a Sunday school institute in Centenary Church, Memphis, Tenn., in June. Rev. P. Martin, pastor at Martin station, preached on Friday at 7 p. m.

A vote of thanks was tendered the presiding elder for the patient manner in which he conducted the conference; also to Rev. A. Burdett pastor of New Pleasant Grove for working so hard to make everything pleasant for us; and to the good people of that vicinity for opening their doors so kindly and doing so much to entertain the conference.

The next district conference will convene in Mason, Tenn.

The presiding elder stayed over to hold his quarterly meeting, and preached on Sunday. We are glad to say that our presiding elder is a Christian gentleman, and we expect to rally at his command.

Rev. J. A. Moore, former secre-

tary, and Rev. J. B. Booth, are now attending Gammon's Theological Seminary, Atlanta. They were very much missed from the conference. We expect to do a good work on this district this year, and raise all of our benevolent collections, and rally around the SOUTHWESTERN.

Shreveport District, La.

T. G. MONTGOMERY.

Rev. Pierre Landry, at St. Paul Church, Shreveport, has done a good work. He has repaired the parsonage and raised over four thousand dollars and paid out the same. The conference passed resolution asking for his return. The church is yet in debt, and is struggling hard to liquidate it.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, at St. James' Church, has done a good work. The trustees have paid the insurance, and the interest on the six hundred dollars the church owes, the principal unpaid.

Grand Cane, Rev. Geary, Johnson, had a pleasant quarterly conference. He is trying to build a new church at Mt. Zion, eighteen miles from Grand Cane. He has the lumber on the ground.

Rev. J. J. Obee, Shady Grove, has done good work. He built a new church and parsonage, and is trying to build another church at Jackson Grove.

Rev. E. Hutcherson, Mansfield, has added some to the church, and bought two lots on which to build a new church.

Rev. A. B. Venable, Boncheste, has built a new parsonage, and added some to the church.

Rev. D. M. Seals, Marthaville, has done a good work in adding many souls to the church. He has also bought lumber to build a parsonage, and has part of it on the ground.

Rev. M. H. Hunter, Robeline circuit, had a pleasant quarterly conference. He has the better portion of his missionary money raised.

Rev. C. W. Reeves, Fort Jessup, has added some to the church. He bought two acres of land and paid for them, and has built a parsonage and dug a well on it.

Rev. S. S. Wright, Natchitoches, has added to the church. He is now making arrangements to cover the church and parsonage. He has the better portion of his missionary money raised.

Rev. P. B. McDonald, Bedford circuit, added many to, and rebuilt the church. He is loved by both white and colored.

Rev. James Sudds, East Point, has done well.

Rev. M. F. Fairfax, Lake End, has done a good work. He added many to, and repaired the church and added ten feet to it. He has also ceiled the church. He has his conference money on hand.

Rev. J. F. Fisher, Pelican is trying to get a lot in town on which to build a church and parsonage.

Rev. F. M. Lashington, Pleasant Hill, had a pleasant quarterly conference. He has the best part of his money raised.

Rev. P. C. Colton, Boyce circuit, has done a good work. He built a new church at Spring Creek. He is loved by the members and friends of the church. He has his conference money on hand.

Rev. A. McLaughlin has done a grand work this year in building a fine church in the town of Boyce.

Rev. N. Burton left his work, and S. W. Shelby supplied his place, and is doing well. Since he took charge he has added several to the church.

Bro. Aaron Connerly, Leesville, has done a good work in adding some to the church.

J. P. Price, Nashville, Tenn.: My district is moving on nicely.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

Rev. M. Adams, Fasonia, Miss., writes of the wonderful opportunities offered to our church in the great Delta, if only the men and money can be secured. He has opened several important and promising points, and looks forward for the largest results for the spread of our Methodism in that section.

A. J. Rucker, Pulaski City, Va.

On the night of Dec. 29, 1890, a fire broke out in Mr. Spencer Ruck's house, two doors from our church.

Everybody came to the rescue, but in a few moments, to the sadness of all present, our church was in a blaze, and burned to the ground. On it went to Mr. W. S. McClanahan's house, thence to Mr. J. Johnson's house, in which the pastor lived, which also went down, leaving five residences and our church in ashes.

Two of the houses were owned by Mr. J. R. Johnson; one by Mr. McClanahan, and one by Rev. W. F. Anderson, of Morristown. Our people to-day are in tears. We had no insurance. Some of our people lost all they had, others only part. Bro. Johnson, the great pillar of the church, was the largest loser. The writer was not at home. On his return he found that we were where we started some years ago. But it will start again.

We ask the many readers of the SOUTHWESTERN to help us rebuild our church in this distressing hour. One man was destroyed by the flames. Pray for us in our distress.

N. S. Stirling, Carrollton, Ga.

I have been preaching in the Methodist Church nineteen years, and four hundred and seventy-five persons have acknowledged that I have been instrumental in their conversion. Dec. 23, 1890, I celebrated my silver wedding.

D. W. Wynn, Douglas, Ga.

We have done grandly this year on the Douglas circuit. Built two new churches, and have paid all but \$48, which we expect to raise soon. We have added to this circuit a considerable amount of property.

J. H. Swan, Maysfield, Texas.

Our fourth quarterly conference convened at Milan's Grove Dec. 27. Rev. Mack Henson in the chair. Paid pastor, \$80. Raised for Sam Houston College, \$39 50; benevolent money, \$40; paid elder, \$16 25. The dear old SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. Look for some new cash subscribers in a few days.

D. C. Coburn, Tchula, Miss.

I arrived here Feb. 8, 1890, and found the work in a very bad condition. I am sorry to say I will leave it in about the same. There are too few members on the work for a minister to get support. The whole work has only paid me \$23. 95; and the elder, nine dollars and a few cents. There are two churches on the work in part. One is in debt to the amount of \$45, with a membership of eight. In regard to the Sunday school. We have a very good one. I have added to the church five members. We hope to do better another year.

A Word to Our Agents.

Dear Brethren:—The eyes of the whole Church are upon us. During the past year or two we have done grandly in doubling the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN but as yet, we are far from the desired goal. We should not be satisfied until we have placed this paper on the pinnacle of self-support, where it will no longer be necessary to subsidize it to keep it afloat. Let us cease to be dependent by a general and united rally for the SOUTHWESTERN. We don't need names; what we need is cash with the names. To multiply names without cash is simply to multiply our liabilities without increasing

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Letters from the Laity.

Our people at Donaldsonville, La., have sent us the most flattering resolution touching the high esteem in which their pastor for the past three years, Rev. John Qualls, is held by them. Their report shows that during the past three years \$3688.50 have been raised and \$3558.50 paid out. This is a splendid showing for St. Peter Church.

E. C. Ward, Cedar Bluff, Miss.

We, the members at Cedar Bluff, are trying to build a Methodist Church. We commenced last June. Bro. H. G. Gladney was our pastor when we commenced, but as he is deceased, we ask you to plead to the Bishop to send us another man just like him. He was an earnest worker for his people in every respect. We ask you for your earnest prayers, that we may be successful in our work here.

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Lost Friends.

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Mr. Editor: I want to find my mother, Charity Blanford. She used to belong to Richard Long Hancock, Ky. She was living in Lewisport one year, and a Neg trader took her off to Louisville. After she went to Louisville I do not know in what direction she went. She took her little daughter three years old with her, and her oldest daughter behind. Her name was Mary Long. The child that she took along with her was named Ellen. Any information may be directed to Mary Modock, Rockport, Ind.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my father and mother. Father's name was Washington Samsou when he was sold to Judge Perkins, and mother's was Violet Samsou when she left Mississippi. The last account I heard of father he was living with a man named Ralchild in Louisiana. My other relatives were Adam Samsou, Orange Samsou, Syrena Samsou, and Anzo Samsou. Address Alonzo Henry, Cuthbert, Ga.

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Charles II wrote a much more pleasing hand when Prince of Wales than after his accession to the throne.

There was no indication of genius in the handwriting of Edmund Burke, which is rather effeminate looking.

Dean Swift wrote a legible but stiff hand, nearly upright, a sufficient indication of his independence of character.


Voltaire wrote a small but legible hand, which seems to indicate that he must have been distinguished by method and precision of character.

The handwriting of Oliver Goldsmith, with all its beauties, is wholly lacking in decision, and seems to curiously reflect his refined but wayward temperament.

The Popular Science Monthly for February will contain the conclusion of Dr. Andrew D. White's paper From Babel to Comparative Philology, also that of Prof. Huxley's discussion of the Aryan question and Prehistoric Man.

The demand for the January Arena has been so great that a second edition was called for in less than ten days after the appearance of this number. Among the leading contributors are Alfred Russell Wallace, Rabbi Solomon Schindler, Felix Oswald, Hamlin Garland, Moncure D. Conway, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Prof. Joseph Rhodes Buchanan, and Wilbur Larrimore.

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Miss Clara Spencer, daughter of Dr. W. A. Spencer, of the Board of Church Extension, and now a student in Wellesly College, Massachusetts, has concluded, it is said, to offer her services to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as a candidate for an appointment in the foreign mission work.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will celebrate this year its twenty-fifth anniversary. In these twenty-five years it has received and expended nearly three millions of dollars.

The missionary apportionments for 1891. The table has been published in the Year Book, subject to revision by the Board. Greater care in making out apportionments will be taken this year than ever before. It will be done by districts, and each district apportionment will be submitted to the presiding elder for correction, if any should be needed. The ability of each district as indicated by pastoral support, church and parsonage property, and even more than these, by heart and willingness as expressed by what has been done before, will be fully considered. Each presiding elder will be an actual member of the committee when his district is under consideration. The committee is composed of John F. Goucher, M. Buckley, M. D. C. Crawford, O. S. Harrower, and D. R. Lowrie. The corresponding secretaries will be in consultation with them.

When finished, the table of apportionments on the Million and a Quarter Line will be as near perfect as it can be made in the light of the above mentioned facts. Missionary Secretaries.

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General Church News.

Persecution in Peru.

Somebody in Peru is terribly afraid that disaster will come to the cherished institutions of the republic, in case the people at large are allowed to read the word of God and to assemble in an orderly way for the worship of their heavenly Father. This is the sole cause of the persecution and imprisonment of one of the agents of the American Bible Society, an ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been kept in prison in Callao for months under charges which impute to him no more grievous offense than that of having told the story of the gospel to a company of Christian believers, and distributed among them the Holy Bible in the Spanish tongue—a book which the ecclesiastical censors denounce as "prohibited and immoral."

What the immediate issue of Mr. Penzotti's imprisonment is to be, time will shortly show; but no one can well doubt that before long Peru must come into the rank of the republics farther south, and allow full liberty of worship and the widest circulation for the word of God. To imprison a man whose

grave offense against the public good consists in his pointing out to his fellow-men the way of escape from sin and death, is a desperate step which shows the waning powers of a priesthood whose interest is to keep the people in ignorance. It is a specimen of intolerance which must cause discussion in the public prints and open the eyes of men to the dire effects of spiritual tyranny. The inconsistency of the thing will attract attention. Pagan worship is carried on in the cities of Peru by the Chinese without let or hindrance; why should the worship of Christ be forbidden? For thirty years American and British ministers have been allowed to maintain public worship in Callao in the English language; why should they not be allowed to say "Our Father" in Spanish if they prefer? For more than three centuries the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments have been printed in the beautiful Castilian tongue, and the bishops and priests in affiliation with Rome have shown small desire to have them known and read by their adherents; why should they be allowed to invoke the strong arm of the civil power to restrain the circulation of that Book of books, the genuineness and value which they dare not formally deny? Such attempts at repression belong to another age than the present, and in Peru, as elsewhere, a larger liberty is sure to come. Perhaps Penzotti's imprisonment will hasten the day of freedom. In Argentina and Chili full liberty of worship is guaranteed by the constitution, and yet it is not many years ago that the women of Santiago, at the instigation of the priests, stoned in the public streets the men who were proposing to introduce liberty of worship into the constitution of Chili. Is it worth while to despair of the republic of Peru? If the officials suffer themselves to be used as the tools of the priesthood, so much the worse for the officials. The truth is mighty and must prevail.

Mr. Penzotti, a man of estimable and spotless character, a preacher of rare fervor and power, and a pattern for believers in simple faith, has once before been subjected in Peru to the indignity of confinement in the common jail. That was at Arequipa, somewhat more than a year ago, and after confinement for nineteen days he was set free by order of the national government. He is now nearer the national capital and held in stronger bonds, awaiting trial on charges which we have not seen clearly stated. He was arrested in Callao on the 25th of July, and at the latest date, the 4th of October, the case had not come up for trial. One letter of his was printed in the Record for September, and other extracts from his communications will be read with interest. On the 30th of July he wrote to his associate and friend, Mr. Milne: "Dear Beloved: From the interior of a prison I write you these lines. As it is possible that the news of my imprisonment may reach you from another source, and cause you sorrow, I have thought it prudent to write to you myself, with the object to tranquilize your mind. I can say with all certainty, and without dissimulation, that even in prison, with thieves and murderers, the Lord is with me, and I am happier than I could have expected. I prefer to be in prison with my Saviour than to be at liberty without him. On entering it I asked God to bless my confinement, and he has heard me. To-day is the fourth day that I am under iron bars; but 'the word of God is not

bound," as saith St. Paul, and as Dr. Drees preached when you visited us.

As is natural, I am endeavoring to do what I can with the prisoners to make known to them the good news of the gospel, and some of them manifest much interest. I have also managed to dispose of some Bibles and a considerable number of tracts. I rejoice that all the congregation, instead of being discouraged, have taken a deeper interest and shown more zeal for the extension of the kingdom of Christ. On Sunday, the 27th, the chapel was full; and, in the midst of sobs and abundant tears for my imprisonment, they presented at the throne of grace fervent prayers, the effect of which I felt.

The church members to the number of from thirty to fifty visit me daily, and many of them not without tears, while some bring me presents. As is natural with so many visitors and so many manifestations of love, the days pass very happily; and the first part of the evening I occupy myself in the Lord's work among my companions in misfortune. My family pass the greater part of the day with me, and bring me my food and all that I could wish. The governor of the prison has much consideration for me, and does not hinder any one from coming to see me.

It is due to my visit to Bolivia that things reached the extreme of sending me to prison. Before going there I presented a duly-empowered representative to the judge and to my advocate, but he fell sick, and my advocate did not have full knowledge of the condition of affairs, owing to the under-hand procedure carried on against me for the crime of preaching the gospel and distributing prohibited Bibles. The Jesuits' hand appears in their delaying my arrest till Saturday, at 4 p. m., so that there would be no opportunity to do anything for several days, the next day being Sunday, and the three following days a national festival, when all tribunals are closed, and the condition of things is abnormal on account of the election of a new president. As the judge in Callao cannot intervene, it is necessary to appeal to the court of Lima.

All things considered, it appears to me that this will contribute to the good of the work, and hasten the day of toleration, if not of liberty of worship. This is the opinion of several intelligent and influential men, based on the fact that it is moving things in the capital itself. As soon as the days of festivities are over steps will be taken to secure my liberty under a guaranty, in case the court demands it and makes room for my defense to be made.

The thing I ask of you and my brethren is that you will pray for this poor country and its liberty, and that we may triumph over error and the children of darkness. I am very happy and contented, and give thanks to God for having chosen me to labor in this vast and interesting camp, and that our labors in the Lord are not in vain. My prison is for me a temple of the Lord, and my family and brethren are becoming tranquil, knowing that it is the will of God. Yours fraternally,

F. PENZOTTI.

Mr. Penzotti's sanguine expectations of having a speedy decision of his case was not realized. A letter dated August 19th has already been printed in the Record. Some intervening correspondence has not been received, but on the 4th of October, two months after the date of the letter printed above, he was still a prisoner, with no immediate prospect of release. At that time he wrote to the Bible House, saying: "I am still in prison, and a prison very hard also, and very dirty, and I have no hope of coming out yet. I think that in less than a month I may have a sentence of from four months to a year. Many persons of consideration have done what they could to get my liberty, but it is all in vain. The newspapers take sides, both

for and against us; and there is a general agitation. Congress is working for liberty of worship, but there is nothing sure."

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General News Items.

The Grady monument will soon ornament the city of Atlanta, Ga. Dallas, Texas, had a \$100,000 incendiary fire, Jan. 13.

New Orleans was disgraced by a prize fight Jan. 14, between Dempsey and Fitzsimmons. Dempsey came out second best.

The prison records of New Orleans shows 22,008 offenses committed for which the offenders were arrested during this year of our Lord 1890. Alcohol was at the bottom of five sixths if not more of all these offenses. Down with it! John R. Jones' lumber drying kiln was burnt down in Shreveport, Jan. 14.

Grenada, Miss., had a \$100,000 fire Jan. 14.

The Indians are surrendering their arms, and the war is over. Now let justice be done them.

U. S. Senator Hearst, is in a dying condition with a cancer of the colon in Washington, D. C.

The Provenzano, Italian vendetta conspiracy is now on trial in this city.

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Louisiana.....N. O. La....." 14. "

Georgia.....Demorest, Ga....." 15. Bowman

St. John's Riv. Lawley, Fla....." 15. Warren

Alabama.....Nashville, Ala....." 15. Foss

Florida.....Gainesville, Fla....." 22. Warren

Arkansas.....Ft. Smith, Ark....." 22. Foss

Little Rock, Texarkana, Ark....." 22. Newman

Virginia.....Roxbury, Mass....." 25. Joyce

Central Alabama, Marion, Ala....." 29. Andrews

Savannah.....Macon, Ga....." 29. Warren

Southern German Waco, Tex....." 29. Foss

Upper Miss Holly Springs, Miss. Feb. 5. Andrews

South Carolina, Greenville, S. C....." 5. Warren

West Texas.....Waco, Tex....." 5. Foss

Kansas.....Lawrence, Kan....." 11. Merrill

Minnesota.....St. Paul, Minn....." 11. Merrill

Central Missouri.....Marion, Mo....." 11. Merrill

Washington.....Baltimore, Md....." 12. Merrill

S. W. Kansas.....Newton, Kan....." 18. Merrill

St. Louis.....St. Louis, Mo....." 18. Vincent

New Jersey.....Trenton, N. J....." 18. Vincent

Lexington.....Lexington, Ky....." 18. Joyce

Wilmington.....Centerville, Md....." 19. Fowler

N. W. Kansas.....Norton, Kan....." 19. Merrill

North Carolina.....Charlotte, N. C....." 19. Merrill

Wyoming.....Cheyenne, W. Y. April 1. Bowman

East German.....Baltimore, Md....." 1. Merrill

Delaware.....Cambridge, Md....." 1. Merrill

New York.....New York, N. Y....." 1. Merrill

North Carolina.....Charlotte, N. C....." 1. Merrill

New York East Patchogue, L. I....." 1. Goodell

New England.....Lynn, Mass....." 1. Goodell

New Hampshire.....Newport, N. H....." 1. Goodell

Troy.....Troy, N. Y....." 22. Hurst

Maine.....Brunswick, Me....." 22. Goodell

Connecticut.....Hartford, Conn....." 22. Goodell

East Maine.....Bangor, Me....." 22. Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India.....Moradabad, India, Jan. 7. Thoburn

Africa.....Victoria, Liberia....." 14. Taylor

England.....London, England....." 14. Thoburn

Mexico.....Mexico, Mexico....." 15. Nindo

South India.....Bangalore, India....." 15. Thoburn

Formosa.....Formosa, India....." 15. Thoburn

Malayan Miss. Singapore, Singapore....." 15. Thoburn

China Miss. Nanking, China, Apr. 15. Foster

Poland Miss. Rzeszow, Poland....." 22. Walden

Italy.....Florence, Italy....." 22. Walden

N. China Miss. Peking, China....." 13. Foster

W. China Miss. Chuan King, China June 3....." 13. Foster

Korea Miss. Seoul, Korea....." 13. Foster

Switzerland.....Zurich, Switzerland....." 11. Walden

Germany.....Hamburg, Germany....." 17. Walden

Denmark Miss. Yello, Denmark, July 1. Walden

Japan.....Tokyo, Japan....." 15. Walden

Norway.....Bergen, Norway....." 15. Walden

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A BROTHER writing of the close observation given to the work in her conference by several presiding Bishops, says:

"Bishop Joyce knocked the barrel over and unhooped it; Bishop Newman took out the head; Bishop Walden inquired whether it contained meal or flour."

THE "House of Bondage," thrilling, charming, and wonderful is out in book form; and is on sale at this office. Every reader of the SOUTHWESTERN should send for a copy at once. Price, 75c. The introduction, written by Bishop Mallien, is worth the price of the book.

MR. Bernard Moses, photographer, came up very kindly, by request, to take a picture of the conference, Monday.—There was so much hurry, at the close, however, that he was not given the opportunity. His place of business is 369 Dryades street, near Erato. He has long made a specialty of taking photos for our colored people and all will find him most obliging and reasonable, as well as most skillful in his art.

WE commend to our conferences the following plan of notification to members and visitors to the conferences.

Dear Sir:—This will introduce you to Mr. and Mrs. ————No. ————street, with whom you will stop during the Annual Conference which meets here February 5th, 1891. Present this card on your arrival. Hack fare twenty-five cents to all parts of the city. J. T. Gibbons, pastor, St. James M. E. Church, 704 S. Second street, Waco, Texas.

PROGRESS, progress, what crisis are committed in thy name! Some people, who are always ready to leap before they look, and to embrace every innovation without deliberation, call themselves progressive. They are equally ready to devour everybody that disagrees with them as clowns. Nonsense; only bearded, but brainless goats leap before they look.

A GOOD brother, with more beard than brains, writes us a long string of words, which are perfectly innocent of any ideas. He demands that we publish the whole stack of words without condensation. He says: "Now don't condense it, put it all in. If you don't print it send it back to me at my expense." He even offers to pay us, if necessary, to "put it all in." This we can't do. The General Conference put us here to attend to this very business of condensing ideas closer together, when as fearfully stretched out from each other, as they happen to be in the communication here referred to. No, dear brother, we can't put in all of your letters without condensation, for love nor money.

Bishop Newman and Negro Leagues.

Bishop Newman errs when he says that "the Negroes have blundered in forming leagues to gain their rights. When any one claims certain rights because he is a foreigner or because he is of a particular color he is in the wrong." The Negro does not claim "any rights because he is of a certain color," but because he is an American citizen. That he is denied his rights because the good Bishop who has often lifted both his pen and voice in his behalf, will not deny. The American Citizens' Equal Rights Association has been organized by colored men to arouse the Negroes of this country to utilize every means in their power, by education, thrift and character, to prove their merit and to influence the public mind to see that their rights are accorded them. Nothing more nor less. The society, like the Anti-slavery societies of a generation ago, is open to all who are ready to cooperate in the humane purpose for which it has been inaugurated, viz: to advocate that every citizen, without regard to race or color, shall enjoy every constitutional right, and the equal protection of the law.

The Negroes being the victims of the injustice complained of, it is perfectly reasonable that they should organize the movement.

"Who would be free themselves must strike the blow." Does the good Bishop see the point? We are opposed to race segregation and clannishness, but we favor the segregation of good men in favor of a righteous and just cause, even if it results in the association of one particular race in it. Let Bishop Newman, and all who favor the equal rights of American citizens, join the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association. It is open to all in favor of equal rights, whether white, black, brown or yellow, copper colored or Indians, whether taxed or not taxed.

Little Rock Conference Statistics.

Probationers, 463; full members, 3,630; local preachers, 97; deaths, 73; children baptized, 174; adults baptized, 202; churches, 74; probable value, \$51,675; parsonages, 19; probable value, \$8,545; paid for buildings and improvements, \$7,534; paid on old indebtedness, \$1,133; present indebtedness, \$5,030; current expenses, \$845; number of schools, 71; officers and teachers, 471; scholars, 3,336; for missions, \$334 75; church extension, \$93 45; Sunday school Union, \$16 15; Freedmen's Aid, \$345 15; education, \$81 34; Bible, \$4 10; W. H. M. Society, \$95 65; ministerial support, \$8,280 03; conference claimants, 12 20; other collections, \$128 10.

Echoes From Emancipation Day, Jan. 1.

Emancipation was observed in the Hammett Hill (Miss.) M. E. Church. At 3 p. m. sermon delivered by the pastor, L. C. McLendon. At 3:30 p. m. a grand lecture by Bro. M. Poe, and at 7:30 p. m. Bros. David Boone, Derry Isaiah, and Turner Lott addressed the congregation. A collection was taken for Rust University.

The celebration of Emancipation was held at Fairfield, Texas. The program was so arranged as to consume the whole day. The proclamation was read by Miss E. Foreman. Rev. Jasper Down delivered the opening address, and he was followed by Rev. P. Blair. In the afternoon, Oscola Jones and Rev. Jackson Jones addressed the people.

Emancipation was held in this city at the St. Paul M. E. Church. Mr. A. McClinton, was the orator of the day. Services began at 11:30 a. m. Notwithstanding the rain, the ladies decorated the walls nicely with pictures and a large crowd was out. Mr. McClinton spoke on the subject, "Are we Rising?" He handled the subject manfully. God bless our young men. I wish we had a thousand Mc Clintons.

There were other short and interesting addresses delivered. The writer was prepared to deliver a sermon at night, but rain had much cut off the congregation, and he was requested by the few to publish in the SOUTHWESTERN.—N. H. Speight, Birmingham, Ala.

Political Review.

The Democratic Senators feel the lines tightening gradually around them, and many of them, for the first time this session, express a fear that Election bill will pass. There is a feeling in the Senate, which finds expression on the Republican side, that, if the Democrats had allowed a vote on the election bill early in the session there would have been no question as to the defeat of the bill. Now, however, the Republicans present a nearly solid front, and party lines are likely to become more and more intact as the struggle increases in intensity.

A significant pair was announced in the Senate. Mr. Allison arose and announced that he was paired with Mr. Ingalls on all questions affecting the cloture resolution and the Federal election law. As Mr. Allison is in favor of these projects, of course Mr. Ingalls is against them. It is probable that the cloture resolution will be adopted whenever a vote can be forced.

Personal.

—Rev. J. W. Lewis, may be hereafter addressed at Winsbury, La.

Dr. A. T. Augusta died in Washington, D. C., Dec. 23. Dr. Augusta was probably the first colored physician appointed surgeon in the U. S. Army. His record in Washington has given him great prominence as a physician.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Sister Amanda Smith, commenced a series of revival meetings at Wesley Chapel on Liberty street, last Sunday evening, to continue during the week. She gave a practical discourse, founded on the last chapter of Malachi, giving especial emphasis to bringing in "all the tithes," as a preparation for the work. The house was packed. The indications are that a great work of grace will result.

Schools and Colleges.

Central Tennessee College.

The dedication of the mechanical engineering shop took place Jan. 7. The services were held in the chapel at two o'clock p. m. After the devotional services Dr. J. Braden introduced Dr. J. C. Hartzell, who took charge of the services. After a short talk he was followed by Bishop J. M. Walden, Drs. G. E. Ackerman and Dr. S. A. Steele, of the M. E. Church, South, and Bishop A. G. Hagood, after which they all marched to the shop, and there sang, and were led in prayer by both Bishops. The shop was then put in motion, and the day was enjoyed by all.

Several of the leading ministers were present. Among them were Elders J. Phillips, J. Bradford, J. P. Price, and Revs. C. B. Wilson, W. N. White, W. H. Vaughn, J. P. Gregg, H. Prim, E. Tyree and others.

The Christmas holidays at the Central Tennessee College were pleasantly and quietly spent.

On Christmas services were held during the day. During Christmas week, Seays, Clarke and Lunden Hill Chapels had beautiful Christmas trees with regular Christmas programs, which were pleasing to all present. Many of the churches on the district had nice Christmas trees.

On New Year's Day, the services of the celebration of Emancipation were held at this college from 8 to 12 m. After the devotional exercises Dr. Braden led in an appropriate speech for the occasion, after which "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was sung, and the following persons spoke:

Mr. Gwinn, Lynk, M. E. Sykes, Joseph Lyte and Prof. Thomas.

Texas Conference.

This body met at Navasota, on Jan. 15th. Bishop C. D. Foss presided. H. S. McMillan, secretary. We have only space this week for the appointments which are as follows:

HOUSTON DISTRICT.—I. B. Scott, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Houston.)
Beaumont, W. B. Pullam.
Brazoria Circuit, Lewis Brorton.
Columbia Circuit, A. C. Culbreth.
Galveston.—St. Paul, H. S. McMillan.
Tabernacle, W. W. Brown.
Harrisburg Circuit, G. W. Reeves.
Houston.—Boynton, J. K. Loggins.
Mt. Vernon, Edward Lee.
St. James, Jeremiah Smith.
Sloan Street, Tenola Edwards.
Trinity, V. M. Cole.
Liberty Circuit, Aaron Adair.
Orange, W. M. Brooks.
Oyster Creek Circuit, to be supplied by S. S. Landry.
Richmond and Kendleton, G. J. Izard.
Richmond Circuit, J. A. Steward.
Wallaceville Circuit, Alfred Britton.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.—Freeman Parker, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Huntsville.)
Cold Spring Circuit, S. H. Grant.
Colmesneil Circuit, Tobias Ward.
Corrigan Circuit, Mark Muldrew.

Crocket Circuit, Henry Gillespie.
Dodge Circuit, L. J. Hogan.
Huntsville, W. L. Duncan.
Huntsville Circuit, Henry Dixon.
Livingston Circuit, Spencer Kelly.

Lovelady Circuit, Aaron Alexander.
Montgomery and Conroe, Limiss Felder.

Newton Circuit, to be supplied by S. A. Dismuke.
Prairie Plaines Circuit, Thornton Scott.

Spring Circuit, to be supplied by Edward Holiday.

Town Bluff Circuit, E. C. Johnson.

Willis Circuit, C. G. Cnrtis.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.—Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Marshall).
Cypress Circuit, C. M. Moore.
Dangerfield Circuit, Raphael Bearner.

Hawkins Circuit, M. Q. A. Fuller.

Jefferson, S. M. Bolden.

Jefferson Circuit, T. C. Scheinall.

Kildare Circuit, to be supplied by G. F. Ibory.

Lodi Circuit.—G. W. Gill.

Marshall.—Ebenezer, Thos. Cole.

Mallalien, J. S. Whittaker.

Wiley Chapel, to be supplied by Geo. Whitaker.

Marshall Circuit, J. L. Owens.

Mincola Circuit, Anderson Williams.

Pittsburg Circuit, to be supplied by E. D. Hubbard.

Pleasant Grove Circuit, W. A. Ray.

Queen City Circuit, Robert Williams.

Red Oak and Longview, Jordan Jordan.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT.—W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Navasota).

Anderson Circuit, Jesse Jones.

Belleville Circuit, William Josey.

Brenham, H. W. Wilson.

Brenham Circuit, E. D. Blacknell.

Bryan, T. S. McMorris.

Bryan Circuit, S. E. Ewing.

Caldwell Circuit, H. O. Watson.

Hempstead, C. O. Minnegan.

Hempstead Circuit, Mason Reddick.

Hockley Circuit, H. R. Smith.

Millican Circuit, Wm. McKinsey.

Navasota, J. A. Featherston.

Navasota Circuit, J. A. Tillory.

San Felipe and Sealy, Isome Snell.

San Felipe Circuit, L. D. Thompson.

Weldom, R. M. Thomas.

Yarborough Circuit, J. E. Bryant.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.—William Wesley, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Palestine).

Buffalo and Hopewell, Mascon Wilson.

Butler Circuit, Daniel Atkins.

Cotton Gin and Fairfield, J. D. Mead.

Franklin Circuit, Miris Smith.

Hearne, L. H. Barnett.

Jacksonville Circuit, Cary Davenport.

Leona Circuit, Benjamin Fisher.

Madisonville Circuit, A. W. Parker.

Nacogdoches, to be supplied.

New Birmingham Circuit, J. H. Anderson.

Palestine, Taylor Moore.

Palestine Circuit, to be supplied by Peyton Womack.

San Augustine Circuit, W. A. Fortson.

Steward's Mill Circuit, H. W. Booker.

Sutton Circuit, G. W. Love.

PARIS DISTRICT.—Peter Morgan, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Paris).

Blossom Prairie Circuit, J. W. H. Moore.

Bonham, Aaron Taylor.

Brookston Circuit, W. B. Perry.

Cooper Circuit, to be supplied by Paul Prewitt.

Clarksburg, Frank Gilmore.

Clarksburg Circuit, P. L. Jackson.

DeKalb Circuit, to be supplied by Ned Graham.

Free Hope Circuit, De Witt Frierson.

Gibson Circuit, W. J. Holland.

Greenville and Sulphur Springs, to be supplied.

Honey Grove, Louis Woodward.

Paris, W. H. Jackson.

Red River Circuit, P. H. Haley.

Texasana, William Bartley.

Wolt City Circuit, Moses Littlejohn.

Frank Gary and Tacker Young, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People:

The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No. 115, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passengers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Associations earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in aid and devotion to the

cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or, still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those moulders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the suit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing insult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.

N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

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Louisiana Conference.

The twenty-third session of the Louisiana Annual Conference assembled Wednesday Jan. 14, in Simpson chapel, and was called to order by Bishop J. P. Newman, D. D., with a large attendance of members and a numerous congregation. The devotional services were begun by singing after which Bishop W. F. Mallalieu addressed the throne of grace.

The bishop declared the conference in order for the transaction of business, upon which the following officers were elected:

Secretary, A. E. P. Albert, D. D., of New Orleans; assistant secretaries, A. J. Ford, of Alexandria, J. F. Marshall, of New Orleans, George W. Wells, of Marshall, Texas, and A. G. Davis, of LeCompte; statistical secretaries, W. B. Anderson, H. J. Wright, F. T. Chinn, F. D. Bowers and H. Wilson; treasurer, R. Thompson, of New Orleans; assistant treasurer, W. B. Butler, of Baton Rouge, H. Taylor, of New Orleans, and P. B. McDonald, of Conshatta.

The bishop announced the following standing committees:

On Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society—L. G. Adkinson, J. C. Hartzell, W. D. Godman, E. Lyon, George Wells, F. T. Chinn, P. Laury, F. Goings, A. J. Ford, P. W. Clark, P. J. Robidoux, J. Mongry, C. H. Woodson.

On Sunday-schools and and Tracts—H. James, H. Taylor, W. P. Forrest, A. G. Davis, John Pierre, D. J. Price, R. L. Crawford.

On Bible Cause—R. Anderson, Frank Harvey, Z. T. Gayden, T. Larkin, Wm. Emmett, M. T. Fairfax.

On Church Extension—J. W. Hilton, Emerson Hutchinson, W. B. Butler, George Payne, John Qualls, Wm. Smith, L. F. Abernathy.

Conference Stewards—Officers and managers of the Preacher's Aid Society.

On Temperance—A. Pickett, H. J. Wright, E. P. Harris, C. D. Shallowhorn, H. T. O. Abbott, C. W. Kershaw.

On Woman's Home Missionary Society—T. J. Johnson, Thomas McCary, E. Harrison, M. H. Hunter, Moses Franklin, Austin Jones.

On Missions—The presiding elders.

Bishop Newman delivered an opening address appropriate to the occasion, in an impressive manner.

The following visiting ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to seats within the bar. Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., of New York City, agent of the Methodist Book Concern; Rev. W. M. Henry, of New York City; Rev. B. L. Crump, presiding elder in the Mississippi conference.

The bishop called attention to the services of W. M. Henry in company with him twenty-five years ago in this city, how they both had the yellow fever at the same time, how the colored nurse waited on the outside of his room for him to die so she could lay him out, but he wouldn't, and how he labored in the organization of the church in this locality.

Having been introduced for a few remarks, Mr. Henry was received with applause.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, the remarkable colored missionary who has just returned from Congo, Africa, was introduced, and spoke in a thrilling manner, which seemed to inspire the conference with her animated feeling.

Her services were complimented by resolutions.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu was introduced and addressed the conference, congratulating the members on the presence of Bishop Newman, and the progress that has been made.

A resolution complimentary to Bishop Mallalieu was unanimously passed.

Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., addressed the conference, in which he made a strong appeal to the members to support the literature of the church, and especially to subscribe and for the SOUTHWESTERN.

The conference then passed a resolution, welcoming Dr. Eaton, pledging the members to carry out his desires and purchasing literature from no other house than the Book Concern.

Bishop Newman announced that the sum of \$885 had been appropriated by the Book Concern to be distributed among the superannuated preachers.

The reports of the presiding elders coming up under the twentieth question—Were then made—J. W. Hindsou, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge district, reported that the general condition of the church was good and progressive, except the bulldozing portion of the district, some eight miles east of Baton Rouge, where lived Ephraim Harrison and Stephen Green; the former was whipped and the latter driven away. That the better class of whites did not approve of this bulldozing, three of the guilty parties were arrested and condemned to the penitentiary for twenty years. The announcement was received with cheers, and resolutions were presented and passed thanking the authorities for the vindication of the law.

Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, presiding elder of the mission district, embracing the English, French, Scandinavian and Italian missions, reported three missionaries and one lady, under the direction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, laboring successfully among the English-speaking people; that two French missionaries are operating among the French with hopeful results; that one Italian missionary is working among his people with much success, and that one Scandinavian missionary is engaged among the Swedes and Norwegians with gratifying results.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the South New Orleans district, reported that the church debts at the beginning of the year were \$4672, which have been reduced to \$1072; that five new churches have been built, and that the general outlook is encouraging.

J. F. Marshall, presiding elder of the LaTeeche District, Stephen Priestley, of the Monroe District, and Emperor Williams, of the N. New Orleans District, reported that their several charges were in a progressive condition.

THURSDAY.

The second day's session was called to order by Bishop J. P. Newman, who conducted the devotional exercises.

Tennessee P. Jackson, having left Woodlawn, where he was sent was censured. D. Bowers was sent before the committee on conference relations.

The pastors reported their several collections in behalf of benevolent causes. A \$120 collection was taken for the work of repairs on Simpson Chapel.

The conference voted not to divide.

The conference voted to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

On the admission of women to the General Conference, the presiding elders reported the church vote to be 1,445 for, and 3,273 against.

Father Ross was introduced and spoke feelingly. The Bishop complimented him highly and exhorted the conference not to let him suffer in his declining years; that, if necessary, himself would divide his last dollar with him.

In consideration of the question as to whether women should be admitted as delegates to the general conference of the church as members having been made the special order for the action of the conference yesterday morning, attracted a large congregation of both sexes.

Rev. W. D. Godman opened the discussion of the question with a strong argument in favor of the admission.

Several speeches were made for and against.

The vote was thirty-one for and eighty-two against the admission of women.

Charles Crockett was granted a new trial.

L. Morgan Wood was discontinued.

The Conference adjourned to meet at the New Orleans University.

After devotional exercises, Bishop Newman addressed the assembly in an affecting manner, giving the credit of the establishing of the institution to Gen. Howard, Bishop Mallalieu and Dr. J. O. Hartzell. His advice to the students was impressive and practical, and was highly appreciated and much applauded.

Dr. J. O. Hartzell also made an interesting address.

SATURDAY.

The Preachers' Aid Society reported receipts amounting to \$436. The various committees then made their report.

The Sunday school and Tract committees recommended Ernest Lyon as a fit representative of the Sunday school Union to work up a greater interest in the work, and to hold conventions and institutes.

The committee on periodicals complimented the Book Concern as being in excellent condition, and abundantly able to supply the congregation and Sunday schools with the church literature; and it also commended the management of the SOUTHWESTERN.

Strong resolutions were passed denouncing the Lottery and the members of the Legislature who voted for its recharter.

MONDAY.

Union Chapel, this city, was chosen as the seat of the next conference.

Absentees when the women ad mission vote was taken, were allowed to vote—1 for, 11 against, making it stand 32 to 92.

Amanda Smith was invited to spend some time holding evangelistic services in the city and State.

The conference steward reported the receipt from the charities fund \$30; from the Book Concern dividend, \$885; conference collections, \$210.

The conference entered its unanimous protest against the law compelling colored and white people to ride in separate cars in this State, and promised to discourage all except necessary excursions over railroads until the law is repealed.

The usual complimentary resolutions were passed.

The Bishop, after devotional exercises, delivered an impressive charge and read the list of

Appointments.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder. Abbeville circuit—A. J. Proctor. Alexandria—A. J. Ford. Booneville—H. T. O. Abbott. Bunkie and Morrow—Joseph Johnson.

Breaux's Bridge—Horace King. Cheneyville and Stuart's Chapel—A. G. Davis. Cottonport and Bordelonneville—H. W. Welsh.

Cade—Supplied by Richard Drake. Eola and Sunflower—A. H. Banks. Glencoe and Island—Edward Fields. Hubertville—Willis Carr. Jeanerette and Patouville—M. J. Dyer.

Lafayette—B. J. Reddix. Newman Chapel—N. B. James. New Iberia—W. B. Anderson. Olivia—Stephen Tillman. Opelousas—Robert Anderson. Pineville and Avoca—Julius Augustus.

Prairie Pleasants—Supplied by S. Strode. Sorrell and Union Chapel—Pompey Bibbs.

St. Martinsville—M. P. Franklin. St. Peter—J. A. Vincent. Warren Chapel—Edward Powell. Washington and Ville Platte—Addison Moore.

Waxie and Palmetto—Nelson Burton. B. M. Hubbard, principal of Alexandria Academy, assigned to Alexandria Quarterly Conference.

Geo. W. Wells, professor in Wiley University, Texas, assigned to Alexandria Quarterly Conference.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT—J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder. Albert Chapel—T. A. Brown. Argodine—Neptune Randolph. St. Mark—F. A. Rylander.

Wesley Chapel—W. R. Butler. Bayou Goula—Joseph Jones. Bayou Paul and Conrad and Carroll—J. M. Angum.

Bayou Letsworth and Lattin Ash—To be supplied. Clinton—Hampton Jones.

Comite—Cadmus C. Wright.

Hartzell Chapel and Brusle Landing—E. P. Harris.

Indian Village—To be supplied. Jackson—Joseph A. Tircut. Jones Creek—Henry C. Gair.

Lavonia—J. H. Rylander. Mount Carmel—Abraham Hilton. Mount Zion—To be supplied.

Merrill's Chapel—Jules Beun. Macedonia—Douglass M. Seals. Mission and Shiloh—D. G. R. Farris. New Roads—Reuben Turner.

Plank Roads—Charles Barnes. Priestley Chapel and St. Luke—Isaac B. Scott.

Plaquemine—Jesse D. Pool. Pine Ridge and Beach Grove—To be supplied. Rylander Chapel—Sumner McGruder.

Slaughter and Midway—A. A. Lacy. Stony Point, Andrew Chapel and Silver Springs—Bedford Carr. Sumner Chapel—J. Rogers.

Union Chapel and Island—R. J. Thomas. Vincent Chapel—C. E. Bradford. Wesley Chapel—P. W. Clark.

West Baton Rouge and Port Allen—Z. T. Gayden. West Melville and Fordoche—W. E. Hill.

Wilson and Zacharie—David Harrison. LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—William H. Kline, Presiding Elder.

Baldwin—J. W. Mougey. Crawley—Lincoln F. Abernathy. Iona—Supplied by James Morton. Jennings—C. K. Woodson.

Lake Arthur—To be supplied. Lake Charles C. A. King. Mission District—W. P. McLaughlin, Presiding Elder.

Ames Church, St. Charles Avenue—R. L. Crawford. Covington, Mandeville and Madisonville—To be supplied.

Hammoud and Arcola—Supplied by Isaac Groves. NEW ORLEANS—Congo Square and French Mission—To be supplied.

Dryades Market, Italian Mission—Christofolo Russo. Esplanade street, Italian Chapel—Giovanni Baptisto Giambruno.

Rampart Street Mission—Supplied by R. A. Howard. Scandinavian Mission—To be supplied.

St. Bernard Mission—P. J. Robidoux. Water Valley, Scandinavian Mission—John Lemstrom.

MONROE DISTRICT—Stephen Priestley, Presiding Elder. Bastrop—M. H. Hunter.

Beulah—To be supplied. Big Creek—To be supplied. Broadnax—To be supplied.

Crew Lake—To be supplied. California—To be supplied. Columbia—To be supplied.

Delta—To be supplied. Desaird—F. M. Lashington. Farmerville—To be supplied.

Girard—To be supplied. Harrisonburg—J. W. Pierce. Hurd Times—To be supplied.

Island—To be supplied. Jones Chapel—To be supplied. Lake Providence—Alfred Gray.

Millhaven—Supplied by H. H. Phillips. Monroe—E. C. Goings.

Mount Nebo—M. S. Goings. Point Pleasant—To be supplied. Rayville—Austin Jones.

St. Joseph—To be supplied. Trinity—To be supplied. Tallulah—To be supplied.

Vidalia—To be supplied. Winneshoro—O. Wilson. West Monroe—To be supplied.

Waterproof—To be supplied. Waco—Oscar Williams. Washington Chapel—C. W. Kershaw.

NORTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Emperor Williams, Presiding Elder. Ashury Chapel—Henry C. Armstrong. Darrowville—Alfred Vincent.

Klotville—J. M. Bryan. Napoleonville—D. G. Butler. LaHarpe—A. J. Pickett.

Lower Coast—To be supplied. Pleasant Plains—D. J. Price. St. Matthew—Frank Walker.

Thompson Chapel—W. P. Forrest. Union Chapel—J. W. Hudson. Wesley Chapel—F. T. Chinn.

Slidell and Pearlville—A. Connerly. St. Charles—Simon Mitchell.

St. John—Eugene Baptiste. Woodlawn—Allen Luster.

Mandeville—To be supplied. Mount Zion—Thomas McCary.

Milneburg—Supplied by A. Martin. New River—To be supplied.

Whitehall—Frank Harvey. J. C. Hartzell, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference, New Orleans.

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SOUTH NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—Pierre Landry, Presiding Elder.

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University charge—L. G. Adkinson. Shriever—Charles Monroe. Shady Grove and Franklinton—H. O. Williams.

Raceland—Supplied by Wesley Turner. Thibodaux—Wm. Smith. Winsted, Trinity, Clarenton—E. B. Richard.

Lee's Creek and Winan's chapel—T. J. Jordan. W. D. Godman, president Gilbert Seminary, assigned to Wiusted quarterly conference.

J. W. Collett, professor New Orleans University, assigned the university conference. SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—Stephen Duncan, Presiding Elder.

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The January number of the New England Magazine is its Christmas number. Most of the Christmas numbers of the magazines come to us so long before Christmas that by the time Christmas itself really comes we have almost for-

gotten them. It is pleasant to open this number of the New England Magazine in the Christmas days and hear the bells ringing through its pages. For it may well be called a special Bell number. Its first article is on Bells, and in it Mr. E. H. Goss tells in most interesting manner of the great part bells have played in the social, religious, and sentimental life of peoples, the wide world over, the article being illustrated by a score of pictures of famous bells, enriens bells and big bells. Longfellow's beautiful Christmas Bells is printed, following this article, and besides this is a beautiful illuminated reproduction of Poe's famous poem, The Bells, occupying four pages of the magazine. Other illustrated poems are one on Trinity Church, Boston, with a full-page view of the noble tower of Trinity, and one by Hamlin Garland, Music Land, accompanied by a fine copy of Crawford's statue of Beethoven in Music Hall. New England Magazine, 86 Federal street, Boston, Mass.

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THE portrait of Talleyrand, by the famous French artist Grenze, forms the frontispiece to the forthcoming February Century. The instalment closes with a very interesting report of the meeting between Napoleon, Goethe, and Wieland. The March instalment of the Talleyrand Memoirs will also deal with Bonaparte.

"The Workingman in Australia" is the subject of the first of two articles to appear in the February and March numbers of The Century on "The Anglo Saxon in the Southern Hemisphere." These articles are written by Mr. George R. Parkin, who will be remembered as the author of a striking article on Uppingham, and another on "The Hecoregization of the British Empire," published in The Century in 1888.

Cardinal Gibbons, Mary Putnam Jacobi, Mrs. C. R. Lowell, Dr. Osley of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. Folsom of Boston, and Miss Thomas, Dean of Bryn Mawr, unite in a series of Open Letters, to appear in the February Century, on "The Opening of the John Hopkins Medical School to Women."

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That rises in the ranks of foes.

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Men needed in that far-off day;
And reading them we can but say
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How soothing every thought of thine!
How precious to the noble mind!
And earnest seekers there can find
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She gives to us a gifted man,
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Through all the centuries that have
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Since men first heard thy melody,
Not one has come to equal thee,
And may not come while time shall last.

May men of every race and clime
Be subject to thy noble sway;
And may the singers of to-day
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The Household.

MASHED POTATOES—The secret of having nice mashed potatoes is that all the ingredients—cream or milk, butter and potatoes, shall be hot when they are mixed together, and that the dish shall be hot when served. The potatoes must be cooked quickly and mashed the moment they are done, drained, and dried out, and served as soon as they are mashed and mixed with the other ingredients.

CREAM CAKE—Three eggs, one cup sugar, one cup flour, one-half teaspoonful baking powder. Beat the whites and yolks separately, stir all together as quickly as possible, and bake in two pans, having the batter three-quarters of an inch thick. For the cream take two and a half cups of sweet milk, four tablespoonfuls sugar, two tablespoonfuls of flour, and one egg. Boil this a few moments until it has thickened, flavor with lemon or vanilla. When the cream is cold, split it and put the custard between.

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Our Symposium.

"By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." The priests tell our Roman Catholic brethren that they are saved through sacramental grace, and they alone can administer the sacraments. They say in substance, "No priest, no sacrament; no sacrament, no salvation." Their saying is not true. The salvation of God does not depend on the priests of Rome or what they can do for men: Thanks be unto God, the people are learning this, and even the priests themselves are acknowledging its truth. Many of them are openly confessing it, as our pages show every month.—*The Converted Catholic*, by Father O'Connor.

This world has all too little joy and gladness, and outside of real, genuine Christian experience there are but few people who know anything of real joy. How strange, then, and how unreasonable, that we should have those who would attempt to show or prove that these blessed experiences of peace, comfort, joy and gladness, are no part of genuine religion, and that there is no difference between the holy triumphs and exulting joys of the believing Christian and the comfort that is taken in the undisturbed digestion of a good dinner. Why not see that the latter is of earth, and something that the beasts of burden can share, while the other is the foretaste of eternal bliss and glory of which the archangels and the blood-washed saints before the throne of God are partakers.—Bishop Mallahan.

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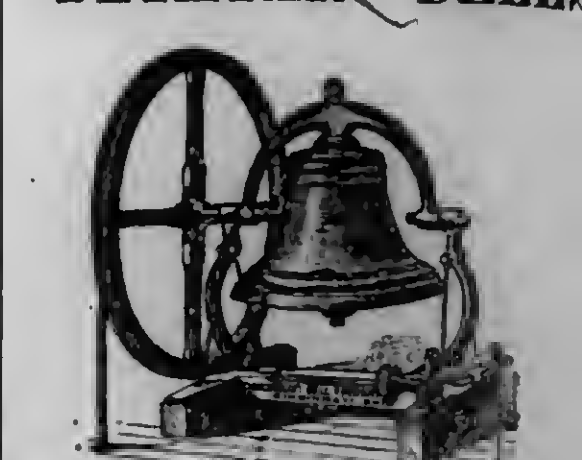
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FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON V. Elijah at Horeb. 1. Kings 19 1-18. Commit to memory verses 33-39. Feb. 1, 1891. B. C. 906.

HOME READINGS.

M. 1 Kings 19 1-8. Tu. 1 Kings 19 9-18. W. Psal. 1-12. Th. Isa. 40 25-31. F. Isa. 41 8-14. S. Psal. 121. S. Psal. 118 14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee. Gen. 26 24.

LESSON HYMN, S. 7

Only waiting, till the shadows
Are a little longer grown;
Only waiting, till the glimmer
Of the day's last beam is shown;
Till the light of earth is faded
From the hearts once full of day;
Till the stars of heaven are breaking
Through the twilight soft and gray.

Only waiting, till the reapers
Have the last sheaf gathered home;
For the summer-time is faded,
And the autumn winds have come.
Quickly, reapers, gather quickly,
These last ripe hours of my heart,
For the bloom of life is withered,
And I hasten to depart.

Time.—About B. C. 906. Following closely the last lesson.

Places.—1. Beersheba, a city at the southern end of the kingdom of Judah; 2. Horeb, or Sinai, where the law was given to Moses.

Rulers.—1. Ahab, King of Israel; 2. Jehoshaphat, King of Judah; 3. Benhadad, King of Syria.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Flight, v. 1-8.
What story did Ahab tell?
Who sent a messenger to Elijah?
What was the queen's message?
What effect had this on the prophet?
Where did he leave his servant?
Where did the prophet then go?
What prayer did he offer?
Who came to him as he slept?
What did the angel say?
What did Elijah see when he arose?
What did the angel say the second time?
How long did this food last Elijah?
To what place did he go?

The Vision, v. 9-14.
Where did the prophet lodge?
What messenger there came to him?

What was Elijah's reply?
What was he bidden to do?
What then occurred?
What came after the wind?
What followed the earthquake?
What came after the fire?
What did Elijah do when he heard the voice?

What question was asked him?
What was his answer?

3. The Command, v. 15-18.

Where did the Lord bid Elijah to go?

What two kings was he told to slay?

Who was to be Elijah's successor?

What did the Lord say these three would do?

How many continued faithful in Israel?

Of what encouragement to the fearful does the Golden Text tell?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That good men are sometimes discouraged?
2. That God knows and numbers his people?
3. That God's cause is sure of triumph?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

What two other Bible characters fasted forty days and forty nights?

Mention some other instance in the Bible where people were fed by divine power?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school]

1. From what wicked woman did Elijah flee? Jezebel.
2. When exhausted in the wilderness who comforted him? The angel of the Lord.
3. Where did he fast forty days and forty nights? In Horeb, the Mount of God.
4. By what four means did God manifest his power to Elijah? By strong wind, earthquake, fire, and a still small voice.
5. What question did God ask? "What doest thou here, Elijah?"
6. What is the Golden Text? "Fear not," etc.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—The omniscience of God.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

13. Are there more Gods than one? "There is none other God but one." 1 Cor. 8 4.
14. Are there more persons in the Godhead than one? There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. 1 John 5 7.
15. Is the Father God? To us there is but one God, the Father. 1 Cor. 8 6.

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Marriages.

Clarke—Hall. At the home of the bride's parents, Jan. 7, 1891, by Rev. M. C. Caviness, Mr. Samuel A. Clark, of Mansfield, La., and Miss F. A. Hall, of Ira, Texas.

Barfield—Pethes. At Goliad, Texas, by Rev. M. C. Caviness, Mr. Robert H. Barfield and Miss Mamie Pethes.

McCurdy—Baldwin. At the residence of Rev. P. W. Baldwin Dec. 17, 1890, by the Rev. L. W. Lyman, Mr. John McQuady, and Miss Ella Baldwin, of Edwards, Miss.

Steen Creek, Miss., Dec. 25, 1890.—Mr. H. H. Gipson and Miss Ella Johnson were joined in holy matrimony. Rev. P. W. Baldwin officiated.

Swann—Lot. At Goliad, Texas, Dec. 23, 1890, by Rev. M. C. Caviness, Mr. Alexander Swann and Miss Emma F. Lot.

Jacksonville, Texas, Jan. 17.—Mr. Wm. Francis to Miss Milley Tilley. C. Davenport officiated.

Mr. Gregg Martin to Miss Dora Neal, Oe. 28, 1890.

Mr. Washington Cammel to Mrs. Kissie Clinton, Nov. 16, 1890.

Mr. Matthew Chavis to Miss Hattie Harbert, Jan. 15th, 1891.

Rev. W. Axel, Kendleton, Texas, officiated.

Obituary.

Sister Hattie Woodfork departed this life Nov. 28, 1890. She was born in 1855 and married Dec. 17, 1879. She joined the M. E. Church in 1874, and lived a faithful member. She leaves a husband two children and a host of friends to mourn her.

Mrs. Lourenia White, wife of our local preacher A. B. White, died Jan. 9. She was born in Shelby county, Tenn., 1851, and married A. B. White, Jan. 2, 1869, and lived a devoted wife. She leaves a husband, eight children, and a host of friends to mourn her.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and children.

N. Axel, Kinledon, Texas.

Sister Alice Bilbren, one of the city teachers, died here Jan. 6, aged 26 years. Sister Bilbren was our faithful organist.

N. H. Speight, Birmingham, Ala.

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 11, Erastes Spriggs.

W. E. Butler, P. C.

Lewisburg, Tenn., Jan. 20, Brother Jack Ewing. He was 71 years of age. He leaves a wife and three grand children.

At Alleyton, Texas, Oct. 10, 1890, Bro. Stephen Gooden. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was born in North Carolina. He was sixty-one years of age. He leaves a wife and seven children besides a host of friends to mourn him.

Rev. G. Rose Smith.

[Received Jan. 17, 1891.—Ed.]

Conference Notices.

Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference.

First Round.

Alexandria.....	Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Pineville and Avoca.....	" 1
Cheneville and Stewards.....	" 7-8
Chapel.....	" 14-15
Booneville.....	" 21-22
Bunkie and Morrow.....	" 25-26
Cottonport and Bordelonville.....	" 28
Eola and Sunflower.....	" 28, Mar. 1
Vaxia and Palmetto.....	" 5
Prairie Plaquemine.....	" 6
Washing on and Ville Platte.....	" 7-8
Opelousas.....	" 8-9
Lafayette.....	" 12
Lake Charles.....	" 14-15
Rayne.....	" 18-19
Cade.....	" 26
Breaux Bridge.....	" 26
St. Martinsville.....	" 21-22
New Iberia.....	" 28-29
Abbeville circuit.....	Apr. 4-5
Hubertville.....	" 11-12
Jeanerette and Patouville.....	" 18-19
St. Peter.....	" 25-26
Sorrell and Union Chapel.....	May 9-10
Glencoe and Island.....	" 2-3

My dear brethren, the gracious Lord in his wise providence has ordered our district work under a new name and management. With his divine guidance I pray that every demand of our work will be met, and the borders of Zion enlarged. We are aiming to put new vigor in our Sunday-schools. Therefore Bro. E. Lyon is in the field. Sister Amanda Smith, the earnest African missionary, is here to inspire us to more earnest efforts for missions. Now, then brethren, there is an open door for us to enter this year; let us enter it and whatever we find presented by the Lord within—be it Bible, hymnal, pen, plough, hoe, or dollar—let us take hold and work with all our might, and victory will be ours.

E. H. MORANT, P. E.

Huntsville District, Texas Conference.

First Round.

Dodge circuit.....	Jan. 31 Feb. 1
Huntsville circuit.....	" 7-8
Huntsville.....	" 14-15
Willis circuit.....	" 21-22
Montgomery and Conroe Feb. 1	" 28, Mar. 1
Springs circuit.....	" 7-8
Prairie Plains circuit.....	" 14-15
Lovelady circuit.....	" 21-22
Crockett circuit.....	" 20-22
Corrigan circuit.....	" 28-29
Livingston circuit.....	Apr. 4-5
Cold Springs.....	" 11-12
Colmesneil.....	" 18-19
Town Bluff.....	" 25-26
Newton circuit.....	" 24-6

Let us do better this conference year. Put your various committees to work at once. The district stewards of the Huntsville District will please meet me in the St. James M. E. Church Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

F. PARKER, P. E.

Notice.

To the district stewards of the South New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference: Brethren—For the purpose of fixing the presiding elders salary as required by our discipline, you are requested to

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Rev. A. B. Leonard, of the Missionary Society, will be present.

B. H. S. FERGUSON.

Notice.

To the district stewards of the Brookhaven District (Miss.) Conference: The district stewards will meet in Brookhaven Feb. 14. Pastors, please see after this matter. Notify your district stewards to be on time.

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Sight-Seeing.—IX.

L. M. HAGOOD.

This city Dayton, has a population of 33,677 and is situated at the confluence of the Mad and Miami rivers, and on the Miami canal. Its business interests are manufacturing, mercantile and agricultural. Methodism has a stronghold in this city. It is beautifully situated and a pleasant city in which to live. The C. O. C. & St. L. R. R., upon which we traveled, runs directly into main depot. This, it must not be forgotten, is one of the finest, fastest and pleasantest roads and has as, picturesque scenes upon its route, as any road leading out of Cincinnati, North. The other division of the excursion train was pulling out of the depot as we pulled in. Everybody, and their cousins, wanted either something to eat or to drink (often times water) when we arrived. Anticipating our arrival, ham sandwiches put on metropolitan airs so that they would not go with one unless, as an inducement, ten cents were offered. And then one almost needed a magnifying glass to see the ham as it was snugly encased between the pieces of bread. The sonorous "all aboard" causes a rush from the lunch counter toward the train. As it moved out of the depot our Kentucky friend, from henceforth to be known as Mr. Smith, said "say what you please about the North, but I rather like it. Everybody seems perfectly composed, friendly, communicative and frank. You do not see standing around these depots a class of persons who look at you as if they suspected you all the time." We agreed and the train sped on towards the lakes. The canal on the right of the train, as we pass through Dayton, is the Miami and Erie canal, 291 miles long, reaching from Toledo to Cincinnati, O., and cost, when built, \$7,454,729. It has a total rise and fall of 907 feet, 105 locks, eighty seven feet wide, while the canal proper is fifty feet wide. It was on one such the lamented Garfield earned his first wages. The fact that we were now going towards "God's country" so fast, effected the excursionists in two different ways; to the Southern white people it had a tendency to make them open their valises and store away their caste prejudice, because it became to them, from the social intercourse between the passengers, without regard to nationality, that it would be exceedingly unpleasant to manifest anything of the kind there; to us it caused our hitherto crushed manhood to rise in the scale that we could almost hear the eagle, upon the silver dollar in our pocket, cry "liberty now and forever, one and

inseparable with certain inalienable rights." To keep in our minds the fact that ours was a different color from the other passengers, kept us continually before the looking glass in the side of the car. While we had been looking anon upon the fields to right and left of us filled with the white blossoms of buckwheat, Mr. Smith had been scrutinizing the good looking "yellow gal," as he put it, on the opposite side of the car. Directly tapping us on the shoulder he said: "What is your name? After introducing ourselves he continued, "I've been looking at that young man and good looking colored girl over there. The white people of the North do not know how much the Southerners love the blacks of the South." We said, you do not mean the blacks in general but you mean, doubtless, the "yellow girls" in particular. He laughed so loud that several persons near smiled as they saw us, and his wife frowned at his hilarity. "Well, I'll tell you, my friend, some strange things are occurring in the South. John Sherman, Reed, and old Foraker try to keep the 'bloody shirt' aloft because they say we are killing all the niggers for political reasons, but they miss it often. Nearly all the niggers that are now being hung by mobs are charged with an attempted rape upon some white woman. Now the truth is the light. Though born and raised in the South and have been to the legislature three times from my district, I know more about this nigger killing business than I am willing to tell or to have the North know. Now you will understand that I mean neither disrespect to you nor my family by what I am going to tell you about this nigger killing business in the South. Our women have always been bragged on and by this we have left the impression that ours is the only pretty woman. But each of these is about like other women, they will be infatuated by a good looking, smart and well dressed and polite man whenever they see them. Before and since the war our butlers, hostlers and house servants were and are selected from among the blacks that are good looking, genteel and smart. I've read in books a great deal of nonsense, for instance when such take up the lowest type of the blacks and compare them with the most cultured white man and then, with the air of a philosopher ask "do you see how inferior he is?" But I know what I am talking about when I tell you that some of the finest and prettiest people are among the blacks. Our boys are good judges as well as their fathers. You live in Louisville, and I am there once a week the year round, and you can witness as truth what I'm going to tell you—"Springfield" cried the conductor and everybody stopped talking to look out.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Ministers Ought to be Careful how they receive Members.

WM. PERRY.

There are a great many members of the church, that are not law-abiding and when they are called up before the church, for their sinful conduct, they say, "There are many churches; I will join another. Now ministers ought to watch the door of the church, and see who comes in.

There are members who leave our church to join other Methodist churches, and the preacher in order to get them, receives them without any letter, and while they have left their own church under bad reports.

I don't believe that it is right for any minister to receive a member from any church without a letter, unless that member can be well

recommended by one you know. We had better have a few members, that are loyal to the church; we would be able to do more. But the great trouble is we have so many members in our church, that are not loyal to it. All ministers ought to keep out these wolves, in sheep clothing. Some members run from the church because they are called upon to pay their just dues, some, because they love whiskey, and the preacher gets after them about it. Now brethren—we don't want members in our church who are shunning their duty, and we don't want members in the church who get drunk, and I don't believe that any other church ought to receive them,—how in the world can we have a good church when there are drunkards, and seducers of all kind in there; now we must keep them out by giving them a thorough examination before we admit them in the church. I mean all ministers.
New Berne, Ala.

Central Tennessee College.

January 16, 1891, at 2:30 o'clock at the Spruce Street, Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Price, president of the Afro-American League, lectured before the Inter Collegiate Association. Long before the hour had arrived the house was crowded, all anxious to see and hear the renowned J. C. Price, D. D. The house was called to order by Mr. Proctor. The Mozarts of Fisk sang the hallelujah chorus, Dr. Braden, read Psalm xix, after which Dr. Owen led in prayer and the choir of Roger Williams, sang the hunter's chorus. The speaker was introduced by Mr. Proctor, who gave an eloquent account of his honorable career. The orator then said, "I am certainly glad to be here to-day, not for what I shall say but for being here. I find myself laboring under some embarrassment. During the eloquent introductions I was blushing all the time although you did not see it. I can not hope to meet your expectations this evening.
The air is full of the race problem. What shall we ever do with the Negro? The future of the Negro is a broad subject and every man has his own outline of it." He outlined the future heritage as being intelligence, and refinement, "and" he said "is there such a future for the Negro in this country?" Some of them have little confidence in themselves, some keep their heads down, they look at the past and say it was dark and they do not hope for anything brighter to come. I believe and I have some reasons for the belief that is within me, that the Negro is dependent on the same essential elements that have entered into the make up of other races. Then if the Negro has the same elements as other races, he may hope for a similar future. Mind power rules all inanimate things and makes them animate.

The Negro has a marvelous interest in everything electrifying. The white winged messengers with the hum of industry, on all sides our country, sweep on with the Negro. What is the influence that propels the flashing lightning? What the force that moves the gigantic mountains? What is it that is controlling everything? Why, it is the mind power. Then does the mind enter into the best civilization of a nation? But here is a question, has the Negro a mind? Mr. Craft, an escaped slave answered this question many years ago before an association in England. A further demonstration may be seen in these institutions as teachers, they are being examined before medical boards, showing that they have minds equal in every respect to their Caucasian brothers.

The Negro must do as a man.

These are the things that will answer the race question, and snatch from slander her forked tongue, from sarcasm her unbridled sway, all over the land.

Has the Negro industry? By the tickling of the soil to make burst and bloom, grow yellow with the grain, and grow white with cotton, comes the answer.

Has he any intellectual force? Twenty-five years have proved that he has. His professions, his position in business and trade, the recognition given him by newspapers, the dependence placed upon him in public enterprise, the schools and colleges of the land, are proving that the Negro has a mind like other men, and he is impressing the country with this fact.

The proper utterance of manhood is, give me nothing because I am black, deny me nothing because I am black. If the Negro can not stand up like a man let him fall. If you want something done that requires skill the Negro has that quality, if you want industry they are industrious, if you want strength, his brawny arms possess it. His literary power is shown in the works of The Underground Railroad, Rising Sun, etc. I might go on and on naming the long list of books forming the literature of the colored race.

There are those who question his industry and say that he is lazy, that he can not amass wealth, and one of the arguments presented to Mr. Lincoln to defer emancipation was that he could not long exist if left to depend upon his own energies.

The Negro denied these charges. It is wonderful to see the homes which have been bought and paid for since the war, and boards and brick and sand and \$263,000,000 worth of property developed, bear testimony of his civilization. The South is a monument to the Negro. Twice as much has been accomplished under the free labor system. The legacy of the Negro is iron muscle and indomitable will. He can do anything any other race can. He is entirely an American. I was referred to once as being one-eighth Mohawk and seven-eighths African. Whether this be true or not I care not I am eight-eighths an American and the interests of this country are mine. Will there be any Negroes in the future? The white population doubles every thirty-five years, the Negroes every twenty, without emigration. It is claimed he will disappear by assimilation, amalgamation, absorption, or turn white, but this is a mistake, there will be Negroes here when Gabriel blows his trumpet, or at least it will take many years to absorb some of us. The theory is wrong that the Negro is despised because he is black, why black is a favorite color and only loses its qualifying nature when applied to mah. If it is not color it must be condition. When education takes the place of ignorance, morality of immorality, virtue of vice, temperance of intemperance, wealth of poverty, then will prejudice fade before the nation like dew drops before the morning sun, and he is gathering strength through which will place him just where he deserves. No race has done more, let him do everything that will make him akin to God, let the race follow Jesus Christ and it will endure for ever. These students have much to do in lifting our fallen brother, the millions yet in darkness and in sin whether they stop at the 7,000,000 in America or pass on to the 260,000,000 in Africa, the work is grand. Robed in the spirit of the master, never mind toils, tears, and storms, think of the hand that leads you, and what you may do for God and the race. Such is your position to-day young, buoy-

ant and strong, and not encompassed by the clouds that kept your father back. This is grand work and where the spirit of God sheds its light. The future of the Negro becomes one of the sublime prospects of human destiny, the future is crowned with a possibility whose sparkling gems shed a light upon these neglected pilgrims we shall lead."

Miss Olivia L. Poole, of Central Tennessee College, presented the speaker with a harp of flowers in behalf of the ladies of the three universities. She concluded by saying; though these flowers may wither as the days go by, it is our deepest hope that you in your divine eloquence may not wither, but may ever retain your divine position in the literary world, as a bright star whose halo of brightness shows well the grandeur of the vaulted sky. Mr. Price responded. Mr. Tallifero of Roger Williams University, offered resolutions of appreciation which was unanimously adopted, the pilgrims chorus by choir of Central Tennessee College. Benediction by Dr. Cravath, closed a very interesting meeting.

Church Polity.

Q. Please tell me, can a man fall from grace? D. B.

A. Yes; any one that is in grace can fall from grace. Of course, he cannot fall from it unless he is first in it. The whole scope of Scripture on this point is to the effect that after conversion one may so fall away as to finally be a cast away. "Let him that stand take heed, lest he fall. St. Paul.

Q. Our benevolent society composed almost exclusively of members of our church desire to build a hall on the church ground. In consideration of the privilege of being permitted to build on the church ground, we offer the trustees of the church the right to have the use of the hall whenever they desire. Some people think the trustees can grant us the privilege, and others think not. What do you think of it?

TENNESSEE.

A. In our opinion, according to the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the trustees of the church have no such authority. Again, the complications and evils that might follow, in course of time, under such arrangements, make it highly desirable that they should have no such authority. Better let the society buy and build on its own ground; even if all the members of the church were members of the society. They may be the same people, but entirely different corporations. Follow the letter and spirit of the Discipline, and discuss your pet notions, and thereby keep clear of all future trouble.

Q. 1. Can the trustees demand of the stewards the money they raise for the preachers' salary to pay off debts which they (the trustees) incurred for the preacher?

2. Why is it that some of our young men can enjoy our Freedmen's Aid schools, and others cannot, although we all work equally hard to bring up our benevolent collections?

A. 1. The trustees have no business incurring debts for the preacher. Everything pertaining to the support and comfort of the preacher in charge, outside of items involving building and improvements of church and parsonage, devolve upon the stewards of the church. That is to say, the stewards are to look to the pastors support, and the trustees to the real estate and debts, etc., involving church property. If each board attends strictly to its own business, there will never be any complications. If, however, through ignorance or unavoidable circumstances the one board took upon itself burdens belonging to the other, it is clearly the duty of that

board to shoulder its own responsibility whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Q. When the bishop at annual conference removes a pastor from a charge, and stations him at another, is it right for him to send willing worker cards back to members on his old charge, and have them collect benevolent money, when there is a preacher in charge on the work. ENQUIRER.

A. It is wrong in law and morals; and the preacher that does such a thing is guilty of the most unblushing wrong to his successor; and is devoid of all ministerial courtesies. If such a case were brought to the attention of the annual conference the guilty party would certainly receive the scornful contempt of his brethren and the censure of the bishop. The man that is guilty of such an act violates the Methodist Discipline, and deserves to be handled for it.

Q. What course would you pursue should one or two of your female members desire you as pastor to change their names on the church book from that of their husbands, or the man they are living with, to that of the men they had during the war, as they are trying to get pensions under their former names?

2. If I change their names, would it not appear that they are living in adultery?

We could not, and would not if we could, thus become a *particeps criminis*, or accessory, to their fraudulent intentions against the Government. Break open the thin glass that covers their request and you will find the most hideous fraud. You cannot become a party to a crime for which those people deserve to be expelled from the church, and for which the government would hastily land them in the States prison if this criminal request and intentions were made public. Your question surprises us, when you say some of those people are such prominent members in the church. What do you mean when you say "men they are living with"? Do you mean to say you have members in your church that bear the names of men that they are living with in concubinage, and that such persons are members of the church? Do you to say you have public adulterers on your church roll and in your steward branch. If so, it is time that you either clean out the unclean stable or that you step down and out, if inadequate to the task. "My house shall be called a house of prayer," but not a house of thieves or prostitution.

Savannah Conference.

The session at Macon, Ga., last week was one of the best ever held. Great gains have been made on all the districts. On one the benevolence had increased one hundred and fifty per cent. In another over seven hundred souls had been converted. Many new churches had been built, and peace and harmony had prevailed. Bishop Warren presided. Dr. Spencer treated the conference to a good address on Thursday as did also Dr. Hunt of the Book Concern. They left the same day to go to the Alabama Conference at Marion. The conference is still in session as we go to press, so the appointments can not be published till next week.

PASTOR'S throughout our territory will confer a great favor if they send us their present and former addresses so we can send their papers to their present addresses and not to their former.

Now is the time for revivals in all the churches. Begin the new year with new faith in Christ, and with new fervor from on high. "To your tents, O Israel!" Pray mightily, constantly, for the pentecostal baptism, and there will be added to the church daily, such as are being saved.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

J. W. Kenscer, Tullahoma, Tenn.

My first quarterly conference was held Jan. 18. Elder Price is the right man in the right place. The weather was so bad we could not do very much, but the elder preached a heartfelt sermon, after which he administered the Lord's Supper to about sixteen members. I held a protracted meeting, which resulted in five conversions and six additions to the church. It is very dark here, but we are making things bright.

C. E. Alexander, Lewisburg, Tenn.

Lewisburg is the county site of Marshall, sixty-seven miles south of Nashville. I landed here Oct. 31, 1890. This circuit has two churches. I have found about fifteen live members here, and about that many have been meeting and aiding the church from time to time. The pastor, with one faithful hero—Bro. Giles Ewing—with saw and hammer, have raised, wainscot, and built an altar unto the Lord, with lamp and Bible stands; all at a cost of \$40; and the house looks a hundred dollars better. It is still very uncomfortable, having a bad floor and no ceiling, which causes a small congregation of fifteen or twenty members. At the other point there is nothing worth mention. A hall with neither doors, windows or congregation, and so that place is abandoned until spring.

W. F. Anderson, Morristown, Tenn.

The Lord is blessing us with a glorious revival. It has been going on for eight days and nights. The church members have been greatly revived and sinners converted and found Christ.

Haven Memorial Dedicated.

Commencing Dec. 4, Rev. James Jackson, of Waynesboro, Ga., has dedicated one of the prettiest and most perfectly finished churches in the Savannah Conference. The exercises consisted of preaching, on Thursday evening; Love-feast on Friday evening; and a beautiful illustrated show by Dr. Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, showing the Holy Land, on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning about 400 people listened to Bishop I. W. Joyce preach the dedication sermon. At 3 p. m. Rev. J. Watts, Presiding Elder, preached, after which the Sacrament was administered by the Bishop.

At 7 p. m. Dr. Thirkield preached. The collection amounted to \$200, which nearly cleared the church of its debt. The church cost \$2,100, and it is a credit to the pastor and people of Waynesboro.

G. A. Sanford, Alamo, Tenn.

My first quarterly conference was held by Rev. B. F. Anderson Nov. 23, 24. The people were pleased with the elder, who preached twice. We had a good time in our meeting, and a good many souls were made happy. Paid elder, \$11.25; raised for benevolence \$2.80; paid pastor, \$35.25.

J. L. Williams, Mason, Tenn.

Our first quarterly conference was held Dec. 27, 28. Rev. B. F. Anderson was with us, and preached two grand sermons. Our new pastor is doing a good work, and loved by all. Our ex pastor was also with us, and gave a good talk on church debt and college. The Lord's Supper was administered to forty-two persons. Paid pastor, \$16.60; elder, \$8.30; paid on church debt, \$52.65.

Leroy Diggs, Clinton, Tenn.

I arrived at this charge Oct. 18, and was cordially received by the members of our church. I preached on Sunday, Oct. 19. The collection was \$7.57. From thence I went to Clinton, where I was received in like manner. I preached here on the Sabbath after the meeting of the Sunday school, Oct. 26. Collection, \$3.

The work is in a growing, and

prosperous condition all along the line. Old church debts are being paid off; Sabbath schools, prayer and class meetings are looked after.

I held my first quarterly conference at Coal Creek Dec. 21. Rev. E. Province, Presiding Elder, was present, and seemed well pleased with the work. The elder preached a good sermon on Sunday. Methodism gained honor. Collection, \$26; five persons joined the church on probation.

Briceville, Tenn., is a town two miles from Coal Creek, with about five hundred inhabitants. I preach here every third Sunday in each month.

We have no church here, but one of our trustees has given us a lot to build on, and we are now raising money to build a church this spring; and I shall use the SOUTHWESTERN to help me out.

Emancipation was celebrated by our people here. Rev. N. Johnson of Coal Creek, was appointed president of the meeting. Although it was a rainy day, we had a time long to be remembered. Collection for Freedmen's Aid Society, in \$5.80; subscription, \$3.90.

I was so much troubled with catarrh it seriously affected my voice. One bottle of Ely's Cream Balm did the work. My voice is fully restored.—B. F. Liepman, A. M., Pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

We make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

A Word to Our Agents.

Dear Brethren:—The eyes of the whole Church are upon us. During the past year or two we have done grandly in doubling the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN but as yet, we are far from the desired goal. We should not be satisfied until we have placed this paper on the pinnacle of self-support, where it will no longer be necessary to subsidize it to keep it aloft. Let us cease to be dependent by a general and united rally for the SOUTHWESTERN. We don't need names; what we need is cash with the names. To multiply names without cash is simply to multiply our liabilities without increasing our assets. Now, brethren, we plead with you to roll up your sleeves and pile up in such a list of cash subscribers as will put this paper among the other great papers of the church, where it will support itself independent of any General Conference appropriation. The SOUTHWESTERN never fails to stand by your every interest; now stand by it and make it self-supporting. A strong pull and a pull all together will accomplish the desired end. Send cash with the names.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my brother-in-law, Manser Powells. He left his mother the year of surrender. Her name was Phillis Powells. There were three children—Patience, Martha, and Mary Powells. They used to belong to Simker Powells. We heard he was in New Orleans. Address BOSS TAYLOR, Kingston, La.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my mother and father. They were brought to Jasper county in the spring of 1857. Mother was sold to a planter named Calhoun. Father was named Harry Williams, and mother, Caroline.

HARRICH GANT, Paulding, Jasper county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to find my daughter. Her name was Hannah Slakum. She belonged to John Slakum, in Fairfield county, Va., when I was sold to a speculator called "Straight Finger Jones." He brought me to Texas. Mother named me Winnie, but now I go by the name of Jane Bass. She is my only child. Please address Winnie or Jane Bass, M. E. Church Navasota, Texas.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my sister, Flora, who was owned by Dr. Brantley. The doctor was killed in 1860 by Wm. Baltzell. Mrs. Brantley moved to Mississippi with Bluford and Flora in 1860 or 1861. Flora was the oldest daughter of Nelson and Diana Hutchinson owned by Charlie and Jennie Hutchinson, of Gonzales county, Texas. There were four sisters of us—Agnes, Minna, Ailse and Flora—all owned by Hutchinson. Any information will be gladly received by their old mother, Dinah Hutchinson, or their sister, Ailse Green. Address all letters to Mr. Geo. A. Green, Gonzales, Texas.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother, three brothers, and three sisters. I left them in Franklin county, Va. My mother's name was Silvia Gairrens, when I left her. My brothers' names were: Stephen, Henry and Amen Achor. Sister's Mary, Hannah, and Lucy Cliff. My name is Charlie. I belonged to a man named Warfield Price. Any information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received.

CHARLIE WILLIAMS, Chelsea, Indian Territory.

After Twenty-Seven Years.

"Chimney Sweep" Finds a Brother Whom he had not seen Since Made Free by the Rebellion.

Joe Mechell, who has been a citizen of Newport since the war, earning an honest livelihood by odd jobs, such as sweeping chimneys, etc., made a startling discovery the other day.

He and his neighbor, a man who had occupied the same house with all summer, were having a friendly talk, and wandering from one subject to another, they finally related some of the startling experiences of their lives, when it came out that they were both owned by the same master in Virginia, when the war broke out. The discovery led to more minute explanations as to their origin, and finally each was forced to conclude that he had found in the other his long lost brother.

To make sure there was no mistake, Joe, whose wide acquaintance with the world has made him a little suspicious, decided to test the case by relating the story of falling into the well when a very small boy, knowing that the long-missing brother, if living, would remember the incident. His companion said that he remembered the incident, and removed all doubt from Joe's mind as to their relationship by saying: "Yes; I remember. Mother and master came to the rescue—mother with a tub and rope, and master with a yardstick—and while mother was bailing you out, master broke the yardstick over my head, saying that I had pushed you into the well."—New Port (R. I.) Mercury.

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Letters from the Laity.

R. H. Johnson, Bellwood, Tenn.

As strange as it may seem country people scarcely take their seats in a railroad car before they begin to eat.

These are the words of Rev. L. M. Hagood, a man of great repute, who has made himself famous by the mastery of his pen—a preacher who has been styled "the greatest Negro preacher, east, west, north or south. The man who a few years ago upset 'tamers apology for African Methodism,' and has lately sent forth the "Colored Man in the M. E. Church," all of which learned men have pronounced grand undisputable. But even in the face of all this, I am led to believe that even the wisest men make mistakes. For all country people are not like Dr. Hagood describes them in his "Sight-Seeing." The fact that one lives in the country is no proof against his sociability.

"It is not the house; 't is not the dress That makes the saint or sinner."

Many of the city folks say 'taters and 'lasses, just like we common country people; and many of them spell "God" with a small "g" and "cabbage" with a "k" just like us common country folks. It is not where one lives that makes one refined. Worth makes the man, and not his dwelling place.

"It is not in beauty, nor in rank; 'T is not in wealth, like London's bank That makes us truly blessed."

The world will not inquire who you are and where you live. It will ask: "What can you do?"

Why man! all the country is not a humdrum place. Our country churches are moving upon the city churches. At our last district conference (North Lebanon) lacked only one dollar of being the banner on the Cumberland District, the city and town churches on the district notwithstanding.

Our worthy pastor, Rev. B. F. Whitley, will compare favorably with any of the preachers in the Tennessee Conference next fall, in all the claims of the church. Mark that.

The House of Bondage.

Among many scores of letters written in praise of "The House of Bondage" written by the late Mrs. Albert, and published in the SOUTHWESTERN, we give below one from the pen of the most polished and scholarly ladies among our people, which we know will interest. She writes under a nom de plume, but it will be appreciated, notwithstanding.

"Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., Editor SOUTHWESTERN, New Orleans:—

"Sir: I have read with the deepest interest and profit the posthumous article 'The House of Bondage,' written by your late dear wife, printed in the SOUTHWESTERN and just completed in the issue of the 8th inst. Believing as I do that the interest which I am forced to feel and made to realize in the publication of these sketches of slave life in our section was common to thousands of people in our entire country, I must confess that I regret exceedingly that the end of the manuscript has been reached and announced by you. I trust that it may not be received or considered in the least spirit of criticism of the article or presumption on my part to suggest that you in some way continue the article in your weekly publication. In my opinion and suggestion, 'The House of Bondage' should cover in its range and breadth the entire variety of slavery and slave hardships, as they existed not only locally and in Louisiana, but the entire South. It should, methinks, begin and include the terrible sufferings of little children, the youth and early manhood and womanhood of the slave. The character should be made to exhibit to the world the hundreds of human souls of both sexes, chained together marching the stock pens of Virginia to those of the far South to be sold and bartered. The bravery and heroism of Negro slaves, both men and women, as it cropp-

ed out ever and anon, amid the darkest days of slavery, should be especially brought out. Thousands of Negro men died before they would willingly submit to the cruel tongue of the lash, and women before they would yield up their virtue at the bidding of the master.

"The House of Bondage" should I think, include the life and struggle of its characters up to and through the first years of emancipation, and the advent of the Yankee teachers among them, for indeed after the master had lost his property in the slave, he was more ready and willing in many cases to kill him than when a slave. I think it must be apparent to any one that the admirable style in which "The House of Bondage" is written contains and will furnish much to history of the terrible period of slavery, that would otherwise be lost; hence my suggestion and concern that it be continued with the utmost system and care of compilation. When completed in the columns of your valuable paper, it should be converted into book form and sold, and the first receipts after payment of expenses expended for a magnificent monument to mark the resting place of the dear woman who first conceived and penned the work for the benefit of mankind.

"Trusting, dear sir, that these lines which I have assumed the boldness to write, may be received in the proper light, and that the suggestions I make may prove feasible, and in some way 'House of Bondage' be continued. I beg to subscribe. Yours respectfully,

MARY MUGGINS.

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ON last Thursday Rev. H. C. Wilson and family, while in this city, at 445 Constance and Third streets, were wonderfully surprised by a company of many friends with many handsome presents.

REV. J. H. Rylander sends a congratulatory note expressing his gratification on the re-appointment of Rev. J. F. Marshall to the presiding eldership. We coincide with the brother's opinion, heartily.

OUR purpose is to send the paper to every pastor in the conferences of which we are the official organ. So if you fail to get the paper, please send us correct post-office address and we will send you the paper. You must always state at what post office you received it before.

IN THE welcome address of Rev. J. F. Marshall to Bishop Newman at the anniversary celebration, Jan. 13, which we published, some errors occurred that marred it not a little. The phrase "nature gardens" should have read "native gardens," and the word "council" was written counsel. It should have also been stated that at the proper time a nice bunch of fresh buds and flowers was presented to the Bishop.

E. THOMPSON, of Aberdeen, Miss., who has one of the sewing machines we offer, says that is the best in the settlement; that it makes the sewing machine agents in his locality "look down in the month" at the prospect of losing their former fat profits out of the people. He says it fulfills the representations in every respect, and that full confidence can be placed in whatever the SOUTHWESTERN says. That is true. The SOUTHWESTERN is very careful in its statements, and the manager informed himself in regard to the machine before it was offered as a premium. Why it is so cheap is because we give the profit to the subscriber who purchases it.

THE trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor have issued a letter to the religious press in which they refute some statements that have been made prejudicial to the society. They say "the societies are found in specific churches, doing the work of those churches as best they can. They are pastor's aid societies, solely under his control and direction. There is no board of control or authority outside of the local church. The sole mission of the United Society is to furnish information and to arrange for an annual convention. The society is, and has been from the beginning, on a strictly evangelical basis." While all this may be true, and we wish the society great success, we have found that our Epworth League surpasses all other organizations for young Methodists to prosecute aggression and successful evangelistic work.

"Lo, the Poor Indian."

Never was this old time phrase more applicable than at the present time. Much discussion is had regarding the cause of the late trouble. It appears to us that the views of W. H. Hare, a missionary bishop, express a fair statement of the case:

The evidence compels the conclusion that, among the Pine Ridge Indians at least, hunger has been an important element in the causes of discontent and insubordination.

In the farming season of 1889, the Indians were all called into the Agency and kept there for a month by the Sioux Commission. During their absence their cattle broke into their fields and trod down, or ate up, their crops. The Indians reaped practically nothing.

In the year 1890, drought, the worst known for many years, afflicted the western part of South Dakota; and the Indian crops were a total failure.

There is ample evidence that, during this period, the rations is sued lasted, even when carefully used, for only two thirds of the time for which they were intended.

To add to their distress, this period, 1889 and 1890 was marked by extraordinary misfortunes. The measles prevailed with great virulence in 1889; The grippe in 1890. Whooping cough also attacked the children. The sick died from want. In this statement Inspector Gardiner, Dr. McGillicuddy late Agent, Miss Blaine Goodale, who has been in the camps a good deal, the missionary force, and many others whose testimony is of the highest value because of their character and their knowledge of the situation, all agree.

In addition to the above, Herbert Walsh, secretary of the Indian Rights Association, says:

The spoils system, which removes competent and experienced officials and puts in their places men who are inexperienced, frequently incompetent, and sometimes positively bad. The evil results of this system are apparent under Republican and Democratic administrations alike. Had the merit system been in vogue, it is evident that the growing discontent among the Sioux, arising from other causes, would have been promptly ascertained and reported upon, so that a remedy might have been applied. It is also evident that authority and control at Pine Ridge broke down under incapable management.

Hunger and suffering, from a diminished food supply, and failure on the part of the Government to promptly fulfill the full terms of the agreement recently made with the Sioux by which eleven million acres of land were ceded to white settlement.

The influence of evil disposed Indians, such as Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, and others, who took advantage of all these conditions and of the excitement incident to the Messiah Craze to foment discontent until it had reached the point of armed resistance, robbery and bloodshed.

Our only hope for better things, it seems, lies in a persistent agitation, for an Indian service under a single competent, experienced head, and complete divorce of the service from partisan politics.

It would be an admirable thing if many competent and experienced officers in the army who thoroughly understand the Indian, were detailed to serve as Indian Agents.

DR. MOORE, in the Western put enough holes through Dr. Spence's article on "The Great Southern Problem" in the Methodist Quarterly to make it look like a sieve. It deserves to be riddled, for it is the most misrepresentative of Methodism of all the articles on the subject we have seen from the pens of preachers of our church. It practically denies manhood to the Negro.—Baltimore Methodist.

The article in question is the most treasonable and inhuman of any on the subject, that we have ever read from the pen of a Methodist preacher. Dr. Moore as well as

Dr. Frysinger, of the Baltimore Methodist, deserve our lasting gratitude for the riddling which they have given the article. Only the pressure of the conference matters have prevented us from paying our respects to Dr. Spence and his miserable solution of the race problem in his article to the Review. Recognize the Negro's manhood, and treat him as a brother in Christ, and a fellow-citizen of the republic, and there's no problem. Any other subterfuge is the rankest treason to God and man.

Personal.

—The friends of W. L. Duncan, may address him at Huntsville, Texas, Box 279.

—The Octogenial Celebration of Bishop Daniel A. Payne, D.D., LL. D., of the A. M. E. Church, will take place at Jacksonville, Fla. Feb., 24, 1891. A nicely printed and interesting program is out, announcing the occasion.

—Rev. J. H. Pierre, appointed for Marthaville, was detained in the city for a few few days by the grippe.

—Dr. Godman is seriously sick with a combination of la grippe and malaria fever—was prostrated on his coming from the conference.

—Mrs. Rev. G. W. Marsh, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn., has been very sick, but is now better.

—Rev. M. S. Goings, desires his correspondents to address him at Bastrop, La.

—Rev. C. W. Kershaw, may be addressed at Bastrop, La.

—Rev. Ernest Lyon is in the field as Sunday school agent for the conference. Support him; rally around him; pray for him, and make '91 the grandest year of our Sunday school work.

Little Rock Conference.

The Thirteenth Session of the Little Rock Conference convened at Texarkana Ark. Jan., 22, at 9 a. m., with Bishop John P. Newman, D. D., LL. D., in the chair. The Rev. G. E. Cunningham, Presiding Elder in the Arkansas Conference read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. W. R. Duncan, led in prayer. There were thirty-four members present. A. L. Tate had died during the year and had gone to his reward. Thos. Mason was elected secretary, with W. O. Emory and W. H. Morris as assistants. J. W. Jackson was elected statistical secretary, with J. E. Toombs and J. P. Franklin assistants. A. J. Fletcher, was elected treasurer and J. F. Richmond, and B. J. Griffin assistants. W. R. R. Duncan, Presiding Elder of the Forest city, Geo. W. Lacey, of the Pine Bluff, G. N. Johnson, of the Texarkana, and W. H. Crawford of the Little Rock District, reported their works, as did also the preachers on their district and their characters passed. The character of W. M. Fuller and Eliza Roberts passed and they were continued respectively in their supernumary and supernumary relations. The following visitors were introduced; Rev. A. W. Culver of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. H. Williams, and G. E. Cunningham, of the Arkansas Conference. The following classes of deacons reported their work and their character passed viz. First class of deacons, J. J. Hulet, H. P. Conlton, and W. M. Fuller; second class, John F. Richmond, H. W. Wolton, H. M. Renfro, Alex Harde-man, and S. M. Stokes, a draft of \$30, was ordered on the Chartered Fund and one of \$153, on the Book Concern dividend.

The following local preachers were elected to deacon's order viz. Thomas R. Wambles, Monroe N. Langston, David B. Horston, Henry P. Strong, Henry R. Roseman, T. J. Thompson, and Waters McIntosh.

SECOND DAY.—The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. Williams, the case of J. L. Massey, was referred to the Presiding Elder for investigation. Foster Wallace was permitted to withdraw under charges. Thos. H. Hanna was given a supernumary

relation and requested to locate. The following remain on trial: T. R. Wambles, M. N. Langston, H. P. Strong, H. R. Roseman, J. G. Walker, John H. Cox, Phillip Owens and John A. Henry were discontinued.

The Philadelphia proposition, providing for an equal proportion of lay and ministerial delegates in the General Conference, and also for the two sets of delegates to deliberate and vote as one body and never separate, was non concurred in, by a vote of twenty-six for non-concurrence and none for concurrence. The conference voted on the admission of women as delegates to the Lay Electoral and General Conference, sixteen for and sixteen against admission. The vote of the laity was 326 for and 725 against admission. The following were admitted into full connection after the bishops able and impressive address to the class, viz. Joseph C. Sherrill, J. Lemon, and Silas McDonald. The following were continued on trial, Geo. W. Thompson, W. B. Clark, and J. C. Crowley. The following were admitted on trial: Water McIntosh, D. H. Harris, D. W. Nelson, D. B. Horston, J. W. Burns, Chas. G. Brooks, and Thos. J. Thompson. VanBuren was selected for the seat of next conference. The following transfers to the conference were announced and they were introduced viz. B. H. Johnson, from East Tennessee, and Geo. A. Payne, John Qualls, P. B. McDonald, and Elijah Clark, also the following who were absent, Ephraim Harrison, Washington Brook, C. W. Reeves, and Alex. Spears, all from the Louisiana Conference. Rev. W. S. Cornwell, and Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, were introduced.

THIRD DAY.—Revs. J. B. Scott, D. D., and W. H. Logan, Presiding Elders in the Texas Conference were introduced, and by invitation of the bishop addressed the conference, with great acceptability. Dr. Albert, addressed the conference in behalf of the SOUTHWESTERN, following which the conference passed strong resolutions pledging the greatest diligence in circulating the paper in all their charges, and confirming the paper as its official organ. The course of the editor was approved and his presence welcomed on any and all occasions; for all of which we return many thanks, and the promise that we will do all in our power to continue to merit the favors of our brethren in Arkansas.

Bishop Newman here took occasion to impress upon the mind of the conference the duty that they owed to the paper. Enlarging therefrom he delivered a masterly address upon the growth of Methodism in the South among our people, and he complimented them very highly for the evidences of progress on all good and legitimate lines which he saw everywhere. The several committees reported, and their reports were adopted. The report on temperance was specially pointed and emphatic. The conference unanimously invited in a petition to the National Government praying for the suppression of the liquor traffic in Africa. President Mason came in for a large share of commendation in the educational report, which showed the Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., to be enjoying unusual prosperity. The College has an enrollment of 277 students representing nine states. Very touching resolutions were adopted in memory of Rev. Samuel Johnson, who was for many years a member of this conference, but who died last year in the Texas Conference.

CONFERENCE SABBATH.—Was a day long to be remembered among our people in Texarkana. The private conference between the bishop and ministers at 9 a. m., and the love feast which followed were seasons of great manifestations. At 11 a. m., the bishop preached a very able and effective sermon, followed by ordination of deacons in the afternoon, nearly all the colored churches of the city had

their pulpits filled by ministers from the Conference. The statistical reports showed remarkable increases in nearly every item.

Little Rock Conference Appointments.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT—A. J. Phillips, Presiding Elder. Clow, T. J. Thompson. Centerpoint, B. H. Johnson. Camden, J. A. Airheart. Canfield, D. W. Nelson. Fulton, Alexander Spears. Gurdon, M. H. Foster. Hot Springs, W. O. Emory. Locksburg, H. C. Dunlap. Lewisville, P. B. McDonald. Magnolia, G. W. Thompson. Texarkana, J. P. Calvin. Hope and Washington, D. W. Moore.

Texarkana circuit, G. W. Baber. FORREST CITY DISTRICT—W. R. R. Duncan, Presiding Elder. Bledsoe, D. H. E. Harris. Brinkley and Clarendon, E. H. Clark. Brinkley circuit, D. H. Horston. Batesville, Seth Neal. Cotton Plant, G. W. Taylor. Forrest City, H. P. Strong. Forrest City circuit, S. M. Stopes.

Helena, E. Harrison. Jacksonport, H. M. Renfro. Mariana, N. W. Walton. New Port, M. N. Langston. Osceola, H. R. Roseman. Oak Forrest, W. H. Higgins. Palestine supplied, O. Wright. Wynue and Crawfordville, J. F. Richmond.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT—G. W. Lacy, Presiding Elder. P. O. Pine Bluff. Beardon and Eagle Mills, H. P. Coulton.

Darmouth and Tullers, C. G. Brooks. Fordyce and Little Bay, B. J. Thornton. Hensley and Dexter, T. R. Wambles.

Warren and Johnville, E. D. Spencer. Monticello, J. A. Payne. New Edinburg, J. W. Burns. Portland circuit, H. W. Bright. New Gascony, J. Crawley. Rison and Grape Vine, R. C. Coleman.

Wabbasica, W. Brooks. Pine Bluff, J. Qualls. Sweet Home, C. A. Taylor. LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—W. H. Morris, Presiding Elder. Argenta, W. McIntosh. Conway, W. J. Cunningham. Fayetteville, J. P. Franklin. Fayetteville circuit, U. S. Kitchens.

Fort Smith, W. H. Crawford. Little Rock, J. E. Toombs. Little Rock, Simpson Chapel, G. N. Johnson. Little Rock circuit, J. O. Sherel. Louke, A. J. Fletcher. Morrilton, B. J. Griffin. Mareh, S. McDonald. Plumberville, P. Piggu. Richwood, J. Lemons. Solgohachie, J. J. Hulet. Van Buren, J. W. Jackson.

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Greensboro.....	200	500
ABERDEEN DISTRICT—Upper Mississippi Conference.		
Aberdeen.....	9	68
Athens circuit.....	6	388
Sturges.....	13	42
Pontotoc circuit.....	64	74
West Point.....	23	17
West Point circuit.....	35	30
Corinth.....	1	17
Starkville.....	25	41
Starkville circuit.....	14	150
Honston.....	121	1
Union Grove circuit.....	44	83
Houston Mission.....	8	30
Woodland circuit.....	12	2
Webster circuit.....	2	114
Tamlico.....	14	187

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Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

Special To Correspondents.

Correspondents will please bear in mind that no weekly newspaper in the world is large enough to keep up all its varied departments and publish all the matter that contributors may see fit to write. All we can do is to exercise our best judgment in condensation and delay in the matter of publishing many of the communications while others of necessity must find their way to the waste basket. We cannot promise to return any matter sent us. You had better keep a copy yourself. We are always glad to receive short, crisp news items, and we publish such as soon as possible; but long letters which are very often badly written, in unintelligible hieroglyphics, written on both sides of a sheet of paper, must take their chances.

Communications taken bodily out of some books, or treating upon some subjects which have been exhausted, and others presenting such objections, which, even if we had the space, we could not admit, must be rejected. We shall continue to do the best we can to retain the present support and cooperation of all our correspondents and friends, but our friends must remember that the editor, and the editor alone, is the sole and best judge in every such case. Keep cool. Send us more subscribers; more cash and less gush; more facts and less words; and we will send you an interesting, spicy and entertaining newspaper every week.

THE Western Advocate has done the figuring which shows these results: In the United States alone, about two sinners repent every minute, 114 every hour, 2740 every day, over a million every year.

WE make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

Advice to Young Ministers.

1. Let me say to every young brother if you expect to have an active church you must be wide awake, industrious man yourself. An idle pastor makes an idle church.

2. It is vitally important for you in the next place, to develop the activity of your members and to direct them into fields of usefulness. There is a vast amount of latent power in most of our congregations; and in large churches there is a tendency to say: "O, you have enough to do the work without me." As small farms are usually the best tilled, so small churches are often the best worked.

3. Keep your eyes on all the operations of the church, not to do the elder's work, or the Sunday School superintendent's work, but to see that they do it. A meddling minister may be as mischievous as an idle one, yet oversight and wise perogative.

4. Drive every wheel in your machinery to its utmost power, but don't have more wheels than power. Widen your activities as fast as you have men and money to propel them.

Finally, keep Christ in the foreground. Come to your flock every Sabbath with Jesus in your heart and Jesus on your tongue. The only permanent power that can propel any church is the power from on high, and that church which is mighty in prayer is the one that is always mighty in work. Dr. T. L. Onyler.

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First Annual Report

OF

The National League for the Protection of American Institutions.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. King, the general secretary of The National League for the Protection of American Institutions, New York, has favored us with a copy of his first annual report.

This report shows that the League was incorporated December 24th, 1890, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York.

After the preliminary work of organization and incorporation, by the voluntary services of busy men extending through many months, "The National League for the Protection of American Institutions" fairly entered upon its systematic work in the month of May, by opening its offices in the Morse Building, 140 Nassau Street, and by preparing and issuing its Document No. One.

This Document contained a statement of principles and purposes, and the text of the proposed form of the XVI Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; also the autograph letter of the Law Committee, and the autograph letter of the Executive Officers of the League soliciting expressions of opinion on the Amendment.

Fifteen thousand copies of this Document No. One, with its accompanying autograph letters, have been sent to a carefully selected list of Statesmen, Jurists, Lawyers, Publicists, Divines, College Presidents, Superintendents of Public Instruction and others engaged in educational work in all the States of the Union, and interested and encouraging responses are being daily received, the number already having passed four thousand from individuals, aside from the approving action of many religious and secular bodies and patriotic organizations. Only few opposing criticisms have come to the office.

Through the secular and religious press, and by the services of the Associated Press, the fact of organization and the principles of the League have received extended, and in most instances favorable notice. Through a single monthly periodical, the substance of Document No. One has been sent to fourteen thousand clergymen.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society at its meeting in Chicago on May 23rd, by unanimous action, endorsed The National League by name, and approved its principles and its proposed form of the Amendment.

The President and General Secretary of the League, in the month of May, spent some days in Washington, and brought the work of the League to the attention of the President of the United States and of prominent Senators and Representatives, who promised careful consideration of the subject.

The General Secretary attended a Conference of different American Orders held at Philadelphia in May, and one in Chicago in June, and secured the adoption by these Conferences of the principles of the League, and of the form of the XVI Amendment, and action was also taken for their submission for endorsement to sixty-five different American Orders, representing a constituency of over one million active members.

Favorable returns are almost daily received from these orders, and documents are being sent to them.

In these various conferences it was distinctly understood that The National League commits itself only to the principles and purposes expressed in its official documents. Steps have been taken for the formation of a National Council representing these scores of patriotic American Orders, through which The National League can, at its discretion, send its documents for educational purposes.

The Constitutional Amendment by order of the Board of Managers, is soon to be presented to the President of the United States, with the

request that he recommend its passage by Congress.

The General Secretary, by direction of the Executive Committee, has delivered many addresses on the work of the League before assemblies and Conferences.

The League secured the passage by the Assembly of the State of New York, of resolutions of that most searching inquiry into the condition of all the institutions of the State in the receipt of public moneys, and which have charge of juvenile delinquents or other indigent or committed children.

The League took an active and efficient part in promoting the confirmation by the United States Senate of General Morgan as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and of Dr. Dorchester as Superintendent of Instruction in Indian School. These officers represented the American policy of introducing and extending the Common School system among the Indian children and youth, as a preparation for citizenship; and their confirmation was opposed by those who are publicly committed to the policy of governmental appropriations to denominational schools, and who openly denounce the American Common School system.

The present Board of Managers is constituted and classified as follows:

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The law committee is constituted as follows—Wm. Allen Butler, Dorman B. Eaton, Cephas Brainard, Henry E. Howland, Stephen A. Walker.

The news from the seat of war is constantly contradictory; but not so from Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup; every report concerning it proves it to be the best Cough Syrup known. Only 25 cents a bottle.

Marriages.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 8.—At the residence of Mr. Wm. Gillespie, the bride's father, Mr. Burt Scott to Miss Lou Gillespie.

Also on the same day, Mr. John Hudson to Miss Louisa Hibbler at the residence of the bride's mother.

Jan. 15 Ike Tear to Miss Lakey Cowen; also Mr. James Nicholson to Miss Ellen Liles.

A. W. Wright officiated.

At Rayne, La., Jan. 12, by the Rev. N. B. James, Mr. Harbert Baptist to Miss Lippert, both of Rayne.

Mr. F. Cumbuss to Mrs. Sophia Davis.

Jan. 14, Mr. B. A. Calden to Miss Alma Taylor.

Also on the 23d Mr. Henry Bibb to Miss Annie White at the residence of the groom's sister, Mrs. O. Nicholsod.

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Obituary.

Anna Elizabeth Green, the youngest daughter of the late Rev. Evans and Eliza Green, died at her home in New Orleans, Thursday, Dec. 18th 1890, at the age of twenty-five years and five days. She was born in New Orleans, La., July 18, 1865. She attended the public school in Carrollton, after which she entered Leland University, where she ranked high as a good and earnest student. She had many privations to suffer, but through prayers and perseverance she finished her course of study, and graduated with high honors. After leaving college she taught school several years in different parts and Mississippi. She was a devout Christian. She leaves an aged mother, and an only sister and a host of friends to mourn her.

Henry Taylor, Williams Chapel.

Sister Elijah Ann Danba died Jan.

13. She leaves a husband, one child a mother and sister to mourn her. G. W. Baber, Texarkana, Ark.

Sister Anna Tuinis, wife of Rev. H. Tuinis, died Jan. 15. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her.

G. W. Baber, Texarkana, Ark.

Sister Ester Jones, died Jan. 13. She was a class leader and Sunday school treasurer.

S. J. P. Calvin, Texarkana, Ark.

Sister Mintes Mitchell died Jan. 25. She leaves a husband, two children and many friends.

W. L. Duane, P. C., Huntsville, Texas.

Bro. Jerry Bullock died Jan. 11. He was seventy-five or eighty years old. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn him.

P. R. Crump, Forrest City, Miss.

Bro. Walla Wade died Jan. 19. Aged 80 years. He leaves a wife and son to mourn him.

Benton, Miss.

Miss Sarah Allen, wife of Rev. Jas. Allen, died Dec. 23, 1890. Aged 56 years.

J. O. Garrett, Benton, Miss.

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Almost immediately after the purchase of the ninety-one acres on the Northwestern Heights of Washington, D. C., for the site of the National University, Bishop Hurst called on Mr. George Bancroft, the celebrated historian, and consulted with him concerning the Institution and explained the plans. Mr. Bancroft received him very cordially, addressed him in German, and referred to a former acquaintance in Berlin. After the visit Mr. Bancroft sent to him a check for fifty dollars towards the payment of the land as a token of his approval, and accompanying it the following letter:

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Books and Current Literature.

Mr. E. L. Godkin, in the February number of The Forum, undertakes to prove that the expedition to relieve Enim was clearly a piratical undertaking, since it had the sanction of no government and its leader was responsible to no power. Other articles that will appear in the February Forum are: The vanishing surplus, by Senator Carlisle; The Farmer's Changed Condition, by Professor Rodney Welsh; The Government and the Indians, by Hiram Price; a biographical essay by Professor Gilderleeve, of John Hopkins University, and half a dozen other essays.

Harper's Magazine for February excels in the variety and value of its illustrated articles. The frontispiece is a portrait of Edwin Booth, engraved from Sargent's painting at the Player's Club, New York City. A novel and entertaining feature of the Number is the collection of twelve original drawings (now published for the first time) by W. M. Thackeray, illustrating the Heroic Adventures of M. Bonin, with comment by Anne Thackeray Ritchie.

Frederic Remington's illustrations in Harper's Weekly of scenes and incidences connected with the late Indian disturbances have attracted wide attention on account of their spirited character and the fidelity of their representations.

The first part of a new story by Hjalmar Hojorth Boyesen, entitled The Wonder Child, has appeared in Harper's Young People January 27.

The vigorous, intellectual and practical character of The Popular Science Monthly is well shown in

the contents of the February issue. In the opening article, entitled From Babel to Comparative Philology, Dr. Andrew D. White tells how science has compelled the gradual abandonment of the belief that Hebrew was the first language of man. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

Musio loving girls, and those with vocal aspirations, will find a rich treat in The Ladies Home Journal for February, in which Emma O. Thursby, Campanini, Madame Albani, Clara Louise Kellogg, Mand Powell and Albert Parsons have crisp and practical articles on voice-training, piano-playing and musics and vocalics generally. There is many a help and hint in the words of these great artists, who make room further on in the number for Sister Rose Gertrude's first printed article on My Work Among the Lepers. Published at ten cents per copy, or one dollar a year, at 433 435 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Eggleston's new novel, The Faith Doctor, will open with a generous installment in the February Century. The novel is said not only to take a firm hold on current events in relation to faith healing, Christian Science, etc., but to deal with the social struggle always going on in a great city like New York. The first sub-title of The Faith Doctor is The Origin of a Man of Fashion, and the second The Evolution of a Society Man.

Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher, New York, announces for early publication Aleph' the Chaldean, or The Messiah as seen from Alexandria, by E. F. Burr, D. D. LL. D., the famous author of Ecce Caelum; also a new work by Charles F. Deems, D. D. LL. D., entitled The Gospel of Spiritual Insight, being a companion volume to The Gospel of Common Sense, which is now in its third edition. The work will take up the Gospel of St. John and treat it in the author's fervent style. The second edition of A Study in Pedagogy, a book for non-professional teachers by Bishop John H. Vincent, although only issued a few days ago is now in its second edition and the sale is unabated. Undesigned Coincidences in the Old and New Testament, by Rev. John J. Blunt, with an introduction by Joseph Sanderson, D. D., LL. D., will also be published at an early date together with a new illustrated edition of Nature and the Bible, by J. D. Dawson, D. D., LL. D.

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A tribute to the fourteenth is paid in the February St. Nicholas, with the poem An Old-Time Valentine, by Helen Gray Cone, with the frontispiece illustration by Edwards, and then Max Bennett describes How the Mails are Carried, in an account of the Railway Post-Office, with illustrations by C. T. Hill. Malcolm Douglas contributes a jingle which may make The Family Drum Corps almost as much of a delightful nuisance in reality as it is in the poem itself. The verse of the number includes poems by Louise Chandler Moulton, Mary E. Wilkins, and a most amusing one by Oliver Herford, whose verse and pictures strive equally for superiority. Besides, there are unnumbered riches in the pictures and departments, enough to rank the number with its predecessors.

The date of February 16 has been definitely fixed for the publication of Edwin Arnold's new poem: The Light of the World; or, The Great Consummation. It will be published simultaneously in America and England, the American publishers being Funk & Wagnalls of New York. As before announced, there has been in different portions of the poem collaboration between Mr. Arnold and an American poet, the results of this collaboration, of course, being incorporated in both the English and American editions. The American edition will contain also an Introduction by R. H. Stoddard, and a reproduction of the celebrated paintings on the life of Christ, by the German artist Hoffman, by arrangement with the German publishers, Funk & Wagnalls, Publishers, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

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To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

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We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or, still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those moulders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

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The first original article by Count Tolstoi, that has ever been published in American magazine, appears in the February issue of the Cosmopolitan, with a number of interesting photographic reproductions, one of them being a picture of Tolstoi guiding a plow in his Russian fields. Amateur Portraiture in Photography, and A Remarkable Musical History, by William Pole, F. R. S., the well-known Englishman, is another prominent feature of the February issue. Price, 25 cents. Cosmopolitan Publishing Co., Madison Square, N. Y.

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Our Children's Legion.

For Our Boys and Girls.
BY UNCLE CEPHAS.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a boy 20 years of age. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I am not a member of the Church, but I hope to be soon. My mother, father and sister belong to the M. E. Church. Rev. F. J. Yeargin our pastor. I am not going to day school now, as we have no school during the winter. My studies are United States History, grammar, arithmetic, geography and spelling. My mother takes the SOUTHWESTERN. The word "and" appears 46,277 times in the Bible. The longest verse is found in the book of Esther. The shortest verse is in the 35th chapter of St. John.

Your Nephew,
WILLIE MCKEEVES.
Friendship, Tenn.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I love to read the letters from the little boys and girls. We had Emancipation day January 1, and had a nice time. Some of my little friends inquired where in the Bible the word "gold" is first found. It is in Genesis, xli, 42. I wish some of my little friends would tell me what was the first of the ten plagues of Egypt?
Your Niece,
DOUGHT SHEPPARD.
Wedowee, Ala.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my second letter to you. I want to tell you of my studies in arithmetic, fourth reader, grammar, geography, and spelling book. I am a little girl 11 years old. My mother takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I love to read the children's letters. I am a member of the M. E. Church.
Your Niece,
PEARLIE G. HOLMAN.
Perkinsville, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I must write and tell you that the dear old SOUTHWESTERN is a welcome visitor every week to my house. I love it more and more every time it comes. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. B. L. Crump, was with us recently and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Our pastor is Rev. J. K. Comfort. He has gone to conference.
Your Niece,
JOSEPHINE BURTON.
Ocean Springs, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my second letter to you, and I hope it will not reach the waste basket. I have been reading the letters from my little cousins, and they encourage me to write also. We have a nice Sunday school. I go every Sunday. We have a missionary band and we are all soliciting money for the missionary cause. We hope to be successful. I will ask my cousin a question: Where is the word "plane" found in the Bible? Cousin M. Davis asked a question, What cities were more wicked than Tyre and Sodom? and it is not mistaken the answer is Sodom and Gomorrah.
Your Nephew,
WELBORN V. JENKINS.
Hogansville, Ga.

A GOD-SEND is Ely's Cream Balm. I had catarrh for three years. Two or three times a week my nose would bleed. I thought the sores would never heal. Your Balm has cured me.—Mrs. M. A. Jackson, Portsmouth, N. H.

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General News Items.

It is proposed to build a bridge across the Potomac river, at Washington, D. C.

The steamship Britannia, from Leith, came in collision with the steamer Bear, from the Ganges mouth. The Bear sank, and out of 14 of her crew only 2 were saved.

The State of Michigan has passed a law prohibiting children suffering from consumption to attend the public schools.

Prince Mallory, the wealthiest Afro-American of Helena, Ark., was assassinated January 3.

Emma Abbott the actress is dead.

The steamboat H. J. Hickey sunk in Bayou Macon, near Delhi, January 15.

Fallows, a suburb of Philadelphia, had a \$700,000 fire Jan. 16.

U. S. Minister Robert T. Lincoln has returned to England.

By an explosion of fire damp in the mammoth shaft of the H. C. Fricke Coke Company, Scotland, Pa. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 110 sturdy men were ushered into eternity and a number seriously injured.

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Sunday-School and Children.

FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON VI. Ahab's Covetousness. 1 Kings 21. 1-16. Commit to memory verses 15-16. Feb. 8, 1891. B. C. 899 or 900.

HOME READINGS.

M. 1 Kings 21:1-7. Tu. 1 Kings 21:7-16. W. Lev. 25: 23-28. Th. Mic. 2:1-6. F. Isa. 3: 10-15. S. Psa. 94: 14-33. S. Luke 12: 13-21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Take heed, and beware of covetousness. Luke 12:15.

LESSON HEYM, C. M.

How vain are all things here below!
How false, and yet how fair!
Each pleasure hath its poison, too,
And every sweet a snare.

The brightest things below the sky
Give but a flattering light;
We should suspect some danger nigh,
Where we possess delight.

My Saviour, let thy beauties be
My soul's eternal food;
And grace command my heart away
From all created good.

B. C. 899 or 900.

Places.—Ahab's palace in the city of Samaria, the ancient city of Jezreel, and Naboth's vineyard outside of its eastern wall.

Rulers.—Same as before.

Connecting Links.—Elijah returned from Mount Horeb and found Elisha, whom God had selected to be his successor, working at the plow. A great struggle took place between the Assyrian king, Benhadad and King Ahab, resulting in Benhadad's defeat. Ahab displeased God by only partially following the divine direction.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Covetous Ahab, v. 1-4.

Of what was Ahab covetous?

What commandment did he thereby break? Exod. 20:17.

To whom did the vineyard belong?

For what purpose did Ahab want it?

What did he offer to Naboth for it?

What was Naboth's reply?

How did the answer affect the king?

How did he show his displeasure?

2. Wicked Jezebel, v. 5-10.

What question did Jezebel ask the king?

What was Ahab's reply?

What did Jezebel then ask?

What did she promise to do?

To whom did she send letters?

In whose name did she send them?

How did she command them to honor Naboth?

What wicked plot was then carried out?

What is the ninth commandment?

Exod. 20:16.

3. Murdered Naboth, v. 11-16.

What did the elders and nobles do?

What message was sent to Jezebel?

What did Jezebel then say to Ahab?

What did Ahab at once do?

What is the sixth commandment?

Exod. 20:13.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That selfishness leads to sin?

2. That one sin leads to another?

3. That one sinner can do great harm?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS.

What peculiar Jewish law prohibited the sale of a man's inherited real estate?

What was the Hebrew law for the punishment of blasphemy?

How did this false accusation of Naboth resemble that of our Lord?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What property of Naboth did Ahab covet? A vineyard.

2. Why did Naboth refuse to sell it? It was against God's law to do so.

3. What did Queen Jezebel do? She ordered Naboth's death.

3. Of what crime was he accused? Of blasphemy.

5. By what means was he found guilty? By false witnesses.

6. What is the Golden Text? "Take heed," etc.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—Human depravity.

THE CHUBSON CATECHISM.

16. Is the Son God? Christ "is over all, God blessed forever." He is the true God. Rom. 9:5; 1 John 5:20.

17. Is the Holy Ghost God? The Holy Ghost is "the Eternal Spirit."

Heb. 9:14.

12. In what name are Christians baptized? In the name of the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19.

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Conference Notices.

Paris District, Texas Conference.

First Round.

Paris sta. Feb. 7-8

Brookston Feb. 14-15

Blossom Prairie Feb. 21-22

Clarksville Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Clarksville Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Freehope Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

DeKalb Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Texarkana Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Cooper Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Wolfe City Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Bonham Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Honey Grove Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Gibson Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Red River Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

P. MORGAN, P. E.

Marshall District, Texas Conference.

First Round.

Marshall, Mallallen Chapel Feb. 7-8

Queen City Feb. 14-15

Chesapeake Feb. 21-22

Lodi Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Jefferson Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Jefferson Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Dangerfield Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Pittsburg Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Red Oak Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Hawkins Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Mineola Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Cypress Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Pleasant Grove Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Marshall Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

District stewards will meet at Jefferson, Friday, March 13, 8 p. m. Pastors please notify them.

WADE HAMILTON, P. E.

Houston District, Texas Conference.

First Round.

Houston, St. James Feb. 14-15

Trinity Feb. 21-22

Boydton Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Sloane Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Liberty Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Beaumont Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Orange Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Wallisville Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Galveston, St. Paul Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Taheracle Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Richmond Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Richmond Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Harrisburg Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Columbia Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Brazoria Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Oyster Creek Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Brethren: Organize all your quarterly conference committees and have them ready to report to the conference. Begin now to prepare for the Easter Sunday service. Go in for success!

I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

Greensboro District, North Carolina Conference.

Second Round.

Oberlin and Raleigh Feb. 19-20

Goldboro Feb. 21-22

Kingston and Newbern Feb. 25-26

Oxford Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Townsville and Henderson Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Durham Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Empire Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Center Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Hannes and Rankins Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Gifford Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Sumnerfield Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Mt. Tabor Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

St. Matthews and Brownings Apr. 8-9

Caswell Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Wesley Chapel Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Reidsville Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Leaksville Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Stonesville Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Madison Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Baton Rouge District, Louisiana Conference.

First Round.

Merrell Chapel Mar. 14-15

Mt. Zion Feb. 15-16

Slaughter Feb. 16-17

Wesley Chapel Feb. 17-18

Vincet Chapel Feb. 19-20

Comite Feb. 20-21

Exlander Chapel Feb. 21-22

Clinton Feb. 22-23

Macedonia Feb. 23-24

Pine and Beach Grove Feb. 24-25

Mt. Carmel Feb. 25-26

Plank Roads Feb. 26-27

The Plains Feb. 27-28

Zacharie Feb. 28-29

Union Chapel and Island Apr. 1-2

Bayou Letsworth Feb. 3-4

Sumner Chapel Feb. 4-5

West and Fourloche Feb. 5-6

Wiley Chapel Feb. 6-7

Mason Feb. 7-8

Hartzell Chapel Feb. 8-9

Plaquemine Feb. 9-10

Indian Village Feb. 10-11

Rayon Gonla Feb. 11-12

West Baton Rouge Feb. 12-13

Priestley Chapel Feb. 13-14

Jones Creek Feb. 14-15

Jackson Feb. 15-16

Stoney Point Feb. 16-17

Bayou Paul and Conrad Feb. 17-18

Baton Rouge, St. Mark Feb. 18-19

Wesley Chapel Feb. 19-20

Dear brethren: As this is my first round on the district, I will deem it a great favor if you will meet me where it is necessary and pilot me through.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

Navasota District, Texas Conference.

First Round.

Anderson Feb. 7-8

Yarborough Feb. 14-15

Navasota Feb. 21-22

Navasota Feb. 28 and Mar. 1

Caldwell Feb. 14-15

Bryan Feb. 21-22

Wellborn Feb. 24-25

Hempstead Feb. 25-26

Hempstead Feb. 26-27

Hockley Feb. 27-28

Brenham Feb. 28-29

Brenham Feb. 29-30

Bellville Feb. 30-31

San Felipe Feb. 31-1

San Felipe Feb. 1-2

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W. H. LOGAN.

P. S.—Remember Easter Sunday comes Mar. 29 this year, hence the necessity of early preparation.

West Tennessee District, Tennessee Conference.

Clarkburg circuit Feb. 7-8

Atwood circuit Feb. 9-10

Crockett Mills Feb. 14-15

Friendship Feb. 21-22

Alamo Feb. 21-22

Memphis Feb. 28, Mar. 1

Warren Chapel Feb. 1-2

Memphis station Feb. 7-8

Memphis Mission Feb. 14-15

Galloway circuit Feb. 21-22

Mason circuit Feb. 20-22

Atoka Feb. 28-29

Funk and Yorkville Apr. 4-5

Kenton Feb. 11-12

Gardner and Shannon Feb. 18-19

Brownsville Feb. 25-26

Dear brethren, push your benevolent collections and don't forget the Southwestern as it will help you in your work.

B. F. ANDERSON.

Sunday-School Work.

Preachers on the Baton Rouge District

press take notice:

Reas. W. L. Davidson and Ernest Lyon, Sunday-school agents, and Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder of the district, will begin Sunday-school and revival work at:

Baton Rouge Feb. 8-9

West Baton Rouge Feb. 10-11

Rosedale Feb. 11-12

Plaquemine Feb. 12-13

Bayou Gonla Feb. 14-15

The Plains Feb. 16-17

Slaughter Feb. 18-19

Wilson Feb. 19-20

Jackson Feb. 20-22

Vincet Chapel Feb. 23

Comite Feb. 24

Macedonia Feb. 25

Pine and Beach Grove Feb. 26

Mt. Carmel Feb. 27

Clinton Feb. 28, Mar. 1

Pastors near these places will please join in this good work. This program has been made in consultation with Bishop Mallallen, who wishes it to be strictly carried out.

Monroe District, Louisiana Conference.

First Round.

Lake Providence Feb. 15-16-17

Island Feb. 18-19

Watersfield Feb. 22

Delhi Feb. 22

Monroe, West Feb. 28

Monroe Feb. 28

Jones Chapel Feb. 5-6

Mt. Haven Feb. 7-8

Bastrop Feb. 12-13-15

Washington Chapel Feb. 20-21-22

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For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sight-Seeing.—X.

L. M. HAGOOD.

Springfield is the county seat of Clarke Co. O., and is situated on the Mad river, at the mouth of Lagonda creek. Population 20,729. Its business interests consists of manufacturing agricultural implements, turbine wheels, etc. It has four principal hotels viz: Lagonda, St. James, Arcade, and Central. No difference is made at any of these hotels provided one is respectable and has the money to pay his way. The schools, as they are in most of the towns of this state are mixed. Here they employ one or more colored teachers. Most of our people here own their own homes and are prosperous and happy. As at Dayton, we have one church here in a flourishing condition under the careful pastorate of Rev. W. S. Simmons—Wiley Chapel. Some of the wealthiest colored people of this city are members of our church. In point of intelligence they are the equal if not the superior of any church of color in the city, our church sways the sceptre here.

Several of the other passengers including Mr. Smith have just come back into the car from the platform. Turning to me Mr. Smith observed "Did you see that black man out there dressed in uniform? He is a township constable. He is fine looking ain't he? And I'll tell you his look is so fine and martial I should certainly not refuse to go with him if I should happen to be in this town and he commanded me." By this time our train was again under headway. At last Mr. Smith left his boy to keep his seat for him and after whispering to his wife he came and sat down in the seat with me. "When we were disturbed by the voice of the conductor, back there I was talking to you about the so-called nigger killing for political spite in the South. Now you will excuse me for using the word as I do, for I have always been used to it and it comes handy. Now I've been trying to study just what kind of construction you would put on what I said to you about good looking yellow girls. Understand me, my father owned nearly a hundred blacks. I am not and never shall be in favor of amalgamation or miscegenation or whatever it may be called that will allow whites and blacks to marry." But my dear sir, will you deny the fact that in the South a great many of your race becomes suspiciously color-blind after sunset? "Well, well that is the best painting of a delicate question I've yet heard. I tell you I've just read a book called "The Plantation Negro as a Citizen"

in which the author says: "There was little improper intercourse between the white men and negroes of the original type in the period before emancipation, after the creation of the mulatto class. The white man who indulges now in such illicit pleasures understands that he puts himself on a plane of equality with the object of his secret passion. The prospect of having to support his illegitimate offspring causes many white men now, who would not shrink from the disgrace of the exposure, to be cautious in their advances to such women. The white women who have given birth to mulattoes have always been regarded as monsters." Now while I acknowledge that I have that book here with me and in my satchel there, I cannot for the life of me see the object in writing that book unless it was to make Southern white men take their own medicine. Again in the passage you have just quoted a glaring falsehood appears. How under the heavens came there to be mulattoes if the original Africans brought over here were all black unless there had been much miscegenation? "O well you see I just called up that passage to help me out. I don't believe half he says. Just think of it, some of the most illustrious white men of the South have been known to admire mulatto women." Well, if we would keep up the divine and christian sanctity of the home, make the atmosphere in which we are to raise our family pure, would it not be better to allow every man and every woman to make his and her own choice of color as to partner for life, than to allow this dispiritedly flagrant violation of the seventh commandment to go on? Well, now you wait a minute and let me tell you something. I know, well, I'll tell you what it is, I've always thought it a burning shame that when a poor nigger is caught in a compromising position with a female of the opposite race he is mobbed, while white men do the same with impunity. I've had opportunity more than once to find out that instead of it being as charged against poor niggers it was a mutual agreement. Many instances of mob violence along this line have been purely the outgrowth of suspicious jealousy. I've always argued that what was law for one set of criminals was law for the other. But can you tell me why it is that colored men in the South who were gallant and brave soldiers allow numbers of our people to be thus butchered without trying to defend themselves? Not only so, but if they attempt to defend themselves an attack is made they are usually either repulsed or slain. "Columbus" the conductor cried out.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Little Things.

BY REV. H. N. BROWN.

Some things in this world are so very small until it is hard to tell whether they be animate or inanimate. And yet those same little things which appear lifeless, are busy moving creatures; and full of life. The creature is so small that the life within must needs correspond with the little and almost invisible body. To illustrate, take a sugar coated fig and put it under your eye, and by the help of your magnifying glass you will find that, that which appeared to be the natural eye to be a small grain of sugar is a large bug, and so full of life until it is almost impossible for it to keep still.

Again, take a glass of clear drinking water and subject it to the same inspection and you will find that where there appeared to be nothing but a glass of pure drinking water, little live creatures

are moving in every direction as if they were so many fish in a lake. Go to a spring of clear water and get down on your knees and drink, and you will chance to drink a small creature which you will find afterwards to be a tape worm.

I remember a gentleman who did that once; and a few months after he found it impossible to get enough to eat. He got to the point that he was always hungry and could eat so much until he was ashamed to eat enough. He became alarmed at his condition and sought the wisdom of his Doctor. And to his surprise, that which he had swallowed unnoticed had turned up to be a tape-worm sixteen yards long. In that case the little creature had too much life in it for the big creature; for the little creature was about to take the life of the big creature. And he was forced to cry for outside help. Why friends, there is a moral in that lesson. Do you see it?

At first, the little creature passed on unnoticed; but when he was noticed, he held his victim as a vice; and there was no way of escape without outside help. So are the little unbecoming acts of life that shape themselves into habits that hold their victim with a firm grasp. So that outside help must be called and often too late to save them from ruin.

The drunkard's first drink was a little thing. Mother gave it to him on Christmas morning, when a boy. It created a longing for drink, and as little as it was it made him a drunkard, broke his mother's heart, and sent souls to hell.

The gamblers first step, was a little thing. When a boy, his father called him into the parlor one day for a game of smut; that was all—just a little pastime for fun you know: A little snuffing. Yes like Elijah's cloud rising out of the sea—a little cloud like unto a man's hand, large and larger until it spanned the sun, wrapped the earth in a coat of darkness, and sent out thunder and lightning. Wisdom may be gained by stopping to consider little things.

The aut is a little creature and yet the wise man Solomon, said, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise." She has "no guide, overseer or ruler" and yet she prepares in summer for winter.

Here we learn that all little things are not mean, neither foolish but are capable of teaching lessons of economy and industry. The aut can not carry a very big load at a time, and yet little by little she stores her winter food.

Abraham and Sarah alone made a small nation at the time they were called into Palestine, and built an altar to God, in Shechem.

That was 1921 B. C., and in 1491 B. C. Abraham and Sarah had developed into a nation that marched out of Egypt three hundred thousand strong. And that little nation developed until it became the power in the earth that shook kingdoms. It is the wonder of the world to-day. It has sent a ray of light into every home on earth, where the gospel has been preached and believed, "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." A few years ago a little tribe of helpless Negroes, were brought from Africa to this country, and enslaved. They passed through hell, and were made to see the blackness of hell in its rage; and yet that same despised and rejected little Negro tribe has developed into a company eight million strong. Blessed promise, Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God. "They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust." Psal. 72:9.

Yes, the "spirit" will again say to Phillip, "go near, and join thyself to this chariot." And Phillip, will be too glad for the chance to say, I am a Jew or canaanian; but will run to join himself to the Ethiopian chariot. For it was "His chariot."

This Ethiopian chariot running by love, stirred by wisdom and guided by Providence has been the wonder of wonder's. The wheels of this Negro chariot caused an earthquake that shook the world. When his ankles and wrists got too large for the bands that bound him, like Samson, he stretched himself and the nation moved. He prayed, he fought, he conquered. What is the matter with the world to-day? What is all this stir about? The Negro problem? No! It is the Negro chariot. Take away the thought of this Negro chariot and the stir will cease. It was Mordecai's standing at the royal gate that troubled Haman.

Ah! they have heard the moving in the tops of the mulberry trees—Jehovah is going on before and the Negro has bestirred himself.

"Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley-bread tumbled into the host of Median and came into a tent, and smote it that it fell; and overturned it, that the tent lay along." A cake of barley-bread was not very palatable neither very large but in tumbling into the tent of Median it smote it that it fell, and overturned it.

The Negro in passing through the fire and afflictions of slavery was not a very large cake but tumbling and stumbling along in his prayers he smote the tent of slavery "that it fell, and lay along."

The sound of Gideon's trumpets have been heard by every nation and the dash and rays of the lamps of Negro wisdom have awe stricken the world. And the little light that glimmered in the darkness of Africa and American bondage has become to be the bright morning star of the nineteenth century. And like the appearance of a new comet in the starry world with a blazing tail, the world has come out with their spy glasses to view it. Could you blame the world for looking at such a sight? Why no! I have been using my own glasses, and I am glad to report to you today that Ethiopia "is a burning and a shining light." I ask again, why is all this stir about the Negro problem? Why, it is the little star changing to a sun in the blaze of day. It is something to see a worm change to a beautiful butterfly; and how much more wonderful is it for a little star to change to a blazing sun that gives out his light to all the nations of earth. Of course you did not allow the Negro to learn, but then he would make the most of his chances. Read the work of "Master Hugh," in the life of Mr. Douglas, p. 94, to his wife for teaching Fred to read: "To do so was unlawful as it was also unsafe," "for," said he, "if you give a nigger an inch he will take an ell. Learning will spoil the best nigger in the world. If he learns to read the Bible it will forever unfit him to be a slave."

"Very well, thought I," said Mr. Douglas, "knowledge unfits a child to be a slave." So from that day Mr. Douglas, rubbed away at his little star without the help of a teacher until now, if "Master Hugh" is alive his little light might be hid by the rays of Mr. D's intellectual sun. Indeed Mr. D. got both the inch and the "ell" And what is said of Mr. D. may be said of many of the once unnoticed Negro sons of America.

Little David slew the bear, conquered the lion, mastered giant Goliath and ascended the throne of honor without a rival. The Negro has slain his bear of slavery,

chained the lion of ignorance, and is at work on the giant of prejudice while in his march to the throne. March on my little and despised one, The nations now confess, "That man is not in color, In fashion nor in dress."

Notes From Nashville.

The attendance this school year, thus far, has been the largest of any year in the history of the college, every room has been filled in the dormitories and every seat filled in the school rooms. We need additional accommodations for the students who desire to attend. We have had to refuse numbers on the account of lack of accommodations. The opening of the mechanical shop was a matter of great interest. It is one of the finest of its kind in the Southern country, and the work that will be done in the future will be characterized by great skill and fine knowledge of mechanical art. We were favored by the presence of Bishops Walden and Hagood, and Dr. Steele, pastor of the leading Southern Methodist Church in Nashville; each of these made remarks upon the occasion which were both appropriate and profitable. The young men take great interest in their work and a few of them show a very decided ability for the work. The medical department has been largely attended and the promise is that the future classes will be very much larger than any that have been graduated heretofore. There is a demand for pharmacists which we have not been able to meet. Quite a number of young ladies began this study but owing to the pressure of other duties were compelled to quit. The field of pharmacy is undoubtedly very inviting for our young women, and they will find it a very lucrative as well as very useful one in preparing themselves for this important business for which they are so well adapted. The churches in Nashville are enjoying a state of quietude. There is very little of revival influence at work. There is a movement here to improve the condition of the laboring class by discussion on the subject of the "wage question," in which some of the leading ministers and laymen of the city have taken part.

We have a new governor in Tennessee and his utterance is good in his inauguration address in which he makes the statement that all men are equal, gives our colored friends hope at least that there will be no discrimination against them. There is an effort to pass a bill in the legislature to provide separate cars for the colored people; but the colored citizens and the rail road companies have both sent in their protests. From present indications it is hardly expected that the bill will become a law. Such discrimination is simply calculated to perpetuate the race strife, and give occasion for renewing it where it is dying out as it is, in this part of Tennessee. Should such a bill pass we should feel it was going back twenty years to the days of the klu klux and their barbarous practices.

J. BRADEN.

Florida Conference Appointments.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—B. Delworth, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Jacksonville.)
Hawling, to be supplied.
Fernandina, J. F. Elliott.
Hillman and G. C. Spring, Squire Jackson.

Jacksonville, Ebenezer, J. B. L. Williams.
Simson Chapel, J. M. Deas.
Kings Ferry and Hilliard, R. E. Robinson.
Lake City, D. E. Jacobs.
Lone Star, C. C. Mamgant.

Oakland, R. B. Pinckney.
St. Augustine, J. P. Patterson.
St. Augustine Mission, J. H. Robinson.

Switzerland, R. Drake.
West Jacksonville, J. H. Williams.
S. B. Darnell, president Cookman Institute, member of Ebenezer Conference.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—A. Debose, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Gainesville.)

Archer and Long Pond, Turner Austin.

Cedar and Rosewood, Simon Wilch.

Gainesville, Peter Swearingen.

Hague Station and Stanley, J. Jenkins.

Levyville, Sepio Wright.

Mi Canopy, Edward Sibir.

Mikesville, O. F. Wiblack.

Newnansville, A. S. J. Allen.

Otto Creek and Gulf Hammock, supplied.

Pleasant Plains, F. M. Spicer.

San Pulaski, Edward Ferguson.

Stark, Peter McCray.

Waldo, Richard Small.

PALATKA DISTRICT.—S. A. Hnger, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Ocala.)

Cotton Plant, J. J. Higgs.

Hawthorne, J. L. Middleton.

Homeland, Denis Johnson.

Keywest, Y. K. Meeks.

Ocala, J. Grant.

Palatka, Thos. Holsendorf.

Punta Gorda, W. E. Middleton.

Reddick, John Wilson.

Sanford and Orlando, I. J. Johnson.

Santoz, L. J. Little.

Seaville and New Smyrna, P. C. Jackson.

Tampa, P. A. Daniels.

Twin Lake, supplied.

Bro. Moon this is the list of appointments received from Bro. Graut, secretary.

Louisiana Conference Statistics.

Number of members and probationers 15545; an increase of 1122. number of local preachers 516; number of children baptized 1740; number of adults baptized 1199; number of churches 187; probable value \$238,454; number of parsonages 74; probable value \$38,185; paid for building and improving churches and parsonages \$15,617; paid on old indebtedness on church property \$8,623; present indebtedness on church property \$19,930; current expenses \$4,821; number of Sunday Schools 245; number of officers and teachers 1101; number of scholars of all ages 14,044.

BENEVOLENCES.

Missions \$1183. Board of Chroch Extension \$502; Sunday School Union \$99; Tract \$81; Freedmen's Aid \$832; Education \$163; American Bible Society \$28; Woman's Foreign Missionary \$23; Woman's Home Missionary \$22; Conference Claimants \$160. Total amount of benevolences, \$3,113. Ministerial support \$42,002.

SUMMARIES BY DISTRICTS.

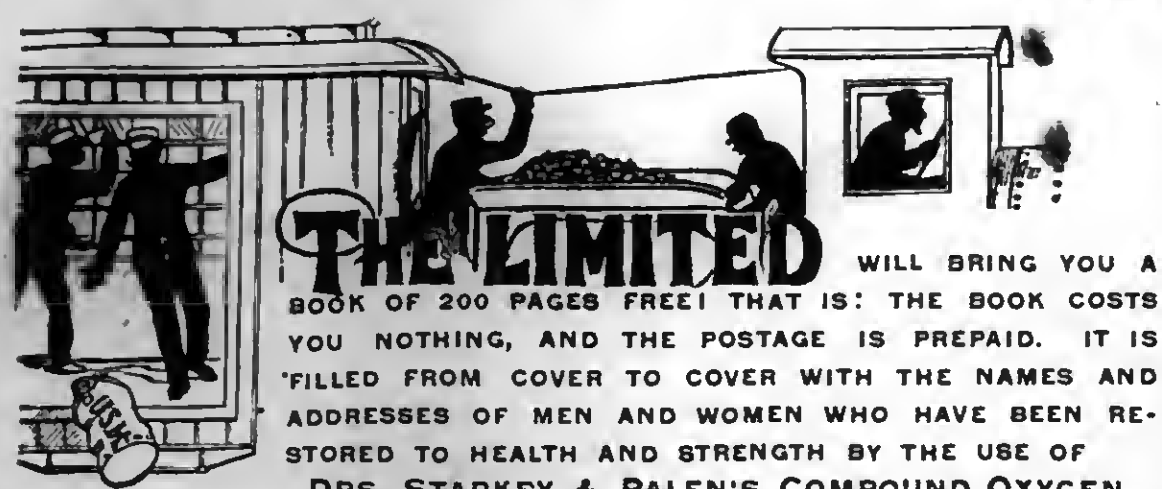
	MEM.	AMT.	PER CAP.
Baton Rouge.....	2385	\$389	17
La Teche.....	1904	596	32
Lake Charles.....	229	226	51
Mission.....	117	90	77
Monroe.....	661	100	15
North N. O.....	2519	724	29
South N. O.....	2886	725	25
Shreveport.....	2932	403	16

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

They have been having grand times at the University for a few days. Dr. D. W. Davidson of the Sunday school Union has been present to assist in the work. The revival fire is burning brightly.

Sister Amanda Smith left the city for California at the conclusion of her work at Wesley Chapel being much worn out and in need of rest. It is earnestly hoped that she will return this way and labor with the other churches.



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Letters from the Districts.

Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference.

ELI PROVINCE, P. E.

This district was formed at the last session of our conference, out of portions of the Chattanooga and Morristown districts. We rejoice in a very encouraging beginning for the new district.

Gray and Edgewood, Rev. Geo. W. Hamilton, pastor, is preparing to build a new church, five miles from Knoxville, on the Knoxville and Ohio railroad. We have good prospects for an organization in Northwest Knoxville.

New Port circuit, Rev. Alex. Clark, pastor, reports several revivals and many accessions.

Russellville circuit, Rev. T. A. Hatcher, pastor, notwithstanding some difficulties, reports a revival and some additions to the church. Rev. Elijah Knott, at Oliver Springs, is preparing to complete his church, and reports a growing spiritual interest.

Rev. Geo. W. Branner, on the Tazewell circuit, has had sickness in his family, but is now able to begin to push forward his work, and the future brightens.

Rev. F. A. Donahoe, at Knoxville, is meeting with success in revival work, and in paying the debt on the church.

Rev. Aaron Martin is about to begin work on a new church at Sun Rise, on the Knoxville circuit. He has had a revival in East Knoxville, which resulted in several conversions and additions.

Rev. W. T. Anderson, at the Morristown charge has had some accessions, and has bought a fine and splendidly located lot upon which to build a new church.

The Morristown Academy is doing most excellent work, and is crowded to its utmost capacity. The cry of Prof. Hill and his able corps of teachers is "More room." We are doing all we can to raise our apportionment for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, as a new building is now absolutely necessary.

Rev. A. A. Porter is doing a good work on the Morristown circuit, and has had several accessions.

Rev. J. W. Woods has had two profitable revivals on the Moss Point circuit. He hopes to build at White Pine this year.

Rev. F. W. Morton is doing a grand work on the Ebenezer circuit.

The Clinton and Coal Creek circuit, under the pastorate of Rev. Leroy Diggs, is prospering financially as well as spiritually.

Our district conference held Nov. 27 was well attended, and was highly profitable and interesting. Rev. Drs. Carroll and Gillett, of Cincinnati, Ohio were present in the interest of the Epworth League and accomplished much good. We look forward for fruitful results all over the district from their visit.

LADIES

Seedling a tonic, or children that want building up, should take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, and Biliousness. All dealers keep it.

General Church News.

To Temperance Women.

Dear Sisters:

There is just before you a splendid opportunity to do temperance work at the county and state fairs that will be held in almost every part of our country in the next two months. Thousands of men and women will be in attendance, many of whom live at places remote from centers of temperance effort, and some of whom, no doubt, would be quite averse to attending a temperance meeting. They will go to the fairs desiring to see everything, and will be much more easily approached than when engaged in their ordinary pursuits at home. Let us, by all means, improve this opportunity to help our cause, though it costs a little money and a great deal of hard work and self-denial. To those of you who have not had experience in this work at fairs, permit us to suggest that you make special effort to secure a stand or booth in as conspicuous a place as possible, and that you take particular pains to make it bright and attractive. Have plenty of temperance literature to give away to young and old. Have a pledge book and seek to secure signatures to the total abstinence pledge. It may be that many would sign a pledge there who would never do so at home. Have some young women to assist you in the work, for they may be able, in some instances, to reach other young women and young men whom the older workers could not. It may be well to serve coffee and other refreshments. The number of your workers and the needs of your locality must determine that. But the chief thing before you is to give away temperance literature and to do personal temperance work. Literature can be obtained at cost of publication by sending to the Headquarters of the Non-partisan National W. C. T. U., Cleveland, O. We suggest as suitable for the work the following leaflets: "Drinking, a Farm," "How to Make Money," "Women to the Rescue," "A plea for the Y's," "Begin at Home," "A Boy's First Drink and What Came of it," "The Conflict with the Cigarette," also, pledge cards and membership cards containing a pledge for women. The great need of the temperance work at the present hour is to educate the people to believe in and to practice total abstinence, and until a majority do this, state and national prohibition cannot be secured or enforced. The laws of certain states forbid the sale of alcoholic drinks within a limited distance of fair grounds. Interest yourselves in the strict enforcement of such laws. In states where no statute of this kind exists, lose no time in bringing the strongest influences at your command to bear upon the Fair Commissioners to exclude the sale of intoxicating drinks from the fair grounds.

May these harvest months be crowned with heroic efforts to advance our sacred cause.

ELLEN J. PHINNEY, Pres.
F. JENNIE DUTY, Gen. Sec.
Non-partisan Nat. W. C. T. U., Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Carrie Steele, of Georgia, has founded a colored orphan asylum, where destitute children may be cared for and taught trades.

Miss Anna D. Glass and Mrs. Jewell, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, have returned for rest. Miss Glass at Evanston, Mrs. Jewell on the Pacific coast.

Joseph Cook calls Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, who has so successfully introduced scientific temperance teaching into our common schools, "the female Stanley of the dark continent of intemperance."

Letters from the Laity.

A. L. Roberts, Jeremiah, Tenn.
I am a lover of the SOUTHWESTERN, and have been reading it about six weeks, and enjoy it very much. Never before has any attempt been made from Cookeville to write a letter to the SOUTHWESTERN.

WESTERN. They say we are back in the mountains, but we are trying to be a people. We have a very good Sunday school, and our day school shall commence soon. We have about fifty-six scholars at Sunday school, rain or shine. Some few attend that do not take any part, but the draught of the school is so great that it is drawing them in gradually. Our church is improving very fast. The pastor is Rev. Frank Smith, from Murfreesboro. He is highly esteemed by those who know him. We desire the prayers of the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN for our success this conference year. We have not one girl on our district that is not a member of the church, and we have laid plans to catch the old ones.

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A Word to Our Agents.

Dear Brethren:—The eyes of the whole Church are upon us. During the past year or two we have done grandly in doubling the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN but as yet, we are far from the desired goal. We should not be satisfied until we have placed this paper on the pinnacle of self-support, where it will no longer be necessary to subsidize it to keep it afloat. Let us cease to be dependent by a general and united rally for the SOUTHWESTERN. We don't need names; what we need is cash with the names. To multiply names without cash is simply to multiply our liabilities without increasing our assets. Now, brethren, we plead with you to roll up your sleeves and pile na in such a list of cash subscribers as will put this paper, among the other great papers of the church, where it will support itself independent of any General Conference appropriation. The SOUTHWESTERN never fails to stand by your every interest; now stand by it and make it self-supporting. A strong pull and a pull all together will accomplish the desired end. Send cash with the names.

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Good Hints for Brides.

From time immemorial the bride's gown has been white. The white gown and orange blossoms are the privilege of the bride, and even if she has to economize and give up another gown I can quite appreciate the feelings of the girl who insists on white satin, the blossoms and the tulle veil. She can never wear this costume but once in her life, for after she has become a wife, roses must take the place of the orange blossoms, and the white tulle veil is never again assumed. Heavy white-corded silk, white velvet, white brocade, white monselline do soie are all shown for the brides gown; but the real wedding material is white satin. A widow who is being married for the second time, may wear any color she wishes, if she is in traveling costume; but in full dress she must have either pale gray or mauve; or, if she prefers, some other becoming color, but never white; nor should she wear orange blossoms. Roses, daisies, or whatever flower is suited to the shades of her frock are proper; but the white, sweet-smelling blossom belongs entirely to the young girl.—Mrs. Mallon in Ladies' Home Journal.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my folks. I want to know if any one knows Millie Mashate. Her mother was named Mary Mashate. There were four children—Millie Henry, Morgan and Peter. Millie was born in St. Charles, Mo., and was sold to Col. Charles, of St. Louis, Mo. I want to find James Burton. He was born in Media County, Va., and has a sister by the name of Julia Ann Burton.

Any one who knows either of the above named persons write to

PERCILLA COLLEY.

LaFayette County, Mo.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my wife and daughter, Sallie and Rose Nobles. We were separated by the cruel hand of slavery in 1847. This was in Livingstone, Sumpter county, Ala. Sallie belonged to Steve Nobles and was willed to his son, Joe. She was taken to Clark county, where, I supposed the daughter was born in 1847 or 1848. Rose's mother, Sallie, must now be about sixty years old, daughter, about 43. My name is Edward Brashers, owned by Charles Brashers of Livingstone, Ala. I am childless, and am 63 years of age. I have enough of this world's goods to leave either mother or daughter in good circumstances. I am here in the Indian Territory, owing hundreds of acres of land and a thousand or more heads of cattle with no one to take care of them. Any information will be gladly received. Address communications to Willie Anderson, care H. E. Burke, Fort Smith, Ark., Sebastian E. 920 Garrison Avenue.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my uncle and brother. My uncle is named Cota English. He had a brother named Anthony, but was called Toney, and their mother was named Arie. He went from Campbell co. East Tennessee, near Fin Castle; I do not remember the year. He was married to a woman named Wheeler, who belonged to Tom Wheeler, near Jackboro, Tenn. My brother was stolen and carried away by Mark Richardson and Slaughter. He and I were free born. Our mother was named Elizabeth Richardson, our father Anthony English, and my brother James Richardson and my name was Mary Jane Richardson. We were born in Campbell county, East Tennessee; I do not remember the year. I was too young to remember even seeing my brother. Any information concerning him will be gladly received.

M. J. FIELDS.

Mason, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I was very thankful to see the advertisement of Bro. Lake Mason, Bro. Gary Mason, and Father Turner Mason in the SOUTHWESTERN. Father Turner and Bro. Gary Mason came to this place Oct. 24, 1890. Bro. Lake, who is blind, came to Garland, Ark., Dec. 29th; also Henry Rogers, my son, came home Dec. 27th. May God bless the editor and agents of the SOUTHWESTERN.

C. BROWN.

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An Open Letter to Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D.

DEAR DOCTOR:—You and I have not always agreed, but we have always been personal friends, and I trust always may be. Of course you know that we do not agree on the woman question. Many of your friends have been deeply grieved at your extreme partisan course. In the kindest and most fraternal spirit I desire to say a few plain words concerning your relation to this subject.

I do not think the vote excluding the women elected to the last general conference was large enough to warrant the great official in taking the course you have pursued. A position of entire impartiality between contestants would have been much more becoming.

You say in the *Advocate* for Dec. 18, "We rely upon those ministers and laymen and women who do not agree with the views of the management upon the woman question both to take and circulate the paper; first, because they must believe our arguments fallacious, and therefore the more clearly they are interested the more easily they will be refuted; and second, because we open the paper to both sides, and make heavy outlays to publish the matter which they send."

Now please allow me to suggest that the editor of the *Advocate* deserves no credit for "opening the paper to both sides." The paper does not belong to him. It belongs to the church. As editor of a journal owned and published by the church you are but her servant, and have no right to exclude her great leaders of thought upon either side of any such question. Does the manner in which you have treated the advocates of the affirmative of this question call for gratitude from them, or furnish any good reason why they should take the paper? If you had treated them just as you have the opposition, they might have been more grateful for your impartiality, but they have no such ground for gratitude or support.

In your editorials, you have with the utmost of your ability opposed, and by every sort of effort known to partisan controversy endeavored to break the force and destroy the influence of the articles in favor of the women, and at the same time have welcomed with commendation the articles on the other side as aids and supporters to strengthen your position. You have even gone outside of your own paper to attack the correspondents of other papers. You have followed Miss Willard into her own camp at the head of the W. C. T. U., and attacked her there, endeavoring to prejudice the church against her, and through her, against the cause to which she is known to be a friend. You claim that the women have been favored through gallantry. No one will ever lay that charge at your door. No gallantry or chivalry has tempered the women opposed to you. You have taught women to expect nothing of that kind from masculine opponents of your type. They may not complain of this.

But what shall we call the characteristic which gives you confidence to appeal to those very women for patronage and support, "to both take and circulate the paper?"

The first reason you give for the support is, if possible, more ridiculous than the other. You say you rely upon them "to both take and circulate the paper, because they must believe your arguments are fallacious." If there is anything more "fallacious" than such a reason for taking and circulating a paper, I cannot imagine what it can be. What a deep interest those women must have in circulating "fallacious arguments" themselves!

But they are to have the satisfaction of refuting them. Well, that is interesting, certainly.

"The more clearly those fallacious arguments are entered," you say, "the more easily will they be refuted." Of course in that sentence you intend to be ironical. You do not mean what you say. However fallacious your arguments may be, they are as strong and as difficult to refute as it is possible for arguments to be made on that side of the question. You know it has been your intention to make them so. It would be worse than absurd for you to deny it. And you think you have succeeded. I agree with you. No man of my acquaintance has more skill to make fallacious arguments pass for sound and good reasoning.

But why should earnest and conscientious women desire to support the most powerful opponent of their cause? And why should such an opponent appeal to them for their support?

I can give a better reason why they should "both take and circulate" the *Christian Advocate*. It is our paper, our great official organ, and we must support it to keep it up. As Methodists we cannot afford to let it go down. If all the "ministers and laymen and women" who are grieved at its course should drop it, what would be the result?

Losing subscribers it would lose influence and money. That would be a pity, because the money it makes goes to help support the superannuated ministers and the widows and orphans of those who have died in the work of the ministry.

I am surprised, Dr. Buckley, that you did not think to say that any person who could not conscientiously and with a decent self-respect take the *New York Christian Advocate* might find other good Methodist papers on the other side of the question, and advise all such people to take one of them. That would prevent any loss to the superannuates and worn out preachers, widows and orphans. It would have been easy for you to say, it is every one's privilege to support the paper that pleads his cause; to stand by the editor that stands by him.

Thus far this letter was written in December, immediately after your appeal to your opponents "to both take and circulate the paper."

I did not publish it at that time because I had hoped that when the votes were counted you would heed the voice of the church, and at least moderate the tone of your opposition. It looks now as though there would be nearly a hundred thousand majority of the votes cast in favor of seating the women. You belong to the party who made this appeal for the votes of the people. You ought to abide by their position. The voice of the churches ought, to you, to be the voice of God. I am one of those who formed a very large minority in the last general conference, who hold that the women elected to that body had a legal and constitutional right to their seats just as

much as you or I, or any other member. It was but a bare majority that refused them the seats to which they had been elected. I suppose that you will admit that if a majority of one had been in favor of it they would have been seated.

It is just as true now as it was then that no change in the restrictive rules is necessary to seat them. The opposition had a working majority and could order the constitutional process. If the working majority had been on the other side no such process would have been ordered. The whole proceeding, including striking the names of the elect ladies arbitrarily from the list of delegates before the conference was organized, was a piece of high-handed and revolutionary usurpation.

It is in the power of the next general conference, if composed of the proper materials, to set this whole matter right. A good working majority can admit the women, if any are elected, take possession of the Book Concern, and man all the editorial posts according to the will of the church as expressed by the vote just taken.

You attempt to cast contempt upon the significance of the vote. Who doubts, had the majority been the other way, that you would have considered it decisive? Will you be so kind as to tell your readers how many of our male members voted for lay delegation when it was submitted to them? How many when it was submitted to the whole membership?

The Methodist Episcopal Church is governed by boards and conferences, and not by popular votes. Hence, we have never been able to call out a large vote for anything.

Neither in church or state can a large vote be brought out simply to express a sentiment, with no binding force in law. I remember it was said in the lay delegation controversy that votes should be weighed, not merely counted. Apply that rule here. What is the character of those who have voted on this question?

1. They are the most loyal members of the church. The vote itself was an act of loyalty. Not to vote was an act of disloyalty; it was an act of indifference to the call of the church.

2. They are the most pious members of the church. The vote was often taken after prayer-meeting. The prayer-meeting people were the voters. Just about as many voted as attended prayer-meeting on an average during the month of November.

Coming from this holy of holies of the church, it cannot have too much weight. It is not true that those who did not vote were opposed to the change. Silence gives consent. Most of those who did not vote, if they had voted at all, would have voted for the women. There is not, in my mind, the least doubt that the vote as given fairly represents the mind of the church, and should so be regarded by the Annual and General Conferences.

Hoping that you may be able to recognize the voice of God in this vote, I subscribe myself,

Yours fraternally,
J. S. SMART.

Flint, Mich. Jan. 9, 1891.

Africa Treasury.

A splendid ship, this! On Wednesday last I lay musing, and was greatly drawn out, not simply to pray, but to say that God will lead in all the details of our work. I thought, what a grand thing thus to be guided and guarded by Divine wisdom; and I said, "Half way through my seventieth year I hope for many years yet to push this work in Africa for God." It came to me like a direct revelation in reply to what I was in thought saying. "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." Coming direct from the Eternal Throne to my heart, I applied it to myself, and melted into grateful adoration at the feet of our Father in heaven. The salvation that I shall see will be on a scale

commensurate with His resources and Africa's needs. Glory to God! Amen! Your loving Pa,
WM. TAYLOR.

I hereby resign my Treasurership of Africa Fund, and hope at no distant day to be of service again to Africa.
S. A. KEAN.

I hereby appoint Rev. Ross Taylor, Evanston, Illinois, Treasurer of our Africa Mission Fund, till General Conference of 1892. Please make all checks and drafts payable to his order, and he will receipt for all moneys received, deposit with John Terry, Esq., London, Eng., and First National Bank of Chicago.
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General News Items.

Hon. D. C. Hill, of Monroe, La., tired of the oppression visited upon intelligent and manly colored citizens by the white people of that section, after selling his crop of 80 bales of cotton, has moved to California. Louisiana thereby loses a valuable citizen, which benefit California reaps.

The Delaware and Maryland peach crop failure is now largely attributed to the fact that the elements of the soil required by the peach have been exhausted.

Skim milk is worth nearly as much for feeding to pigs and poultry as the whole milk, but it should be given fresh, and not in the shape of swill.

In Florida sugar cane can be grown at an average cost of \$10 per acre, while in Louisiana the average cost is \$18, and in Cuba \$24.

Gardens for practical instruction in raising flowers, fruit, vegetables, and trees, are being added to nearly all the private and public schools of Austria.

Books and Current Literature.

Rev. W. H. Davis, Presiding Elder of the Columbus District, West Texas Conference, has favored us with a neatly gotten up journal of his last district conference. The facts therein given show the district to be in a healthy state of progress.

A superbly illustrated supplement, devoted to the annual exhibition of the American Watercolor Society at the Academy of Design in New York, including reproductions of some of the noteworthy paintings to be seen there, will accompany the forthcoming number of Harper's Weekly, to be published Feb. 4.

The Reporter is the title of an entertaining farce in one act, especially adapted for use in parlor theatrical entertainments, which W. G. van Tassel Stephen contributes to the current number of Harper's Bazar. Among other attractions of the same number we may mention the second installment of Juliet Corson's series of papers on "Sanitary Living."

The March Season just received, contains new and varied illustrations of naval and ornamental designs in art decorations, embroidery, lace work, mosaic and Berlin work, draperies for windows and doors, canvas work, applique, draw work, and net embroidery.

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Place. Bishop.

Upper Miss. Holy Springs, Miss. Feb. 5. Andrews

South Carolina, Greenville, S. C. " 5. Warren

West Texas, Waco, Tex. " 5. Foss

Virginia, Roper, Va. " 5. Joyce

Kansas, Washington, Kan. " Mar. 4. Merrill

Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa. " 4. Fowler

Missouri, St. Louis, Mo. " 4. Vincent

Baltimore, Baltimore, D. C. " 4. Joyce

South Kansas, Girard, Kan. " 11. Merrill

Central Pa., Sunbury, Pa. " 11. Fowler

Central Missouri, Marshall, Mo. " 12. Vincent

Washington, Washington, D. C. " 12. Merrill

St. W. Kansas, Newton, Kan. " 18. Merrill

St. Louis, Springfield, Mo. " 18. Vincent

New Jersey, Trenton, N. J. " 18. Merrill

Wyoming, Cheyenne, W. Y. April 1. Bowman

East German, Baltimore, Md. " 1. Harris

Delaware, Cambridge, Md. " 1. Mallie

New York, New York, N. Y. " 1. Harris

North India, Huntington, Ind. " 1. Harris

New York East Patchogue, L. I. " 1. Goodsell

New England, Lynn, Mass. " 8. Bowman

Newark, N. J. " 8. Harris

New England, New London, Conn. " 15. Bowman

New York, Watertown, N. Y. " 15. Harris

New Hampshire, New Port, N. H. " 15. Goodsell

Troy, N. Y. " 22. Harris

Mass., Brunswick, Me. " 22. Goodsell

Vermont, Northfield, Vt. " 22. Goodsell

East Maine, Bangor, Me. " 22. Goodsell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India, Moradabad, India. Jan. 14. Thoburn

Africa, Liberia, Liberia. " 14. Thoburn

Bengal, Calcutta, India. " 15. Thoburn

Mexico, Mexico, Mexico. " 15. Thoburn

South India, Bangalore, India. " 28. Thoburn

Formosa, Formosa, India. " Mar. 4. Foster

Malayan Miss., Singapore. " 28. Thoburn

China Miss., Hankow, China. " 15. Foster

China Miss., Peking, China. " 15. Foster

China Miss., Shanghai, China. " 15. Foster

Germany, Zurich, Switzerland. " 11. Walden

Germany, Berlin, Germany. " 17. Walden

Danmark, Copenhagen, Denmark. July 1. Walden

Japan, Tokyo, Japan. " 8. Foster

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ONE of the ministers of this city who has been the respect and love of all classes, is Rev. Dr. J. T. Sawyer, pastor of Felicity Street M. E. Church, South. He is a man of broad catholic spirit, of complete fearlessness in attacking evil both inside and outside of the church. He is one of the men engaged in helping Paul and others like him in turning the world upside down. May God bless him in his faithful ministry, and make him instrumental in winning many souls for Christ.

WHETHER historically correct or not this paragraph is full of suggestiveness: "When Henry Clay, slim and thin, ready for compromise because lacking strength or conviction to push for the whole, visited huge Daniel Webster on his rocky farm, he remembered the rich soil of the blue grass region, and looking round on the abundant granite asked with a scarcely concealed depreciation, 'Mr. Webster, what can you raise on such farms as these?' Mr. Webster, greatedened to his full height, breadth, and emphasis, and replied: 'Men, sir; men.'"

"If there be one principle of government dearer than all others to American freemen, it is the independence, equality and freedom of the States. This is the central thought of our political faith. It is the keystone in the arch of our constitution, and when that is destroyed the doom of constitutional freedom is sealed."—Gov. Gordon, of Georgia. If there be one necessity for constitutional government it is that every qualified citizen shall be free to vote for candidates of his choice, and have the ballot counted. The Southern State governments, a majority of them at least, are not such as contemplated by the fathers of the constitution or expressive of the honest verdict of the majority of voters.

The Holy Catholic Church.

Every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church said when he entered its communion, viz:

"I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church."

The "Holy Catholic Church" and the "Roman Catholic Church" are two vitally different things. The latter bears about the same relation to the former as a Jack O' Lantern to the morning sun. And what shall be said of a Protestant Church which repeats the same creed, and yet believes it by its whole life? How can a church claim to be part of the Holy Catholic Church when it allows race prejudice to have over it as strong a dominion as the system caste of India or Pharisaeism of old? A palsy is on many of the churches of New Orleans. Some of them have wealth, members, social position, but their power for God and righteousness is not felt in the community. The powers of darkness laugh at their feeble simulation of Christianity.

Their lightning is sheet lightning, and their thunder, *vox et preterea nihil*. To send a stray missionary to China, South America, or Mexico will not make amends for that cowardice and prejudice—that fear of social ostracism which passes by thousands of needy souls at our own doors, of whom Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The "Holy Catholic Church!" It is not the creed of some who claim to belong to it that needs to be revised—it is their practice.

The White Work in the South.

Hitchcock versus Hickman.

Rev. Dr. Luke Hitchcock spoke the words of truth and soberness at the recent anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid Society in Cincinnati. He said:

"My convictions have been that since we started that white work we were directly in the line of Providence. The question will arise, ought not the Church, South take hold of that work? The simple answer to that is, they don't."

The venerable Doctor would greatly emphasize this "don't" if he knew the state of the case with reference to New Orleans and the Gulf region of the South.

Dr. Hickman said: "Take the white conference where I am. They could not take care of an Ellijay Seminary. The preachers are on the ragged edge of starvation and so they will be as long as you feed them. I feel a preacher is not made of the stuff of the fathers who cannot make a support without a missionary support to back him."

How would Dr. Hickman like this new missionary theory applied to his own work? He has a rare chance to show his "stuff." The fact is some of these men who are on the "ragged edge of starvation" belong to a race of heroes—they have suffered for God and country as no other men in this land have suffered. The good Doctor tells us "the war is over." If he thinks so let him come down to the Louisiana parishes, to our M. E. Church South college town in deed out of which the honored president of the New Orleans University was recently driven by a brutal mob.

Texas Conference.

The twenty-fifth session of the Texas Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, assembled at Lee's Chapel, Navasota, January 15, 1891, and was called to order by Bishop C. D. Foss, D.D., LL.D., when a majority of the members were present.

The devotional services began by singing and reading Psalm 103 and 23 chapter of Timothy II, and prayer by the Rev. W. H. Logan, after which the Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, administered the Lord's Supper.

The Bishop addressed the conference as to the beginning and growth of Methodism.

The conference then opened for business. The secretary of last year's conference called the roll and a majority of the members responded to their names. Bar of the conference fixed and the following officers were elected: H. S. McMillan, secretary, with assistants, J. H. Izard and Thos. Cole. Edward Lee, statistical secretary, with J. A. Tillory and J. E. Bryant as assistants. C. C. Minegan, treasurer, with M. Q. A. Fuller as assistant.

The standing committees were announced, as follows:

On Missions—Revs. Ed. Lee, A. Alexander, A. Wilkinson, J. Jones, G. W. Love and W. B. Perry.

On Church Extension—Revs. Benjamin Fisher, R. Williams, L. C. Hogan, D. Atkins, W. Hamilton and Wm. Brooks.

On Education—Revs. M. Q. A. Fuller, J. E. Bryant, M. Wilson, W. L. Duncan, J. A. Featherstone and Doctor Morris.

On Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education—Revs. C. C. Minegan, J. D. Mead, J. W. H. Moore, G. J. Izard, H. Dixon and J. S. Whitaker.

On Sabbath School and Tracts—Revs. L. H. Barnett, Frank Gilmore, J. L. Owens, Spencer Kelly, Aaron Taylor and W. B. Pullam.

On W. H. M. Society—Revs. Taylor Moore, Carey Davenport, V. M. Cole, Jordan Jordan, Tobias Ward and Aaron Adair.

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On Book Concern and Periodicals—Revs. Linus Felder, A. W. Parker, W. W. Brown, J. A. Tillory, S. H. Grant and H. W. Wilson.

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On Bible Cause—Revs. G. W. Morris, Wesley Harms, Moses Littlejohn, Jno. Jackson, Doctor Morris and Mason Reddick.

On Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts—Revs. C. C. Curtis, W. B. Perry, Mark Minkrew, M. Q. A. Fuller, Aaron Alexander and P. L. Jackson.

On Sabbath Observance—Revs. DeWitt Frierson, Scott Conley, H. R. Smith, T. C. Scheinalt, C. C. Moore and J. A. Stewart.

On Conference Relations—Revs. Thos. Cole, Tobias Ward, Robt. Williams, W. W. Brown, W. H. Jackson and Wade Hamilton.

On Memoirs—Revs. I. B. Scott, W. H. Logan and Freeman Parker. On the State of the Church—Revs. J. A. Featherstone, Benjamin Fisher, H. S. McMillan, J. E. Bryant, J. A. Tillory and Frank Gilmore.

On New York Book Accounts—Rev. Robt. Williams. On Western Book Accounts—Rev. Aaron Alexander.

On Gospel in All Lands—Rev. A. C. Culbreath.

The representative agent, Mr. C. C. Morse, and Rev. T. S. McMorris, of the Central Alabama Conference, were introduced.

The conference adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m., at which time Dr. Geo. Whitaker, President of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., Revs. J. R. Lawson, L. A. Jordan, C. H. Watson were introduced.

FRIDAY.

The conference reassembled at the usual hour with religious services for first half hour, the Bishop in the chair.

Dr. Whitaker, President of Wiley University, spoke at length in the interest of the above institution, and secured a subscription of \$138 for the furnishing of one of the rooms of King House Model Home, to be named after the Texas Conference.

SATURDAY.

The regular routine of conference business was carried out. The conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund \$30, and on the Book Concern \$741.84, and ordered these drafts.

A select number to try the case

of R. H. Harbert, was appointed as follows:

J. S. Whitaker, Jesse Jones, F. Gilmore, Aaron Taylor, Doctor Morris, Aaron Alexander, Robt. Williams, S. M. Bolden, J. D. Mead, and Wm. Bartley.

Counsel for the church, H. S. M. Millan; counsel for defendant, P. Morgan, Presiding Elder. The select committee brought the following decision:

We, the select number appointed in the case of R. H. Harbert, have this day found him guilty of immoral conduct, as charged, and have expelled him from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY.

This was a grand day long to be remembered.

It opened up with a Lovefeast continued into memorial services, and closed, for the morning part, in the ordination of deacons.

At 3 o'clock a. m., Bishop Foss preached. The Bishop preached "for us all," hence all eyes were opened. The choir, directed by Prof. Landry, son of Rev. P. Landry, presiding elder of the New Orleans, rendered very good singing.

The Bishop ordained Elder W. Wesley. J. H. McMahon, of the M. E. Church, South, assisted in reading the Old and New Testament lessons.

Dr. Homer Eaton, of New York, preached at 8:30 o'clock. We hope to see the Doctor again next year.

MONDAY.

The session reassembled with its usual formulas. The Bishop in the chair.

Dr. Eaton took the opportunity of explaining to the conference the obligations due the episcopal fund by the pastors and presiding elders, stating that if the episcopal apportionment were not raised, each minister is to consider it in proportion to his own salary collected. A vote was taken by ballot relative to woman's admission to the General Conference, which stood 35 to 35.

Rev. Wm. Redd of the Presbyterian Church, Dr. J. P. Barnett and W. J. M. Wessom of Navasota, were introduced to the conference.

TUESDAY.

The last day opened with usual devotion and business; the day of much passion, anxiety and conflict; when ministers are at their wit's end, listening and divining.

The treasurer read his report and was received, also the statistical secretary. Various resolutions were read and adopted.

The Bishop after addressing the ministers as to the making of the appointments to the best of his knowledge, read the appointments, which appeared in the SOUTHWESTERN, of Jan. 29, 1891.

H. J. McMILLAN, Secretary.

Central Alabama Conference.

Statistics.

Probationers, 855; decrease, 30; full members, 10,155; increase 921. Local preachers 255; number of deaths 201; children baptized 421; adults baptized 916; number of churches 143; probable value \$84,602; number of parsonages 23; probable value \$9,929; paid for building and improvement of churches and parsonages \$6,831.92; paid on old indebtedness on church property \$1,558.10; current expenses \$1,747.20; number of schools 201; number of officers and teachers 654; scholars of all ages 6,760 increase 63. Missions, from churches \$224.24; missions, from Sunday Schools \$103.50. Total \$327.74. Board of Church Extension \$204.70; Sunday School Union \$24.87; for Tract Society \$21.05; for Freedmen's Aid \$279.43, education 94.05; Bible Society \$9.25; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society \$9.50; Woman's Home Missionary Society \$8.45; for pastor, P. E. Bishops \$13,969.62; Conference Claimants \$28.02; other collections \$150.45.

WE make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

Personal.

—Mr. W. B. Richie, formerly of this city, now a resident of Jersey City, New Jersey, passed through this city en route to Galveston, Tex., Monday, January 2.

—Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Rev. W. H. Jackson, in the saddest of all bereavements, which he sustained in the death of his precious wife, Mrs. Emiline Jackson, at Palestine, Tex., Jan. 27, 1891, aged 34 years and 33 days. She went home in triumph.

—Correspondents will address Rev. W. H. Jackson at 822 Church street, Paris, Tex., hereafter.

—Rev. S. J. Wood's address is now Green Hill, Miss., he having moved from Cary.

—All friends of Rev. R. McAlpin, may address him at Canton, Miss.

—Rev. N. R. Randolph, is now stationed at Slaughter, La. All communications may be addressed to him at that place.

—Rev. J. A. Bain, desires to inform his friends to address him at Newmansville, Fla.

—All communications to Rev. D. M. Seals, may be sent to Clinton, La.

—Rev. S. Mitchell, is at Halen-ville, La. Address him there.

—D. W. Davidson, D. D., and Rev. Ernest Lyon, left the city last Saturday evening to engage in Sunday School work in the country parishes, for a week or two.

—Rev. Dr. J. H. Potts, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, is taking a brief rest in our city, the guest of President Adkinson. Dr. Potts has made his paper one of the liveliest in Methodism and is extremely popular, both for his ability as an editor and genial whole-souled character as a man.

Political Review.

The election bill has been in definitely laid aside by the Senate, and no legislation this session will be on that line owing to the apostasy of a few senators, notably that of Ingalls of Kansas and Cameron of Pennsylvania, and a few others.

A strong fight for the free coinage of silver is being made, but will probably fail in the House.

Some important senatorial elections have been made. Gallinger of New Hampshire, succeeds Blair; an Alliance man succeeds Ingalls of Kansas; and David B. Hill will take the seat of Senator Evarts, from New York.

It is thought that the election of Gov. Hill will make the race clear for Cleveland in '92, but in our opinion, Hill will be the next Democratic candidate for president.

Republicans in the South will greatly lament the change in New Hampshire; for Senator Blair has always been their friend, and a "friend indeed."

Appointments of the Savannah Conference.

All in the State of Georgia.

ATLANTA DISTRICT.—A. J. Wilson, P. E. Postoffice, Newnan.

Atlanta—Chapel Street, C. O. Fisher. Gate City Street, C. L. Johnson.

Lloyd Street, M. C. B. Mason. South, J. C. Hunt.

University Charge, supplied.

Fairburn, C. W. Adams.

Grantville, J. A. Holliday.

Grantville circuit, Wm. Young.

Hopewell, Willis Sagoes.

Heard, G. M. Neal.

Hogansville, N. S. Stirling.

Hogansville circuit, A. G. Gill.

LaGrange, O. K. Wright.

LaGrange circuit, H. M. White.

Lntherville, G. W. Matthews.

Newnan, W. H. Groves.

Newnan circuit, John Crolley.

Palmetto, J. D. Jenkins.

Palmetto circuit, supplied.

Piney Grove and Cross Anohor, Wm. Hopkins.

W. R. Thirkield, President Gammon Theological Seminary, member University charge quarterly conference.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—M. M. Alston, P. E. (P. O., Gainesville).

Athens, Benj. Boston.

Atlanta—East, W. H. Brown.

North, H. O. Dennis.

Bnford, F. R. Bridges.

Decatur, W. A. Mitchell.

Duluth, supplied.

Elberton, S. B. Beauford.

Gainesville, P. H. Travis.

Gillsville, O'Neal Samples.

Harmony Grove, Edward Kirby.

Hoschton, J. W. Naylor.

Lavonia, J. E. Watkins.

Lithonia, G. W. Lightner.

Oxford and Covington, R. T. Adams.

Roswell, Wm. Daniels.

Suwanee, R. B. Hinesman.

Union Grove, J. W. Fisher.

White, supplied.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.—E. L. Ham-

mett, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Griffin.

Barnesville, Alexander Johnson.

Chibley, J. A. W. Usher.

Greenville, V. D. Jenkins.

Griffin Circuit, J. P. Wragg.

Hampton, W. C. Bryant.

Jonesboro, R. R. O'Neal.

Liberty Hill, J. D. Arnold.

Loenst Grove, supplied.

McDonough, L. J. Preston.

Oak Hill, G. W. Merriwether.

Trop Factory, C. T. Roberts.

Whitesville, W. C. Hunter.

White Water, Warner Hill.

Williamson, G. Y. Flemeister.

Woodbury, supplied.

Zebulon, G. W. Lamar.

MACON DISTRICT.—John Watts,

Presiding Elder, (P. O. Ma-

con.)

Abbeville and Gress, Aaron

Johnson.

Augusta, H. H. Mouzon.

Bullock, S. H. Jordan.

Burke, sup.

Burton, Andrew Owens.

Byron, sup.

Charlestown, W. A. Holmes.

Columbus, sup.

Cordele and Conuey, L. P. Kim-

ball.

Culloden and Knoxville, S. R.

Hays.

Eastman and Hawkinsville, S.

H. Gary.

Forsythe, D. McLendon.

Macon, C. R. Buffington.

Macon circuit, sup.

Millen and Minnerlyn, J. H. Cole.

Swaynesboro, A. S. Perry.

Sylvania, A. B. Fish.

Wadley, sup.

Waynesboro, James Jackson.

ROME DISTRICT.—H. R. Allen,

Presiding Elder, (P. O. Gid-

dens.

Addairsville, E. D. Giddens.

Cartersville, R. T. Kent.

Carrollton, Samuel Smith.

Carrollton Circuit, A. G. Story.

Cave Spring, J. H. Grant.

Cedartown, I. G. Nunn.

Chicamanger Park, supplied.

Douglas, D. W. Wynn.

Floyd, supplied.

Marietta, J. N. Anderson.

Rome, First Church, S. C. Upshaw.

Rome, Second Church, Matthew

Holman.

Rome Circuit, Jacob Jackson.

Shady Grove, C. H. Blake.

Summersville, Joseph Sams.

Talpoosa, G. A. Arnold.

Temple, D. E. West.

F. M. Gordon, Teacher in Deaf

Schools and Colleges.

Meridian Academy.

A few weeks before the above named institution opened, the trustees of the school, with what means they could procure from the people at large and a donation from the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, made some repairs upon the school building, making things safer and more pleasant than before. Our doors are open and we can easily seat at least 200 pupils. With an experienced faculty at its head, this school bids fair to be classified among our best and leading institutions of learning. The school is on a better basis than for previous years. We the trustees will spare no means in making things pleasant for the pupils who are in attendance upon the school, since the opening of the present session the school has been steadily increasing in numbers. All persons young or old wishing to procure a practical education would do well to enter the Meridian Academy. No show work is practiced here to deceive our people. One of our greatest objects is to train christian girls and boys and thereby make the race better morally and religiously. This and surrounding counties are blessed by the service of good teachers who have received their training in the school. Those who are expecting to teach cannot find a better place in Meridian to prepare for the work than the Meridian Academy. We expect our school to be larger during this session than any other year. One, and our leading reason is that at the late district conference of the Meridian District Mississippi Conference convened at Newton, Miss. November 20, 1890. In the presence of the principal of the school and his assistant a warm resolution was drawn up and presented to the conference by one Rev. P. Blue, and warmly endorsed by the conference brethren, each vowing that he would send at least one pupil to the school during the session. Now brethren remember that the eye of God was upon you then and now—also that the principal of this school, though not saying much of your vows, but is thinking pretty hard, some families have made preparations to care for students coming to our school. For further information address the principal of the school or any of the trustees.

M. MOORE, President.
D. B. WATKINS, Secretary.

General Clinton B. Fisk, who has been identified with Fisk University, and whose name is perpetuated by it, has left a legacy to it of \$25,000. The Trustees have decided to devote the money to the erection of a building to be called the Fisk Memorial Chapel.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. T. Moore's Ministerial Work in North Texas as a Methodist Episcopal Minister.

Rev. T. Moore's services as a Methodist Episcopal Minister in North Texas, began with his appointment to Texarkana by Bishop Peck, in 1875.

He served here three years, during which time, he built a nice church and parsonage, and left a church and seventy members. He was next sent to Paris—Mount Zion Church in 1878, by Bishop Merrill. He served at this point three years and there built a church edifice. His stay here was crowned with success and he left a church of 170 members.

His third appointment was to the Paris circuit in 1881, which work he served two years. During which time he built three church edifices, viz: St. Paul, Gibson, Owsley Chapel, Bethlehem and Black Oak. He left things in good condition and was next appointed to Bonham and Brookston in 1885, at which place he served two years. He also had a church at Honey Grove. At the expiration of two year's services he left a very promising church of sixty members

at Brookston and a respectable membership at each of the others, all full of hope and promise. He also left a new church building (Bishop Jane's Memorial Church) at Bonham. He was appointed to Bonham in 1885. His fifth appointment was in 1886, to Clarksville and Free Hope Church, where he built a good church at Free Hope with sixty members and finished the church in the city, and he also organized a new work at Blossom Prairie and built a church. His sixth appointment occurred in 1887, to Bonham the second time, where he served another year. While there this time he built a nice parsonage.

His seventh appointment was in 1889, to Clarksville circuit, where he served two years. His administration was a successful one and he left 320 members on the circuit. It can be truthfully affirmed of him that he has never missed an appointment during these years of faithful service.

He was during our last conference sent to Palestine, Texas, by Bishop Foss, in Jan. 1891.

He leaves a very nice home in Paris valued at \$1,800.

We hope that the friends and brethren at Palestine will open up their hearts and give him a hearty welcome, for he and his devoted wife, who all believe, are worthy of their reception and support.

Rev. Moore, is a worker and all he wants is an opening. He has served under the following Presiding Elders, respectively: F. C. Moore, Walter Ripato, W. L. Maloy, Harvey Webb and Peter Morgan, and he is now serving under W. M. Wesley.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY HENRICKS.
HANDY BLACKMAN.
PETER CLEMONS.

Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras is a mixed quantity—very badly mixed we fear. It will require more than the penance of Ash-Wednesday to atone for all the frivolities and revelries of Fat-Tuesday. When we consider the balls and bacchanalian revelries, the license and shameless conduct of loose characters in certain parts of the city, we are led to believe that all the time and money expended could be used to higher purpose. Let our people, young and old, beware lest at this time of license, in many respects like the Saturnalia and heathen festivals of old, they be led in any way to compromise their steadfast faith and loyalty to Christ.

THE country has met with an irreparable loss in the death of Secretary of the Treasury Windom. His successor has not yet been chosen.

Savannah Conference Statistics.

Members, 15,609; children baptized, 598; adults baptized, 1,314; number of churches, 209—value, \$189,634; parsonages, 40—value, \$16,930; schools, 214; scholars, 13,406; benevolent collections—missions, \$1,004; church extension, 285; Sunday school Union \$91; Tracts, \$71; Freedmen's Aid Society, \$294; Education, \$106; ministerial support, \$29,437.

Now that the conferences for this section have nearly all been held we shall expect an immediate renewal of subscription for all who intend to continue during '91. Unless notice be given, the names will be erased. We are about to commence the use of a mailing machine, and before putting the names in type we, should have a correct list.

Papa—"How are you progressing in your language lessons, Ethel?" "I have learned to say 'Thank you,' and 'If you please,' in French." Tommy—"That's more than you ever learned in English."

Each day brings its own duties and we must meet them as they come. The leaving off till to-morrow plan is ruinous, alike to business and character.

Marriages.

At Woodlawn, Jan. 29, Mr. Byrd Francis and Miss Lizzie Collins. Rev. A. Luster officiated.

On Jan. 28, 1891, by the Rev. M. J. Bardwell, Mr. E. D. Bell and Miss Lillie Morris, both of Starkville, Miss. Their many friends wish them a happy life.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Rev. James Pickett, of the Tennessee Conference of the M. E. Church, and Miss Priscilla Anderson, a member of Key Chapel M. E. Church, were married Jan. 8, at the bride's home. We wish the happy couple a safe voyage across the sea of married life.

Mr. Horace Mitchell to Miss Mary Vaughn, on January 1, at Key Chapel M. E. Church.

Rev. C. B. Wilson officiating.

At Eol, La., Feb. 2, Mr. Laurence Lofton to Mrs. Winnie Grimillion, at the home of Mrs. Emily Kelly.

Rev. A. H. Banks officiated.

At Houma, La., Jan. 29th, Mr. N. Lashley to Miss Susana Morgan.

F. D. Bowers officiating.

HAVE you read Dr. Haygood's Colored Man in the M. E. Church? If you have not, you can have no true idea of the history of the colored man in the M. E. Church. Send for a copy from this office. Price only \$1 25.

Obituary.

Baby Hartwell died Saturday, Jan. 25, aged 18 years.

Rev. H. J. Wright, assisted by Rev. D. G. Butler, officiated.

Mrs. Fannie Sharber, of Spring Hill, died Sunday, Jan. 11. She leaves a husband, six children and many relatives and friends to mourn her.

THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE.—The House of Bondage is now out in book form. Send to this office for copies. Price 75c.

Books and Current Literature.

Supposed Tendencies to Socialism is the title of the article that will open the March Popular Science Monthly. It is by Prof. William Graham, of Belfast, who gives his reasons for expecting a progressive improvement in the state of society, but no social transformation. Another valuable article is an explanation of Dr. Koch's Method of treating Consumption, by Dr. G. A. Heron, a London physician, and a friend of the discoverer.

The February Arena, in addition to a brilliant array of American authors, presents two papers of great interest by foreign essayists. Camille Flammarion, probably the most eminent European astronomer, writes at length on New Discoveries on Mars. Alfred Russell Wallace, D. C. L., L. L. D., contributes a striking paper on The Nature and Cause of Apparitions. Prof. Jos. Rodes Buchanan, writes ably on the nature of consumption of the lungs and the alleged discovery of Professor Koch, showing the weakness in the claims of the German professor. Frances E. Russell writes at length on Woman's Dress Reform. As will be readily seen the February Arena will appeal strongly to thoughtful people.

Prof. Drummond's famous address on "Love, the Supreme Gift" sometimes called "The Greatest Thing in the world," which has had a wonderfully large sale at 35 cts. a copy, and has undoubtedly done a great deal of good, is now published by Alden, unabridged, for three cents. The same publisher issues Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," for 35 cts. plus postage, 10c. Catalogue sent free on request by the publisher, John B. Alden, 393 Pearl Street, New York.

SEND in for the Two Ladder and the Ten Commandment cards for your Sunday school, 10 cents per dozen.

PASTORS, The Official Member should be in the hands of every member of your board. If they are not supplied send in and procure them at once, 5 cents each.

EVERY pastor, local preacher, class leader and Sunday school superintendent should have The Methodist Year Book. In fact there should be one in every family for it is full of valuable information. Send in for one at once, only 10 cents each.

HUNT & EATON,
139 Poydras St., New Orleans.

"I cannot sing to-night! My throat is sore." "Of course you haven't tried Salvation Oil!" "No." "Then get it, and you will sing like the birds."

If you would find a great many faults be on the lookout. If you would find them in still greater abundance, be on the look-in.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People:

The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No. 115, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passengers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Associations earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or, still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those moulders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the suit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing insult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D.,
President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.

N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal, and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

The names of all contributors will be published in the SOUTHWESTERN Christian Advocate, the Standard-Pelican and the Crusader, unless otherwise directed.

Catarrh in New England.

Ely's Cream Balm gives satisfaction to every one using it for catarrhal troubles.—G. K. Mellor, Druggist, Worcester, Mass.

I believe Ely's Cream Balm is the best article for catarrh ever offered the public.—Bush & Co., Druggists, Worcester, Mass.

An article of real merit.—C. P. Alden, Druggist, Springfield, Mass.

Those who use it speak highly of it.—Geo. A. Hill, Druggist, Springfield, Mass.

Cream Balm has given satisfactory results.—W. P. Draper, Druggist, Springfield, Mass.

Conference Notices.

South New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference.

First Round.
Donaldsonville.....Feb. 14-15
Darrowville....." 14-15
Klotzville....." 19-20
Napoleonville....." 21-22
Woodlawn....." 21-22
Thibodauxville.....Feb. 27, Mar. 1
Schriever....." 28, " 1
Beattieville....." 4-5
Houma....." 7-8
Morgan City....." 10-11
Centerville....." 12-13
Franklin....." 14-15
Places on the district not above mentioned pastors will be notified later.
PIERRE LANDRY, P. E.

Texarkana District, Little Rock Conference.

Lockesburg.....Feb. 14-15
Centerpoint....." 21-22
Clow.....Feb. 28, Mar. 1
Hope and Washington....." 7-8
Gordon....." 14-15
Hot Springs....." 21-22
Texarkana, Wheeler and Vicksburg's Chapel....." 28-29
Louisville and Camden.....Apr. 4-5
Magnolia....." 11-12
Camden....." 18-19
Fulton....." 25-26
A. J. PHILLIPS, P. E.

Meridian District, Mississippi Conference.

First Round.
Lauderdale.....Feb. 14-15
Oxleyville....." 21-22
Meridian circuit....." 27-28
Meridian.....Feb. 28, Mar. 1
Enterprise....." 7-8
Stonewall....." 8-9
Quitman....." 10-11
DeSoto....." 11-12
Shubuta circuit....." 12-13
Shubuta....." 14-15
Waynesboro....." 17-18
Heidelberg....." 20-21
Lake Como....." 21-22
Pauding....." 23-24
Gardenville....." 25-26
Hickory....." 27-28
Decatur....." 29-30
Chumkey....." 31-32
Lake....." 33-34
Forest....." 35-36
DeKalb.....Apr. 4-5
Philadelphia....." 7-8
Brethren will please take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.
J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference.

First Round.
Fayetteville.....Feb. 14-15
" circuit....." 21-22
Fort Smith.....Feb. 28, Mar. 1
Van Buren....." 7-8
Morriston and Plummerville....." 14-15
Sorgholochie....." 21-22
Conway....." 28-29
Marcho.....Apr. 4-5
Hazen....." 11-12
Richwood....." 18-19
Lonoke....." 25-26
Argenta.....May 2-3
Little Rock circuit....." 9-10
Little Rock....." 16-17
Little Rock Mission....." 18-19
Dear Brethren: It is desired that all of our benevolent collections be brought before the people at the first of the year.

J. CAMPBELL, P. E.

and pushed to final victory. If any changes occur in time or place of holding the quarter, we will promptly notify you.
WM. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Pine Bluff District.

First Round.
New Gascony.....Feb. 14-15
Wabasha....." 21-22
Rison.....Feb. 28 and Mar. 1
Bearden....." 7-8
Fordyce....." 14-15
Dermott....." 21-22
Montecello....." 28-29
Portland.....Apr. 4-5
Sweet Home....." 11-12
Hensley....." 18-19
New Edinburg....." 25-26
Johnsville.....May 2-3
Pine Bluff....." 10-11
Warner's....." 16-17
My dear brethren: Have everything ready. With God's help I will be on time.
G. W. LACEY, P. E.

Greensboro District, North Carolina Conference.

Second Round.
Oberlin and Raleigh.....Feb. 19-20
Goldboro....." 21-22
Kingston and Newbern....." 25-26
Oxford.....Mar. 1-2
Townsville and Henderson....." 7-8
Durham....." 9-10
Empire....." 14-15
Center....." 17-18
Hanes and Rankins....." 19-20
Gifford....." 21-22
Summitfield....." 28-29
Mt. Tabor....." 31
St. Matthews and Brownings.....Apr. 3-4
Caswell....." 8-9
Wesley Chapel....." 11-12
Reidsville....." 18-19
Leaksville....." 25-26
Stonesville....." 29
Madison.....May 2-3

Houston District, Texas Conference.

First Round.
Houston, St. James.....Feb. 14-15
" Trinity....." 21-22
" Boynton Feb. 28 and Mar. 1
" Sloane....." 1-2
Liberty....." 7-8
Brenham....." 14-15
Orange....." 21-22
Wallisville....." 28-29
Galveston, St. Paul.....Apr. 4-5
" Tabernacle....." 11-12
Richmond....." 18-19
" circuit....." 25-26
Harrisburg circuit.....May 2-3
Columbia....." 9-10
Brazoria....." 16-17
Oyster Creek....." 23-24
Brethren: Organize all your quarterly conference committees and have them ready to report to the conference. Begin now to prepare for the Easter Sunday service. Go in for success!
I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

Monroe District, Louisiana Conference.

First Round.
Lake Providence.....Feb. 15-16-17
Island....." 18-19
Wintersfield....." 22
Delhi....." 26
Monroe, West....." 28
Monroe.....Mar. 1
Jones Chapel....." 5-6
Mt. Haven....." 7-8
Bastrop....." 12-13-15
Washington Chapel....." 20-21-22
Mt. Nebo....." 25-27-28
Mt. Sinai.....Apr. 2-3
Beulah....." 9
Waco....." 10
Columbia....." 11
Girard....." 12
Rayville....." 14
Altona....." 15
Waverly....." 17
Winnabough....." 18
Big Creek....." 19
Vidalia....." 21
Trinity....." 23
Harrisburg....." 26
St. Joseph....." 29
Waterproof....." 30
Point Pleasant.....May 2-3
Hard Times.....May 2-3
Address Presiding Elder at Monroe, Bastrop and Lake Providence, La.; also 67 Burdett Street New Orleans.
STEPHEN PRIESTLEY, P. E.

Marshall District, Texas Conference.

First Round.
Queen City circuit....." 14-15
Benezar....." 21-22
Lodi circuit.....Feb. 28 and Mar. 1
Jefferson circuit....." 7-8
Jefferson....." 14-15
Dangfield circuit....." 21-22
Pittsburg circuit....." 28-29
Red Oak.....Apr. 4-5
Hawkins....." 11-12
Mineola....." 18-19
Cypress....." 25-26
Pleasant Grove circuit.....May 2-3
Marshall circuit....." 9-10
District stewards will meet at Jefferson, Friday, March 13, 8 p. m. Pastors please notify them.
WADE HAMILTON, P. E.

Jackson District, Mississippi Conference.

First Round.
Trenton.....Feb. 14-15
Pelahatchie....." 14-16
Steele Creek....." 17
Edwards....." 18
Bolton....." 20
Clinton....." 21-22
Jackson....." 21-23
Brandon.....Feb. 28, Mar. 1
Canton circuit....." 7-8
Canton....." 14-15
Green Hill....." 14-16
Yazoo City circuit....." 17
Benton....." 18
Yazoo City....." 19
Rosenath....." 21
Jackson....." 28-29
J. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Mothers will grow weary and

over the baby's troubles when Bull's Baby Syrup would relieve child at once.

HE CARETH FOR THEE.

[The Christian.]

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you."—1 Peter, v. 7.

What can it mean? Is it aught to him That the nights are long and the days are dim? Can he be touched by the griefs I bear, Which sadden the heart and whiten the hair? Around his throne are eternal realms, And strong, glad music of happy psalms, And bliss untroubled by any strife, How can he care for my poor life?

And yet I want him to care for me, While I live in this world where the sorrows be When the lights die down on the path I take; When strength is feeble, and friends forsake; When love and music that once did bless, Have left me to silence and loneliness: And life-song changes to sobbing prayers— Then my heart cries out for a God who cares.

When shadows hang o'er me the whole day long; And my spirit is bowed with shame and wrong; When I am not good, and the deeper shade Of conscious sin makes my heart afraid; And the busy world has too much to do To stay in its course to help me through, And I long for a Saviour—can it be That the God of the Universe cares for me?

O wonderful story of deathless love! Each child is dear to that heart above! He fights for me when I cannot fight; He comforts me in the gloom of night; He lifts the burden, for he is strong; He stills the sigh, and awakens the song; The sorrow that bowed me down he bears, And loves and pardons, because he cares.

Let all who are sad take heart again. We are not alone in our hours of pain; Our Father stoops from his throne above To soothe and quiet us with his love. He leaves us not when the storm is high, And we have safety, for he is nigh, Can it be trouble which he doth share? O rest in peace for the Lord does care!

The Household.

Home Hints and Hints.

Warm dishes for the table by immersing them in hot water, not by standing them on a hot stove.

To loosen the cover of a fruit jar that has become stuck, invert the jar and place the top in hot water for a few moments.

Put French chalk or magnesia on silk or ribbon that has become greasy and hold it near the fire. This will absorb the grease, so it may be rubbed off.

Put a teaspoonful of borax in your rinsing water; it will whiten the clothes and also remove the yellow cast on garments that have been laid aside for two or three years.

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Some very careful and successful housekeepers insist that a frying pan should never be washed. Their method is to scour it thoroughly with salt the moment it has been used, and set it away for the next service.

HARRISON CAKE—One cup of butter, one cup of molasses, two cups of sugar, four eggs, one cup of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of soda, three and a half cups of flour, two cups of seeded raisins, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, and one teaspoonful of cloves. Bake slowly for about an hour.

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Whoever thou art, whatever may be thy qualities, however good thou art, in whatever condition thou art placed, canst thou take tranquilly thy tea and eat thy dinner, canst thou occupy thyself with politics, fine arts, science, medicine, or teaching, when thou seest and hearest the man who is lying at thy door sick and starving? No! But thou wilt say they are not always there at my door. It may be so; but they are perhaps but a short distance from thy house, and thou knowest it.—Tolstoi.

Any church can be an evangelistic center, and any pastor an evangelistic preacher, if there be a will. Wesley's motto, "All at it, and always at it," is the key to the problem. The preacher must lift up Christ. Let us not be afraid of the repetition which Sidney Smith regarded as the secret of impression. The word "inclination" is full of ethical suggestion. It means to tread in with the heel. Men never tire of hearing the old, old story. It is the old, but only, remedy for sin and sorrow.—A. T. Pierson.

The defeat of prohibition in Nebraska will make hell laugh. There is no use for us to cry. We must keep right on educating the people and creating sentiment. It is madness to vote on a prohibitory amendment at any but a special election.—Western.

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HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 2. 1-11. Tn. Gen. 5. 18-24. W. Heb. 11. 16. Th. Luke 12. 35-40. F. 2 Tim. 4. 1-8. S. 2 Pet. 1. 10-15. S. Rev. 7. 9, 17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. Gen. 5. 24.

LESSON HYMN, 12. 9.

Come, let us ascend,
My companion and friend,
To a taste of the banquet above;
If the heart be as mine,
If for Jesus it pine,
Come up into the chariot of love.

Who in Jesus confide,
We are bold to outstride
The storms of affliction beneath,
With the prophet we soar
To the heavenly shore,
And outlive all the arrows of death.
Tme.—B. C. 896.

Places—Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho and the Jordan.

Rulers.—Jehoram, grandson of Ahab, King of Israel; Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, King of Judah.

Connecting Links.—The wicked King Ahab was killed in a war with the Syrians 897 B. C. His son Amaziah, followed him on the throne, but died 896 B. C. Amaziah's son, Jehoram, then became king.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Journey, v. 1-8. Where did the Lord propose to take Elijah, and how? Who went with Elijah from Gilgal? What request did Elijah make? What was Elisha's answer? To what place did they journey? Who there met Elisha? What question did they ask? What reply did he make? What did Elijah then request of Elisha? What did Elisha say to this request? Who here met Elisha? What did these men say to him? How did he reply to them? What request did Elijah again make?

How did Elisha answer this time? Who stood watching their journey? What did Elijah do at the Jordan? What was the result of the smiting waters?

2. The Request, v. 9-10. What did Elijah bid his companion to ask? What was Elisha's request? What did Elijah reply?

3. The Chariot of fire, v. 11. What suddenly appeared as they journeyed? Where did Elijah go? What other saint did God translate? Golden Text.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. An example of true friendship?
2. An illustration of persistent faith?
3. An evidence that faith is sure of reward?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS.

Of what holy man of God is it said, "He was not; for God took him"? What prophet was buried by the Lord?

Find a command given to Elijah concerning Elisha.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Who accompanied Elijah? Elisha.
2. Who came out to watch Elijah's ascension? The sons of the prophets.
3. How did Elijah make the waters of the Jordan divide. He smote them with his mantle.
4. What did Elisha ask? A double portion of his Master's spirit.
5. What appeared while they talked? A chariot of fire, and horses of fire.
6. Where was Elijah carried? Into heaven.

EXPLANATIONS.

When the Lord would—God's will overrules and providentially controls all the affairs of life, little and great. Sons of the prophets—Pupils or disciples. Smote the waters—Like another Moses. Ask what I shall do—A favor was in the departing prophet. A double portion does not mean twice as much. A portion was the inheritance of a son, and the first-born son in a Hebrew family always received a double portion.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

19. Can you repeat the first verse of the Bible? "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1. 1.

20. Does God preserve all things which he has made? He upholdeth all things by the word of His power! Heb. 1. 3.

21. Of what did God make man's body? "Of the dust of the ground." Gen. 2. 7.

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Pine and Beach Groves.....	" 26
Mt. Canel.....	" 27
Plank Roads.....	" 28-29
The Plains.....	" 30
Zacharie.....	" 1
Union Chapel and Island.....	Apr. 1-2
Bayon Letworth.....	" 3
Summer Chapel.....	" 4-5
West and Fourdoche.....	" 6
Wiley Chapel.....	" 7
Musson.....	" 8
Hartzell Chapel.....	" 9-10
Plaquemine.....	" 11-12
Indian Village.....	" 13
Bayon Gonia.....	" 14
West Baton Rouge.....	" 15
Prestley Chapel.....	" 16
Jones Creek.....	" 17
Jackson.....	" 18-19
Stoney Point.....	" 20-21
Bayon Paul and Conrad.....	" 22
Baton Rouge, St. Mark.....	" 23
Wesley Chapel.....	" 24-25

Dear brethren: As this is my first round on the district, I will deem it a great favor if you will meet me where it is necessary and pilot me through. J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

It is sweet to live, but oh! how bitter—to be troubled with a cough, day and night. Dr. Bull's Cong Syrup, however, is a sure remedy. 25 cents.

NEW ORLEANS MARKETS.

(For the Week Ending Nov. 13, 1890.)
(These are wholesale prices for large lots.)

COTTON.	
Low ordinary.....	6 1/2
Ordinary.....	7 1/2
Good ordinary.....	8 1/2
Low middling.....	9 1/2
Middling.....	10 1/2
Good middling.....	11 1/2
Middling fair.....	12 1/2
Fair.....	13 1/2

SUGAR.	
Fair.....	4 1/2
Good.....	4 1/4
Prime yellow.....	4 1/2-16
Strictly prime.....	5 1/2
Seconds.....	4 1/2
Gray white.....	4 1/2
Off white.....	5 1/2

MOLASSES.	
Fair.....	9 1/2
Good common.....	7 1/2
Common.....	6 1/2
Inferior.....	6

RICE.	
Good.....	4 1/2
Fair.....	4 1/4
Low.....	3 1/4
No. 2.....	2 1/2-10 2 1/2
Rough.....	3 1/2-5 1/2

FLOUR.	
Minnesota bakers.....	\$5 00-25
Minnesota patents.....	5 15-25 90
Extra fancy.....	5 05-25 20
Winter wheat patents.....	5 25-25 37
Extra fancy.....	4 70-24 75

CORN PRODUCTS.	
Cream meal.....	—23 50
Corn meal.....	—22 90
Grits.....	3 25-23 40
Houma.....	—23 50

GRAIN, ETC.	
CORN.....	—27
White.....	—27
Yellow.....	—26 66
Mixed No. 2.....	—26 66
Oats.....	57
Western.....	60
Texas rust proof.....	60
Hay.....	\$1.20
Choice.....	\$15.50-16.50
Prime.....	13.50-15.00

PROVISIONS.	
Pork.....	\$11.00
Mess (standard).....	10.50-10.75
Prime mess.....	11.25-11.50
Bacon.....	—
Sugar cured breakfast.....	5 1/2-24
Shoulders.....	6 1/2-24
Sides, long clear.....	6 1/2-24
Sides, short ribs.....	6 1/2-24
Hams.....	—
Sugar cured.....	10 1/2
Dry Salt Meat.....	—
Shoulders.....	5 1/2-24
Sides, long clear.....	6 1/2-24
Sides, short ribs.....	6 1/2-24
Lard.....	—
Refined.....	5 1/2-24
Coffee.....	—
Prime.....	20
Fair.....	20 1/2
Common.....	17 1/2
Teas.....	—
Choice.....	40-250
Fair.....	20-25
Butter.....	—
Western creamery.....	28-29
Western dairy.....	16-18

Oils.	
Coal, cases.....	14 1/2-15
Coal, bbls.....	9 1/2
Cotton seed.....	48-50
Lard.....	50-60
Linsed.....	61-67

VEGETABLES.

Oranges.	
Louisiana, per bbl.....	\$6.00-6.50
Florida, per box.....	2.00-2.75
Cabbages.	
Western.....	8-10
Chicago, a piece.....	6-7
Louisiana, per crate.....	3.00-3.25

Potatoes.	
Louisiana, per bbl.....	—
Western.....	7.25-8.50
Sweet.....	1.00-1.50
Kraut.	
Western.....	\$5.00-5.50
Louisiana, per bbl.....	—
Onions.	
Louisiana per bbl.....	3.50-3.75
Western.....	5.00

SUNDRIES.	
Poultry.....	—
Old hens, Western.....	\$4.00-4.50
Young chickens.....	2.00-3.50
Turkeys, Southern.....	6.00-9.00
Eggs.	
Western, per doz.....	22-24
Southern.....	24-25
Hool.	
Lake, per lb.....	—23
Louisiana.....	2-18
Bury.....	10-15

Baling Stuffs.	
Bagging.....	—
1 1/2 per yard.....	67-7
2 lb.....	7-23
Baling Twine.....	—
per lb.....	91-100
Ties.....	—
per bundle.....	1.40-2

MOSS, ETC.	
Black.....	21-23
Mixed.....	2-21
Gray.....	1-21
Or Horus.	
Prime.....	4cts each
Common.....	1ct
Bees Wax.	
Prime Yellow—per lb.....	20-23c
Honey—strained.....	—

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per lb.....	91-100
Ties.....	—
per bundle.....	1.40-2

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Black.....	21-23
Mixed.....	2-21
Gray.....	1-21
Or Horus.	
Prime.....	4cts each
Common.....	1ct
Bees Wax.	
Prime Yellow—per lb.....	20-23c
Honey—strained.....	—

Baling Stuffs.	
Bagging.....	—
1 1/2 per yard.....	67-7
2 lb.....	7-23
Baling Twine.....	—
per lb.....	91-100
Ties.....	—
per bundle.....	1.40-2

MOSS, ETC.	
Black.....	21-23
Mixed.....	2-21
Gray.....	1-21
Or Horus.	
Prime.....	4cts each
Common.....	1ct
Bees Wax.	
Prime Yellow—per lb.....	20-23c
Honey—strained.....	—

Baling Stuffs.	
Bagging.....	—
1 1/2 per yard.....	67-7
2 lb.....	7-23
Baling Twine.....	—
per lb.....	91-100
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Or Horus.	
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Common.....	1ct
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Honey—strained.....	—

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South Carolina Conference.

The eighty-fifth session, or twenty-sixth since reorganization, of the South Carolina Conference convened at Greenville, S. C., in Wesley Chapel Feb. 5, at 10 a. m., with Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D., in the chair. The bishop read 1 Cor. 4 ch., and the conference joined in singing the 79th hymn, after which the bishop addressed the conference, congratulating it upon its evident progress, and advising unity and concord in the deliberations of the conference. The roll call showed nearly all the members present. The transfer of Rev. E. Kirby to the Savannah Conference. J. B. Middleton was unanimously reelected secretary by acclamation; assistants, E. H. Coit, J. N. Carter, J. B. Smith and B. F. Witherspoon. C. C. Scott, was elected statistical secretary; assistants, J. H. Johnson and E. B. Burroughs. W. R. Jervey, was elected conference treasurer; assistants, C. C. Jacobs and J. R. Townsend. The several committees were appointed on nominations of the Presiding Elders. The following reporters were appointed; for the *World*, A. G. Townsend; *News and Courier*, W. G. White; *Greenville Daily News*, J. N. Carter. Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Board of Education was introduced. The Sunday School superintendent of Wesley Chapel delivered an appropriate address of welcome, followed by a touching recitation by the fourteen year old son of Rev. J. A. Brown, to which Bishop Warren and Rev. R. A. Cottingham responded. L. M. Dutton was appointed one of the examiners on the second year in place of J. N. Cardozo.

The twentieth question was taken up and E. C. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Orangeburg District reported his work, and his character passed, as did also the elders on his district. J. N. Cardozo was permitted to withdraw from the church and ministry. H. N. Murphy was ordered to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools. Dr. Payne addressed the conference in behalf of the Board of Education to the joy of all that heard him.

F. L. Baxter, of the Florence District reported his work and his character passed, as did also the elders on his district. The case of F. W. Sasportas was referred to a committee. J. E. Wilson of the Charleston District reported his work and his character passed, as did also the elders on his district. The case of S. W. Beard was referred to a committee. The Book Concern accounts were placed in the hands of J. E. A. Keeler for collection. Benediction by the bishop. The statistical session was

held at 3 p. m., with Rev. A. Middleton in the chair. At night the educational anniversary was held, when Rev. Drs. C. H. Payne, L. M. Dutton, and F. E. McDonald delivered excellent addresses.

SECOND DAY.—Devotion was conducted by Rev. G. W. Beckham. Drafts were ordered on the Chartered Fund for \$30 and on the Book Concern Dividend for \$503. D. M. Minns of the Beaufort District reported his work and his character passed, as did also the elders on his district. I. E. Lowery of the Greenville District reported his work and his character passed, as did also the elder on his district. The third question was taken up. The following were continued on trial, viz.: J. Lucas, D. G. Boston. She following were passed to the second year: G. J. Davis, Jasper P. Robinson, Ellis Forrest, W. D. Scott, A. H. Harrison. The case of F. W. Sasportas was referred to a select number for trial. A special committee was appointed to gather and present the facts touching the distribution of tracts and Bibles among our people. The case of A. Harris was referred to a special committee. Benediction by the bishop.

THIRD DAY.—Devotion was conducted by Rev. S. Green. A letter was read from H. H. Matthews reporting his illness as the cause of his absence. The following were made or continued in supernumerary relation: P. Witherspoon, L. W. Oglesby, J. A. Sasportas, W. H. Scott, W. S. Garrett, M. F. Block, and W. W. Adamson. E. McDaniel was transferred to the North Carolina Conference. S. Thomas was granted a supernumerary relation. The cases of John Burroughs, C. T. Hopkins, and N. C. Davies were referred to the committee on conference relation. Rev. C. N. Grandison principal of Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., and Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN*, were introduced. The tenth question was taken up and John C. Martin, G. W. Cooper, and Edward Edwards were elected deacons. Drs. Albert and Thirkield addressed the conference.

The thanks of the conference were extended to the speakers for their address. That of Dr. Thirkield, which was spoken from manuscript was requested for publication; and will be published in the *SOUTHWESTERN*. After a very impressive address by the bishop, W. M. Hanna and John F. Page, were admitted into full connection. M. M. Mouzon, J. M. Eady, W. Littlejohn, J. C. Tobias, J. W. Connelly, Thos. G. Hazel, A. S. Cottingham, A. H. Harrison, J. T. Wilson, J. N. Brownlee, John T. Harrison, were continued on trial. Shedrach Burns and W. J. McDaniel were elected elders. A. McLees offered resolutions looking to the development of the work in portions of the state where our church is not established. After considerable discussion of a very able character they were adopted. Rev. A. J. Hunter of the A. M. E. Church, and B. F. McDowell, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced. Trustees were nominated for Claflin University. The select number in the case of F. W. Sasportas exonerated him from charges preferred against him.

An afternoon session was held at 3 p. m. Devotion was conducted by Dr. A. E. P. Albert.

H. O. Frederick and B. J. Boston reported their work and their character passed.

The committee on conference relations reported in the cases of C.

T. Hopkins, W. C. Davies and John Burroughs and they were made supernumeraries. Jerry McLeod and John Isham were elected local deacons. The following were continued in the same class: M. Cook, V. S. Johnson, F. W. Vance, E. I. Foster, W. H. Jones, H. H. Matthews.

E. W. Matthews passed on fourth year's studies and was elected to elder's orders. The following were also elected to elder's orders: B. F. Millen, J. E. A. Keeler, J. B. Thomas, B. G. Frederick.

The twentieth question was resumed and E. M. Pinckney reported and his character passed. The Rev. Thomas Minns, H. Watkins and I. B. Jones of the Baptist Church were introduced. On motion of F. D. Smith it was voted that the conference proceed to vote on the question, Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Electoral and General Conferences? A. Medolehn and L. Arthur were appointed tellers. Whole number of votes cast 86. 33 for and 53 against.

The following is the vote of the lay members:

	FOR.	AGAINST.
Beaufort District.....	303	1056
Charleston ".....	126	2912
Florence ".....	2030	496
Orangeburg ".....	450	1083
Greenville ".....	276	542
Total vote.....	3225	6089

Orangeburg was selected as the place for the meeting of the next annual session.

The bishop retiring with his Presiding Elders, invited Dr. Albert to the chair. The committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society reported. Pending its adoption Dr. Hartzell and principal Grandison addressed the conference. The committee on Periodicals reported and the report was adopted. It strongly endorses the *SOUTHWESTERN* as its official organ and urges its circulation in every home. Dr. Albert addressed the conference in behalf of the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

CONFERENCE SABBATH, opened with the conference love feast, where many precious testimonies were given. At 11 a. m., the bishop preached a sermon of great power to an overflowing house, after which those elected to deacon's orders were ordained. At 3 p. m. Dr. Hartzell preached a very edifying sermon to an equally large congregation, after which the elders were ordained by the bishop, assisted by Father J. A. Sasportas and Dr. Albert. At 7:30 p. m. Dr. Albert preached to a large and appreciative audience. The day was a remarkable one.

On Monday the committees that had not reported made their reports, the usual complimentary and other resolutions were adopted and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the bishop after the reading of the appointments.

South Carolina Conference Appointments.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—J. E. Wilson, P. E.
Black River, A. Cooper.
Camp Ridge and Lake City, M. M. Morgan.
Charleston—Centenary, A. C. Dutton.
Old Bethel, B. F. Witherspoon.
Wesley, E. H. Coit.
Clarendon County Mission, I. B. Smith.

Cooper River, James McEadey.
Foreston, Stewart Simmons.
Georgetown, J. T. Harrison.
John's Island, W. S. Bailey.
Kingstree, A. G. Townsend.
Kingstree circuit, W. M. Hanna.
Mt. Pleasant, F. C. Weston.
St. Andrew's, E. J. Snetter.
St. John's, Benjamin Brown.
St. Mary's, A. Adams.
St. Stephen's, A. H. Harrison.

Santee, J. S. Lucas.
Turkey Creek, J. E. A. Keeler.
BEAUFORT DISTRICT—D. M. Minns, P. E.

Aiken, R. L. Hickson.
Allendale, J. C. Pendergrass.
Appleton, P. D. Harris.
Barnwell, E. M. Pinckney.
Bennberg, W. G. White.
Bnford Bridge, E. J. Frederick.
Beaufort, S. S. Lawton.
Cattle Creek, M. Cook.
Colleton, F. C. Jones.
Bombahee, J. L. Chestnut.
Folks Store, H. Baker.
Graham's, W. J. Smith.
Grahamville and Hilton Head, A. J. Robinson.

Hickory Hill, G. H. Frederick.
Jacksonboro, H. H. Matthews.
New Hope and Hardeville, G. W. Gantt.

Reevesville, M. Stewart.
Rosses, J. S. Garrett.
Ridgeville, H. D. Frederick.
Summerville, C. C. Jacobs.
Springtown, J. T. Latson.
Springfield, H. C. Harleston.
Pine Grove and Clafin, M. Cook.
Wesley Grove, B. J. Boston.
Walterboro, R. A. Thomas.
Yemassee, N. C. Davies.
Aiken Mission, B. F. McLeod.
George's Mission, P. E. Mackey.

FLORENCE DISTRICT—F. L. Baxter, P. E.
Bennettsville, F. D. Smith.
Cheraw, E. E. McDonald.
Chesterfield, D. J. Sanders.
Olio, A. McLees.
Darlington Station, J. McLea.
Darlington circuit, A. C. Quick.
Ebenezer, supplied by G. W. Cooper.

Florence station, R. A. Cottingham.

Little Rock, F. W. Sasportas.
Lydia, B. Gupple.
Lynchburg, B. M. Pegnes.
Lynch's River, J. C. Weston.
Lamar, B. James.
Marion circuit, A. Middleton.
Marlboro, D. G. Johnson.
Mars Bluff circuit, S. S. Butler.
Mayesville circuit, J. R. Townsend.

Mt. Zion and Bethel, supplied.
New Hope, W. S. Neil.
North Marlboro, supplied.
Pea-Dee, E. I. Foster.
Shiloh, J. W. Dore.
Salem and Wesley, W. R. Jervey.
Timmons and Cartersville, M. V. Gray.
Hartville Mission, supplied.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—I. E. Lowery, P. E.

Anderson station, C. R. Brown.
Anderson circuit, A. Lewis.
Belton, W. D. Scott.
Blacks, C. T. Hopkins.
Clover, York Goodlett.
Deep Creek, J. N. Brownlee.
Easley, J. R. Rosemond.
Gaffney station, J. N. Carter.
Greenville station, E. B. Burroughs.
Greenville circuit, Benjamin Robertson.
Greenwood, L. Arthur.
Greene, W. H. Jones.
Reidville, supplied by I. B. Taylor.

Liberty, supplied by Moses Cherry.
Marietta, Geo. Gray.
Newberry, J. W. Fishburn.
Mulberry, F. W. Vance.
Pendleton, G. W. Beckbom.
Rock Hill, C. C. Robertson.
Seneca station, G. Green.
Seneca circuit, W. Littlejohn.
Spartanburg station, C. C. Scott.
Spartanburg circuit, H. C. Asbury.

Wallawalla, E. W. Adams.
Wellford, H. F. McEllwee.
Williamston, S. A. King.
Yorkville station, N. T. Spencer.
Yorkville circuit, G. F. Miller.
Greenville Mission, J. C. Marten.
Cowpens circuit, B. F. Millen.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT—E. C. Brown, P. E.
Antioch, E. Friest.

Camden, J. A. Brown.
Camden circuit, J. W. Brown.
Columbia, J. H. Johnson.
Edisto Fork, N. T. Bowen.
Elizabeth, J. P. Robinson.
Jamison, T. J. Clarke.
Lexington, supplied by S. Burns.
Longtown, J. C. Tobias.
Macedonia, V. S. Johnson.
Mechanicsville, B. G. Frederick.
Mt. Zion, Wm. McWillie.
Orangeburg, J. L. Grice.
Orangeburg circuit, A. G. Kennedy.

Pineville, J. S. Thomas.
Prospect, W. G. Deag.
Rock Spring, W. McIntosh.
Rowesville, J. W. Connelly.
Smithville, G. J. Davis.
Sumter, J. B. Middleton.
Sumter circuit, Thos. Sims.
St. Matthew's Mission, J. K. Lockwood.
Wateree, J. B. Thomas.
Wedgfield Mission, supplied by J. W. Montrie.

West Texas Conference.

REV. M. C. CAVENES.

Conference adjourned Feb. 9. It was quite an interesting session. Rev. I. B. Scott, Presiding Elder of the Houston District, was present and represented the *SOUTHWESTERN*. Dr. Scott is much beloved by the members of the conference.

Very encouraging sermons were preached by Revs. P. M. Carmichael, M. C. Cavine, E. Henderson and J. H. Browley. The Bishop preached a powerful sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock, after which five deacons and two elders were ordained.

The appointments are as follows:
AUSTIN DISTRICT—Mack Henson, Presiding Elder.
Simpson and Mt. Salem, B. F. Whitaker.
Wesley Chapel, P. M. Carmichael.

Bastrop and Smithville, Chas. Hart.
Beloso and Temple, J. H. Swan.
Brownwood and Sansaba, to be snp.
Burnett and Lampassas, G. A. Shanklin.
Calvert and Mt. Zion, W. H. Davis.
Cedar Creek, J. Harriford.
Davilla, C. Young.
Georgetown and Taylor, J. T. Jacobs.

Manor, R. H. Ponton.
Maysfield and Pt. Sullivan, J. Williams.
West Point and Giddings, Wm. Reed.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—C. L. Madison, P. E.
Alleyton and Eagle Lake, Jas. Brawley.
Columbus, S. Smith.
Columbus circuit, P. Gates.
Edna and Wharton, I. Smith.
Ellinger and Industry, J. H. Holden.

Fannin, J. H. Pernel.
Hallettsville, E. Henderson.
La Grange, Lee Reed.
LaGrange circuit, E. Cogswell.
Oakland and Brown Chapel, A. M. Mason.
Sublime, James Jarmon.
Victoria, B. F. Smith.
Weimar and Schnlenberg, to be sup.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.—H. Swann, P. E.
Belmont, J. Gilmore.
Berne, E. Ford.
Cuero, G. W. Brothers.
Floresville, A. Lockhart.
Golliad, Beeville and Corpus Christi, M. O. Cavenas.
Gonzales, T. Wadkins.
Gonzales circuit, G. W. Townsend.

Hondo and Fredericksburg, W. H. Mosby.
Lavonia and Mt. Pleasant, A. Brown.

Lockhart and San Marcos, R. Alonzo.
Luling, J. H. Brawley.
San Antonio, J. T. Gibbons.
Seguin, E. Jones.
Walders and Flatonia, G. Brazner.

WACO DISTRICT.—Andrew Foster, P. E.
Blossing Grove circuit, J. Buell.
Bremond and Long Branch, S. Gates.

Corsicana, Dawson and Hubbard, N. J. Johnson.
Dallas, A. Jackson.
Denison and Pilot Point, C. P. Westbrooks.

Fort Worth and Willis Chapel, D. C. Lacey.
Gainsville, to be snp.
Groesbeck, J. Warmley.
Marlin and Bowman, W. J. Mitchell.

Marlin circuit, G. Norman.
Mexico, J. A. Hall.
Milford and Italy, P. Bennett.
Waco and St. James, M. Smith.
" circuit, S. Scruggs.

The conference was delighted by the kind and fatherly way the Bishop presided over the conference. His farewell address to the conference was very touching, and many tears were shed.

Savannah Conference Notes.

This was adjudged to be the best session it ever held. Great harmony prevailed, and much spiritual life was shown. During some of the evenings many seekers for the new life were forward at the altar.

One of the presiding elders, in making his report, said that great peace, prosperity and harmony prevailed in all the communities where there was a live Methodist Episcopal Church, and he recommended it as a sure panacea for the ills that afflict so many of our communities. "True! True!" was echoed from all parts of the house.

Bishop H. W. Warren, of Denver Col. presided. Among other prominent men who attended the conference were the Rev. W. A. Spencer, secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Professor Thirkield, president of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta; A. B. Leonard, missionary secretary; Dr. Hunt, agent for the New York Book Concern; C. H. Payne, D. D. secretary of the Education Society; W. H. Hickman, D. D., president Clark University, and C. C. Morse, business manager of the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

The conference received \$500 from the \$110,000 dividend this year.

The following officers were elected: J. B. L. Williams, secretary; R. T. Adams and J. W. Lamar, assistant secretaries; G. W. Arnold statistical secretary, with several assistants; C. K. Wright, conference treasurer, with H. R. Allen as assistant.

All the presiding elder's reports showed great increase in souls converted, new churches and parsonages, and benevolent collections.

Warren Chapel, where the conference was held, had just been repaired. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Buffington, is a sweet-spirited gentleman, who has faithfully served the charge four years and the people of Macon were greatly pleased that he was allotted his fifth year with them.

This church has among its grand laymen, one who is doing splendid work for his people in the person of Professor H. J. T. Hudson, principal of the city public school. The Bishop and visiting brethren attended some of the school exercises and were highly pleased with the work shown. Prof. Hudson and his wife have assisted, and are assisting, some worthy young men and women to get an education at our colleges.

The session closed Monday night. The members were generally satisfied with the appointments.

Letters from the Districts.

Little Rock Conference.

Dear brethren of the Texarkana District, let us bring the district up on all lines. We want to do more this conference year than any other. This is a progressive age, so we ought to have an eye to this, an make and effort to progress. Our work will prosper as we manifest our faith in grace and zeal for the work and our love for lost souls of men. Dear brethren, the Lord wants to use all of his ministry for the saving of souls and bettering of the conditions of men. Belike the prophet Isaiah, willing to be of use in every way. I am with you to help you in every way for the good of the work on the district.

Dear brethren, let us not be contented with last year's work, but each year we should contend for some improvement. Now, let us have a grand revival. Do more in the way of soul-saving and more for our benevolent cause, and more for the grand old SOUTHWESTERN. My postoffice address will be 1804 State street, Little Rock, Ark.

A. J. PHILLIPS, P. E.
Huntsville District, Texas.

P. PARKER.

The Huntsville District is not as rich as some of the districts in the Texas Conference, nor is it as well built up, but if we stand together as true Methodists it will soon be on a better basis.

Groveton and Trinity are both fast growing towns of 1500 or 2000 inhabitants. We have no churches there as yet. Trinity being the junction of the I. & G. N., and M. K. & T. Railroads, bids fair to be in future the best town on the International and Great Northern railway from Houston to Palestine. We have members here who are ready to take hold at once with their preacher, Rev. L. J. Hogan, for a new church.

Groveton is the county seat of Trinity county. We own a church lot here. Bro. M. M. Muldrew will find a warm place in the heart of our members and friends. It is our aim to build up the district with good substantial churches and parsonages that we may serve the Lord with greater comfort. If our pastors everywhere begin at once to preach with the power and the Holy Ghost the unsearchable riches of Christ to the people, and do it incessantly, great and good will the harvest be. Brethren, our motto is, "A thousand conversions this year."

Monday, Aug. 10 is set to begin our district camp meetings at our camp grounds near Huntsville.

Every pastor is requested to be present at this meeting with their congregations on the ground during the whole service. Nothing pays the church as saving sinners from their sins.

Our Sunday schools are not what they should be; and in order that we may build them up to do greater work, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 6, 7, 8, are set for pastors, local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents of the district are expected to be present at Huntsville and take part in the Sunday school institute exercises, which will consist in addresses, lectures, songs, essays and the like, highly appropriate to Sunday school work. Religiously bestir yourself and your Sunday schools and church members and friends, and make Easter Sunday, Mar. 29, what it should be. Write for Easter programs and willing worker cards, and put them into the hands of every willing worker.

Get up recitations, addresses, essays and songs on missions and the resurrection of our Saviour. Decorate your churches well and make the day a glorious one.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society must be organized and set at work in every congregation. Give your good sisters regular and systematic work to do, as their labors are invaluable. Last year, because some of the preachers of the Huntsville District were in

debt to the SOUTHWESTERN, they refused to work for the paper. This is wrong twice; viz: wrong to be in debt, and wrong not work for the paper. This year begin in your leaders' and stewards' meetings and have each of them take the SOUTHWESTERN. No Sunday school superintendent should be without it. Your local preachers and exhorters must subscribe to it. We want nothing but cash subscribers from the Huntsville District.

Our people must practice reading some good religious matter, and I know nothing which I could recommend as being better than the SOUTHWESTERN. Start all your committees out now to gather up your benevolent money. Do not wait; as waiting means nothing. Educate your church officials and members to meet all their church claims monthly, at least.

Write me freely upon all church matters and I will, with pleasure, answer your letters. You can always reach me by addressing your letters Huntsville, Texas, P. O. Box, 252.

Remember Wiley University at Marshall, Texas, and do your duty to it.

Proceedings of the Florida Conference.

The fourteenth session of the Florida Conference convened in Gainesville, Florida January 22, 1891, Bishop H. W. Warren presiding. The Bishop administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders. Rev. J. Grant was elected secretary and J. P. Patterson assistant. Rev. J. F. Ellis was elected statistical secretary. The usual conference committees were appointed. Revs. A. B. Leonard, D. D., Missionary Secretary, C. H. Payne, D. D., Secretary Board of Education, S. Hunt, D. D., Senior Agent Book Concern and M. C. B. Mason, Pastor Loyd Street Church, Atlanta, Ga., representing THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE were introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of the interests they represented. Rev. B. Dilworth, Presiding Elder, Jacksonville District, passed character and reported his work in a prosperous condition as also did the Elders on this district. After the usual notice the conference adjourned. Benediction by the Bishop.

EVENING SESSION.

An evening session was held at 2:30 for the statistical reports. Dr. Hunt presided. At night the missionary sermon was preached by Rev. J. P. Patterson. It was earnest, eloquent, Biblical and touched and melted all hearts. Bro. Patterson is a young man with a promising future. Rev. M. C. B. Mason also spoke in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN. The address was well received and the conference responded in cash payments and resolutions pledging larger support. Benediction by Rev. M. C. B. Mason.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met at 9 a. m., Bishop Warren in the chair. Devotional services conducted by Dr. Hunt. Minutes of previous day's session read and approved. Rev. A. Debose Presiding Elder of Gainesville District passed character and reported his work steadily on the increase. The reports of the elders and preachers on his district were on the same line. Rev. P. Swearingen, Presiding Elder of the Palatka District, passed character and reported his work in a growing and prosperous condition. The reports of the elders and deacons on this district confirmed the statement of the Presiding Elder. At night the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was held. President Darnell, of Cookman and J. F. Elliott delivered excellent addresses. Benediction by Rev. J. Grant.

THIRD DAY.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. F. Elliott, Bishop Warren in the chair. Minutes of previous day's session read and approved.

Rev. J. H. Williams was advanced to the second class of deacons. The following were elected to elders' orders: J. P. Patterson, Y. K. Meeks and P. O. Jackson. The following were discontinued: J. A. Grimsley, and S. Jackson. L. J. Little and J. Deas were received into full connection. J. Deas was elected to deacon's orders.

The vote was taken on the admission of women to the general conference with the following result: For admission, 6, against 30. The votes of the laity was 137 for, to 1042 against. The second Sunday in May was fixed as Jubilee Day of the Freedmen's Aid Society and the Conference pledged to raise \$1000. At night a joint anniversary of the Church Extension Society and Woman's Home Missionary was held; Dr. Spencer and Mrs. Emma Howard were the speakers.

Sunday was a high day in Israel. At 9 a. m. Love Feast led by Rev. S. A. Huger and at 10:30 the ordination of elders; at 11 Bishop Warren preached an eloquent and soul stirring sermon from John 3: 6. In the afternoon Dr. Hunt preached from Rev. 3:21, and the elders were ordained. At night the services for the day closed with an earnest and pathetic discourse by Dr. Spencer from John 3:34. Benediction by Dr. Spencer.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Warren in the chair. Minutes of Saturday's session read and approved. The sad intelligence of the death of a Presiding Elder in the St. John's Conference who had just received his appointment the week before was announced by the Bishop. D. Johnson and J. J. Wiggs were admitted on trial. Resolutions of thanks to the bishop for his kind and impartial rulings, to the pastor and friends of Gainesville for their hospitality, to the conference officers for the faithful performance of their duties and to the railroads for reduced rates were unanimously passed. After reading of the appointments conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Warren.

COOKMAN INSTITUTE.

Your correspondent cannot close this writing without saying a word concerning Cookman Institute and the grand work it is doing for this conference and contiguous territory. On our way to the seat of the conference we stopped here in Jacksonville and had the privilege of speaking to the school during chapel service. A more determined earnest, bright-eyed young men and women we have never seen. The singing was magnificent, the deportment good. The chapel was literally packed three on a seat and more than fifty standing. A new boarding hall and home for the teachers on the opposite corner is building and when finished will be an addition of no little importance to the beauty of this part of the city. Rev. S. B. Darnell the able and energetic president has attained great success here and richly deserves it. Many of the students read the SOUTHWESTERN and are highly pleased with it.

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We receive many letters inquiring about the sewing machine premium, and how to obtain it. In order that all may understand the matter, we state in addition to the announcement, that remittances should be made to Hunt & Eaton, 189 Poydras street, either by check, money order, or by express, naming the nearest or most convenient freight depot to which it is to be sent. Then we order the factory in Chicago to ship the machine. The company ships it; and receives from the railroad a bill of lading which, with the warranty, is sent to us, and which we send to the subscriber. This bill of lading is good and sufficient evidence that the machine has been forwarded, and holds the railroad company responsible for its safe delivery at the station named as its destination, and in due time, save unavoidable delays. In case of its loss the railroad which caused its loss is responsible, under the laws of the land. If not arriving in due time, show the bill of lading to the station agent and he will look it up. Don't give up the bill of lading, but it may be shown to the railroad agent. All orders are sent the same day as received, and the bill of lading is sent to the subscriber the same day we get it. We started this scheme with a view to helping our patrons, and shall carefully and faithfully carry out our part of the agreement in every case.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

A. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.

Our reception at this charge was pleasant and agreeable. The future is bright. Our hands are full of the Master's works. We have no time to throw away. It belongs to the Lord. My predecessor, Rev. John Qualls is loved by the people, and will always be remembered by them.

D. C. Cook, Christiansburg, Va.

When I came to this work from the East Tennessee Conference, I found forty members without any place of worship. This is an old work, having been a part of the Washington Conference before the division two years ago. One would think from observation that this is a work just opened. The people by bad management had their church taken from them. The reason was that they failed to get a deed for the lot before building their church. Last year we bought another lot in a very desirable part of town, and built a foundation for a new church 32x50 feet. We have bought twelve hundred and fifty feet of framing for a church that will cost when finished sixteen hundred dollars. We have just given out the work to a carpenter and will begin work in a few days.

We are just out of a glorious revival, eighteen conversions and fourteen additions to the church.

The SOUTHWESTERN is a welcome visitor each week. I will get some subscribers soon.

Catarrh Cured.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease Catarrh, and vainly trying every known remedy, at last found a prescription which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren street, New York, will receive the receipt free of charge.

Letters from the Laity.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 4, a crowd of ladies and gentlemen, led by some of the leading members of St. Peter M. E. Church, and well-wisher members, about forty, formed a surprise party and aroused our pastor, Rev. H. J. Wright and his wife at the parsonage about eleven o'clock by their sweet voices, "B-ing-ing in the Sheaves." The doors were opened, fires rekindled, and the parlor was given up, as was the rest of the house, to the party. The pastor, his wife and children joined in the eating. A good time was had. The crowd left after an hour and a half having been spent in a Christian-like manner. Come again, says the pastor.

The first quarterly conference of Spring Hill, Tennessee River District, was held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24, 25, Elder J. B. Bradford presiding. Notwithstanding the heavy rainfall on Saturday, the meetings were well attended. The Elder preached two able sermons.

Nearly every member brought or sent their quarter. Forty-three communion and two joined the church. Spring Hill is in a prosperous condition. Our members are intelligent and thrifty. There are few who have not homes of their own. More students attend colleges from this place than any town of its size in the South. Lawyers, doctors, editors, teachers, merchants and mechanics have sprung from this place.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my sister, Louisa Warren. She left Natchez, Miss., in 1875. She used to belong to a man named Joseph Dunbar. Father's name was Thomas, mother's Sindy, and my name is Edmund Warren. Any information will be thankfully received. Address

EDMOND WARREN.

Harrison, Jefferson county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my niece. Her mother belonged to Dr. Bearard, who lived at Oak Ridge, Morehouse parish, La. The doctor hired my sister to a man who lived in Bastrop, La., by the name of Jacob Short. My sister was named Annie, and I had two girls named Hannah and Lizzie. I heard that sister died about the first or second year after the surrender, and I heard that that Lizzie went to Hot Springs. Address

H. O. MARKHAM.

Shreveport, La.

Catarrh in New England.

Ely's Cream Balm gives satisfaction to every one using it for catarrhal troubles.—G. K. Mellor, Druggist, Worcester, Mass.

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Committee on Apportionments.

Rev. J. W. Young, who has been aptly styled "The Apostle of Accuracy," is now acting as secretary of the Committee on Apportionments. Every result he reaches upon the principles of equity adopted by the Committee is subject to revision and modification by the Committee itself acting in concert with the Presiding Elder of each district.

Many Presiding Elders are so well pleased with the work done already that they have requested Brother Young to figure out the apportionments to their charges upon the principles adopted by the Committee. In the course of time we hope all Presiding Elders will avail themselves of the help of the Committee in making these apportionments to their charges.

It is a great experiment. It ought to succeed. When we reached the Million Line we well knew it was full of zigzags, but the best thing to do then was to make a grand charge, get there, and straighten the line afterwards.

That straightening process is now going on with the utmost care. Let the letters of approval or disapproval pour in. Come, let us reason together. Let us study our obligations to the cause of missions with an earnest desire to find out what is duty, and a purpose to give not only what is our just proportion, but also what shall be a fitting expression of our love for Him who gave himself for us.

C. C. McCABE.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society in Florida.

The anniversary exercises of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, were held in the Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church at Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday Jan. 24. The church was well filled, and the close attention given to the evening's proceedings, showed that much interest was felt by all. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Alice Williams, of Jacksonville, the Conference president. The first half hour was pleasantly filled with music by the choir, also singing and speaking by members of the Gainesville Mission Band, led by Miss Mamie Roberts. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Patterson, shows that \$53.65 have been raised for the General Fund and \$29.00 for Special Fund, making the total for the year's work \$82.65. This was followed by reports from the different auxiliaries.

These were quite varied, some showing dues well paid, besides an amount given to the Special Fund, or some important local work done, while others with faltering tones, reported hard struggles for existence. But an earnest determination was expressed by all to push the interests of this society on their different charges.

The banner auxiliaries, those showing the most money in, as well as other work done, are Ebenezer Church on Jacksonville District, Waldo Church on Gainesville District, and Ocala Church on Palatka District. Among items of local work reported, those deserving special mention are a chandelier and chair to the church at Waldo by their society, and at Palatka the gift of a sacramental set to their church. Miss Emerson, superintendent of Boylan Home, gave the reports of the Home Band, and told briefly what was being done in all the departments of work there. She then made an earnest appeal to all present, that they would bear the interests of this work upon their hearts and do all they can to advance it during the coming year. While more money may have been reported in former years, yet a deeper and more intelligent interest in the cause of Woman's Home Missionary Society, is manifested throughout the conference.

We are enjoying a happy and prosperous year in both departments of home and school work.

At a business meeting in the afternoon the following officers were elected for the coming year: President Mrs. Alice Williams, corresponding secretary Mrs. J. G. Grant, recording secretary Mrs. J. G. Howard, treasurer Mrs. A. R. Jones, Jacksonville District; Mrs. Nancy Nicholls, Mrs. J. F. Elliott, Jacksonville District; Mrs. Cornelia Bazzelle, Miss H. E. Emerson, Palatka District; Mrs. R. M. Roberts, Miss Fannie Dupont, for Key West; Mrs. Annie Jenkins, Miss Mamie Roberts, Gainesville District.

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General News Items.

A colored woman named Betsy Nicholls, residing near the depot in Vidalia, had quite a scare. She was awakened by her baby crying, when she discovered a huge moccasin lying coiled up in bed between herself and child. They began screaming and disturbed his snake-ship, who quietly crawled off, luckily without striking its fangs into either Betsy or her baby.—Louisiana Democrat.

There is more real religion in paying one hundred cents on the dollar, than in some of the most eloquent prayers that were ever delivered.

Church Polity.

Q. 1. Can a presiding elder restore a class leader whom his pastor has removed?

Q. 2. Can he receive members into the church without the pastor's consent?

A. 1. No; the class leader is to the preacher in charge, what the presiding elder is to the bishop that appoints him. The one is the creature of the other, and can be removed by that power at will.

A. 2. No one has any authority to receive a member into the church except the preacher in charge.

Q. How does John x, 30, "I and my Father are one," harmonize with Mark xiii, 32, "But of that day... knoweth... neither the Son," in connection with John xxi, 17, "Lord, Though knowest all things?"

A. Verbal criticisms on Scripture passages often entangle the reader. In the first, Christ teaches that He and His Father are one, meaning the divine Christ, who in the beginning was the Word, and who was with God, and was God. In the second, He speaks as a human being whom they knew and with whom they conversed. In the third, they having seen that never man spake like this man, thought that He, as a man, knew all things, and thus expressed themselves. Sometimes Christ spoke from the point of view of his manhood; at other times, from the point of view of His Godhead. Generally, by studying the connection which is the point of view can be made out, but not always.

Q. A man is a drunkard and abuses his wife, finally leaves her, and is suddenly killed. Should the minister call upon her in her affliction to sympathize?

A. A minister should call upon any woman who loses her husband by death. In many cases, as the one described in this question, at such a time a tender feeling comes over a wife, she remembers happier days, forgets what she has suffered, and, if a Christian, will appreciate a call from her pastor, who if, a man of sense, will not go into details.

Q. I have noticed that at the

conclusion of a marriage ceremony an awkward pause often occurs, when everybody seems to be waiting for somebody else. Some ministers come to the rescue by introducing the bride and groom to the friends present. What is the proper thing to do?

A. In a marriage ceremony in a private house the minister should face the audience, and the persons to be married should face the minister. When has finished the ceremony, he should congratulate the bride and groom, after which they should turn around, and the friends, having seen the minister congratulate them, should have sense enough to follow suit. If the service took place in a church, they should proceed out at once without waiting for congratulations.

Q. If a Sunday-school superintendent withdraws from the church by letter to join another branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but still stays superintendent in former society, is he yet a member of the Quarterly Conference, or what is his relation to the same?

A. No person who is not a member of a particular society can be a member of the Quarterly Conference, whatever office he may hold.—Christian Advocate.

One of the most essential preparations for eternity is delight in praising God—a higher acquirement, I do think, than even delight and devotedness in prayers.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People:

The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No 115, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passengers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Associations earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or,

still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those molders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the suit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing insult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.

N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal, and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

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No. 42, 6:00 p.m.	Chicago and St. Louis Fast Mail has Pullman Sleeping cars between New Orleans, Chicago and St. Louis.	No. 45, 12:01 p.m.
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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conferences, 1891.

(CHRONOLOGICAL.)

Conference in the United States.

Conference. Place. Time. Bishop.

Upper Mississippi Valley, Feb. 5. Andrews

South Carolina, Greenville, S. C., 5. Warren

West Texas, Waco, Tex., 5. Foss

Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., 25. Joyce

Kansas, Washington, Kan., 4. Merrill

Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa., 4. Fowler

Missouri, Brookfield, Mo., 4. Vincent

Baltimore, Washington, D. C., 4. Joyce

South Kansas, Girard, Kan., 11. Merrill

Central Missouri, Marshall, Mo., 12. Vincent

Washington, Baltimore, Md., 12. Merrill

S. W. Kansas, Newton, Kan., 15. Vincent

St. Louis, Springfield, Mo., 18. Merrill

New Jersey, Trenton, N. J., 18. Merrill

Lexington, Lexington, Ky., 18. Joyce

Williamington, Centerville, Md., 19. Fowler

N. W. Kansas, Norton, Kansas, 25. Merrill

Wyoming, Cheyenne, Wyo., April 1. Bowman

East German, Baltimore, Md., 1. Merrill

New York, Yonkers, N. Y., 1. Merrill

North Indiana, Huntington, Ind., 1. Joyce

New York East, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1. Goodell

New England, Lynn, Mass., 1. Bowman

Newark, Washington, N. J., 8. Merrill

New South, New London, Conn., 15. Bowman

New York, Watertown, N. Y., 15. Vincent

New Hampshire, New York, N. H., 15. Goodell

Troy, Troy, N. Y., 22. Joyce

Maine, Bangor, Me., 22. Goodell

Vermont, Burlington, Vt., 22. Vincent

East Maine, Bangor, Me., 29. Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India, Moradabad, India, Jan. 7. Thorne

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WE make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

THE Sunday School work began by Revs. Davidson, Lyon and Marshall, at Baton Rouge, on the 8th inst., had to be abandoned after they had reached Bayou Goula, on account of the heavy rains and the flooded condition of the country. All appointments made by them are therefore postponed indefinitely.

WE desire to commend to our readers the Crescent Insurance Company of this city for the promptness and fairness with which they transact their business. On Sunday morning, February 8, a house owned by Dr. Albert, and insured in this company, was destroyed by fire. Within twenty-four hours after the fact was reported to the company, they had inspected the loss, and made a full and satisfactory settlement of the same. Mr. W. R. Lynau, the president, Mr. Rice, the secretary, and all the employees of the concern are high-toned courteous gentlemen, and our people would do well to call upon them when in need of insurance. Their office is at the corner of Camp and Commercial Alley New Orleans.

THE report circulated to the effect that Bishop Newman, during his visit down here, "criticized the colored ministers as impure and immoral" is the basest slander and misrepresentation. The Bishop rather took high grounds in defense of the race, and paid such a high tribute to its progress and future as to excite the gratitude and admiration of all who heard him. Whoever reports to the contrary, whether layman or Bishop (Grant of the A. M. E. Church) must be inspired by the Father of Lies. Indeed, Bishop Newman never lost an opportunity to stamp the criticisms of Prof. Washington and Bishop Payne as the basest slander against the race. He did so at every conference held in this section.

Upper Mississippi Conference.

This conference assembled for its first session, after the division of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the state into two conferences, Feb. 5, 1891, at Holly Springs, Bishop E. G. Andrews, of New York, presiding.

The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. S. H. Nevils, after which the bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. J. L. Wilson was elected secretary, and he chose for his assistants L. F. White, and W. E. Maske. F. H. Buntion was elected statistical secretary, and he chose J. C. W. Pair and T. W. Davis, assistants.

R. Sewell was elected conference treasurer, and he chose J. W. Davis, S. H. Nevils, and M. Adams, assistants.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., whose presence at our conference is always appreciated, was introduced. He called attention to the SOUTHWESTERN. Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was introduced, also Rev. J. H. Mansfield, D. D., of the New England Conference. Aberdeen District was reported by J. C. Eckles, its Presiding Elder. The report showed much prosperity.

The bishop announced that the conference was authorized to draw upon the Chartered Fund for \$30, and upon the Book Concern for \$277. On motion the amounts were ordered to be drawn.

Revs. J. M. Shumpert, J. C. Houston, S. A. Cowan, B. L. Crump, and A. M. Trotter of the Mississippi Conference were introduced.

In accordance with the action of the last session of the Mississippi Conference before division, Rev. S. A. Cowan was requested to pay over one half of the fund in his possession for Conference Claimants to R. Sewell, our conference treasurer.

At this point conference adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. Dr. Mansfield pronounced the benediction. The afternoon session opened with M. Adams in the chair.

The pastors of the several charges reported their benevolent collections. Dr. A. E. P. Albert made an interesting and able address upon the current literature of our Church.

SECOND DAY.—Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. Sewell.

Rev. C. P. Head, Presiding Elder of Greenville District, made his report. This is a promising field. First class men, well sustained by missionary appropriation are needed to push on the work to success.

Rev. Dr. Revels, Presiding Elder, reported Holly Springs District. The report showed marked progress spiritually and educationally. Yazoo River District was reported by its Presiding Elder, W. McDonald. This district is in a prosperous state.

The time previously appointed to vote upon the question of woman's admission to the General Conference having arrived, the bishop called upon the presiding elders to report the lay vote of the districts, which was as follows:

	FOR.	AGAINST.
Aberdeen District.....	469	1358
Greenville ".....	49	70
Holly Springs ".....	151	448
Yazoo River ".....	611	1089

Ministerial vote for 39, against 23. By order of the conference a commission of the Presiding Elders and R. Sewell was appointed to confer with the commission from the Mississippi Conference in regard to the present conference membership of the superannuated preachers who were of the Mississippi Conference at the time of its division. The same committee was given power to take under consideration the boundary line between the Upper Mississippi and Mississippi Conferences.

G. F. Leatherwood and F. H. Buntion were elected to elder's orders.

J. L. Wilson, J. W. Winbush,

L. W. Mosely, W. S. Leake, Wm. Bell, H. B. Gladney, W. E. Maske, were advanced to deacons of the second class.

D. L. Tnbb, J. M. Walton, D. P. Shaw, W. H. Scott, R. Hays, were continued deacons of the first class. Adjourned. Benediction by the bishop.

THIRD DAY.—The devotional exercises were conducted by F. H. Buntion, after which the bishop took charge.

At his own request W. H. Gatewood was placed on the superannuated list.

The bishop announced the transfer of Rev. L. O. Crowder from the Arkansas Conference.

Rev. Mr. Honnoll of the Methodist Episcopal Church South was introduced.

In answer to the question, Who are the superannuates? The names of Thomas Brown, John Eanes, Miles Procter, Wesley Jones, Gilford Carr, Henry York, and C. E. Gates were announced.

On motion Henry York was made effective. E. C. Conaway, J. M. Thompson, Jacob B. Starkey, J. Louis Smith, George J. Dobson, W. H. Whitlock, Mack McEwen were elected to deacon's orders. The bishop at this point gave an able and impressive address, which will never be forgotten, to the class seeking admission. He spoke of the necessity of knowledge of God and things and wisdom in the use of such knowledge.

M. Thompson, Logan C. McClelland, Frank G. Wilbon, Mack McEwen, and Elias Troupe were admitted to full connection.

Geo. H. Harvey, Sanford D. Troupe, Jacob Stackhouse, William H. Golden, Simon P. Corprew, Henry A. Robinson, and John H. McAllister, were continued on trial.

Rev. H. W. Key of the Tennessee Conference was introduced. W. H. Hitchcock, J. B. Starkey, C. W. Butler, Geo. W. Whitehead, Elmer C. Conway, Grant Orange, were admitted on trial.

The credentials of J. M. Mitchell as an elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church were recognized and he was admitted on trial. The orders of Napoleon B. Blockman as deacon of the African Methodist Episcopal Church were recognized and he was admitted on trial. Adjourned. Bishop Andrews pronounced the benediction.

SUNDAY.—Love feast opened at 9 a. m., and for an hour and a half every moment was improved. The occasion was one of great refreshing from the Lord.

The sermon of the morning was by Bishop Andrews from Mark ii, 22, and was all that we expected, being of unusual ability and power, after which those who had been elected to deacon's orders were ordained.

In the afternoon J. L. Wilson of Columbus preached the annual missionary sermon, which was followed by the ordination of those elected to elder's orders.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Key of Tennessee Conference preached. The whole day's services were well calculated to uplift and bless the church and people.

FOURTH DAY.—Conference convened at 8 o'clock, Bishop E. G. Andrews in the chair. Prayer by J. W. Winbush.

Presiding Elder Dr. Revels gave a report of Rust University, representing it in its work to be in advance of any of its past history.

The conference voted to accept the invitation extended by Columbus to hold its next session there.

J. C. Coggins was admitted on trial, and W. H. H. Gallion was readmitted.

The orders of Thomas Kohlheim, deacon of the Colored M. E. Church were recognized.

The several committees made their reports, which were adopted.

On motion a board of conference stewards for another year was elected, consisting of H. Cawthorn, S. H. Nevils, M. Adams, L. O. McClelland, J. W. Parke, and J. M. Nevils. This committee is to look after the condition and real needs of all applicants for help

from the Conference Claimant's Fund.

It was voted to make an extraordinary effort to raise means to meet the demands of Conference Claimants.

The bishop read a scripture lesson commenting beautifully and effectively thereupon, and then led in prayer. This was followed by an address upon "ministerial work," after which the appointments were made.

Upper Mississippi Conference Appointments.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—J. C. Eckles, Presiding Elder. Post-office, Tupelo.

Aberdeen, F. H. Buntion. Aberdeen circuit, S. D. Hutson. Amory, J. C. W. Pair. Athens, L. J. Terrell. Caledonia, W. H. Whitlock. Columbus, J. L. Wilson. Columbus circuit, G. J. Dobson. Cumberland—

Itawamba, supplied by A. M. Dykes.

Maibar, to be supplied. Reed circuit, E. C. Conaway. Woodland circuit, to be supplied. Okolona, T. W. Davis.

Okolona circuit, J. M. Thompson.

Shannon, supplied by O. L. Walls.

Starkville, Perry Jamison. Starkville circuit, Wm. Campbell.

Tupelo, Mack McEwen.

Tupelo circuit, supplied by H. C. Norment.

Union Grove, James Price.

West Point, W. E. Maske.

West Point circuit, Henry Cawthorne and J. M. Mitchell.

CORINTH DISTRICT—Richard Sewell, P. E. P. O., Holly Springs.

Ackerman, Grant Orange.

Bell, B. L. Nevils.

Bellefontaine, supplied by Samuel Cain.

Corinth, Obadiah Gillespie.

Corinth circuit, J. W. Washington.

French Camp, A. B. Blackman.

Greensborough, supplied by Anthony Frazier.

Houston, J. M. Lampkin.

Louisville, H. A. Johnson.

New Albany, Jesse Bartou.

Pontotoc, T. L. Ingram.

Ripley, W. H. Golden.

Sturgis, J. W. Walton.

Tampico, H. B. Gladney and H. G. Salter, supplied.

Webster, W. H. York.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—J. W. Davis, P. E.

Acrola and Hollandale, J. B. Starkey.

Clarksdale, supplied by P. S. Bowie.

Dublin, Jacob Stackhouse.

Faison, supplied by D. Johnson.

Greenville and Leland, N. H. Williams.

Gunnison, supplied by C. E. Lamar.

Helm, G. H. Harvey.

Lulu and Jonestown, Elias Troupe.

Indianola, Moses Adams.

Shelby, W. H. Gallion.

Stormsville, J. Louis Smith.

Tunica, C. A. Jordan.

Webb, L. W. Mosely.

Woodburn, S. P. Corprew.

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT—H. K. Revels, P. E. P. O., Holly Springs.

Abbeville, B. J. Woolfolk.

Batesville, S. D. Troupe.

Bright Prospect, C. W. Butler.

Eljah, L. C. McClelland.

Elliot, W. H. Scott.

Grenada, J. W. Parks.

Grenada circuit, H. A. Roberson.

Hernando, C. W. Walton.

Holly Springs circuit, J. C. Coffin.

Lodi, supplied by T. F. Hamilton.

Myrtle, M. B. Sykes.

Oxford, G. H. Houston.

Oxford circuit, W. F. Gillespie.

Vaiden, C. W. Whitehead.

Vaiden circuit, D. P. Shaw.

Water Valley, B. F. Penny.

Winona, L. P. Brown. O. E. Libby, President Rust University.

YAZOO RIVER DISTRICT—Warren McDonald, P. E. P. O., Columbus.

Bee Lake, Wm. Bell.

Carrollton, D. A. Bragg.

Crawford, D. L. Tubbs.

Deer Brook, Mishach Lockman.

Durant, Donaldson Greene.

Ex Prairie, Samuel Gibson.

Goodman, J. W. Winbush.

Greenwood, S. H. Nevils.

Ittabena, Alexander McBeth.

Kosciusko, J. M. Nevils.

Kosciusko circuit, Robert Hayes.

Lexington, A. W. Wright.

Macon, L. F. White.

McCool, F. G. Wilbon.

Mashulaville, L. L. Shumpert.

Minter City, L. W. Washington.

Pickens, C. P. Head.

Shugnalak, W. S. Leake.

Tchula, G. F. Leatherwood.

West, Andrew Lemmons.

J. H. McAllister and Elias Troupe left without appointments to attend our schools.

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Central Alabama Conference.

The fifteenth session of the Central Alabama Annual Conference convened at Mariou, Ala., Thursday, Jan. 29, 1891 at 9 a. m., with Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D. D., in the chair. The bishop conducted the opening religious exercises by reading and expounding Phillipians 3rd ch., and II Tim., 2nd ch. The Conference sang with great spirit and fervor the 77th hymn, after which the Bishop led in prayer. On assuming the chair Bishop Andrews addressed the conference with fatherly tenderness and devotion as he recalled the many changes which had taken place since he had presided over the conference some seven or eight years before. The roll call by A. W. McKinney, the secretary of the last conference, showed nearly all the members present. The following officers were elected: A. N. Jackson, secretary, with F. L. Teague and G. W. Mann, assistants; W. H. Nelson, statistical secretary, with E. M. Jones, T. C. Levert, E. B. McConley, A. S. Williams, M. M. McKinney, O. Nelson and S. B. Henderson, assistants; H. Matthews, conference treasurer, with A. S. Williams as assistant. The usual committees were appointed upon the nomination of the Presiding Elders. In addition to the Presiding Elders, the following were appointed on the committee on missions, viz. M. M. McKinney, W. H. Nelson, T. P. Phillips, G. W. Winn, and S. B. Henderson.

The Book Concern accounts were placed in the hands of O. Nelson for collection, A. W. McKinney was appointed railroad secretary. The following transfers were announced; Thos. M. Joiner from the North Carolina and A. S. Williams from the Mississippi Conferences to the Central Alabama. The Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church was introduced, and he and Prof. A. W. McKinney addressed the conference with remarkable effect.

The conference apportioned to the several districts and the charges the \$70 which it was requested to raise to defray the expenses of the Ecumenical conference. The bishop presented and the conference ordered a draft of \$30 on the Chartered Fund and one of \$40 on the Book Concern. Dividend. Important documents from Gammon Theological Seminary, the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, the Book Committee, Board of Conference Claimants, Sunday School Union and Tract Society and other official sources were referred to appropriate committees.

The Rev. Mr. Sellers of the M. E. Church South, was introduced. A. C. Comer was given a supernumerary relation and requested to locate next year. The relation of Frank Wethers was changed and he was made effective. The following were given or continued in supernumerary relation, viz. H. W. Comer, Lewis Hysler, O. R. Franklin, and Geo. Miller. The twentieth question was taken up and Israel Townsend, Presiding Elder of the Birmingham District reported his work and his character passed. Benediction by Rev. C. H. Payne.

SECOND DAY.—Devotional exercises by Rev. A. Nicholls. Rev. Dr. Hickman, president of Clark University was introduced, and addressed the conference in behalf of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in general and in behalf of Clark University, in particular. His address will no doubt greatly advance the cause of both, and insure the grandest jubilee for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society throughout the conference. Revs. T. M. Joiner and A. S. Williams, transfers, were introduced. The sum of \$153 was apportioned for the Episcopal Fund. The examination of characters was resumed and the following reported, and their character passed; Birmingham District; A. Nichols, E. B. McCauley, N. H. Spleight, W. Coleman, S. Roy, and H. D. Byrd. The case of J. Ellis, (absent) was referred to the Presiding Elder, for investigation.

W. F. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Dadeville District reported his work and his character passed, as did also the following on the district; A. N. Jackson, H. Matthews, Geo. McLeMore, S. J. Robinson, A. S. Williams, James Yarnell, W. H. Nelson, and B. Jackson. N. Snoddy was given a supernumerary relation, and D. R. Matthews, (absent) was given supernumerary relations. Wesley Prettyman, of the Huntsville District reported his work and his character passed, as did also the following: F. J. Brown, Wm. Perry, O. Nelson, C. Miller, J. Harper, T. J. Evans, G. W. Winn, T. J. Jackson D. B. Lewis had left his work.

Cain Rogers of the Montgomery District reported his work and his character passed, as did the following on the district; Z. T. Pearsoll S. B. Henderson, and G. W. Mann. The following were advanced to the second class of deacons, viz. P. G. Goins, F. L. Teague, and L. H. Nixon. L. W. Goodson was continued in the first class, and T. S. McMorris was located. The Presiding Elders reported the result of the vote on the admission of women in the General Conference as follows:

	FOR.	AGAINST.
Dadeville District.....	104	540
Huntsville ".....	151	218
Birmingham ".....	125	1026
Marion ".....	58	316
Montgomery ".....	62	200

The vote of the conference was for admission 16, against 30. Rev. Messrs. Larkin of the Congregational, and Key of the O. M. E. Churches were introduced. Benediction by Rev. O. R. Franklin.

THIRD DAY.—Rev. T. J. English led the devotional exercises. Rev. Drs. W. L. Davidson, agent of the S. S. Union, W. A. Spencer assistant corresponding secretary of the Board of Church Extension and A. E. P. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN were introduced, and they addressed the conference. The following remain on trial, viz. Wm. A. Bowers, (absent) G. W. Reeves, S. H. Veil, and J. H. Scoles continued in first year, and left without appointment to attend school. A. R. Spencer and J. O. Russell were discontinued. The following were also continued in the first years studies, T. J. English, R. H. Fleming, E. Frazier, A. C. Carter, G. R. Rogers, N. H. Redrick, David Richardson, Isaiah Perry, and G. G. Taggle. After a very impressive address from the bishop, Edward M. Jones was admitted into full connection.

J. C. Sammons and B. J. Smith, (absent) were continued and left without appointments to attend one of our schools. L. W. Hill and

John W. Lewis were also continued on trial.

The following traveling deacons were elected to elder's orders; Tony C. Levert, Robin Carter, and Wm. H. Bonds. The following were continued in the second class of deacons; Thos. P. Phillips, Haywood Adams, Lewis Drake, John T. Williams, and Ambrose C. Comer. The case of Thos. H. Ham was referred to the Presiding Elder for trial. The following local preachers were elected deacons: Riley H. Flemings, James W. Paul, Augustus G. Glenn, Geo. W. White, and Thos. J. English. Bishop Foss was requested to furnish Cato Matthews's duplicate credentials in place of originals which were lost. The following class was admitted on trial; James W. Paul, Augustus G. Glenn, Wm. Leewood, Wm. H. Jordan. Benediction by Dr. W. L. Davidson.

CONFERENCE SABBATH.—Was filled with good things. At 9 a. m. a love feast which filled every one with the holiest aspirations was led by Rev. A. W. McKinney. At 11 a. m. Bishop Andrews preached with great power to an overflowing congregation, which caught and treasured his words of comfort and joy which he delivered, with the greatest devotion, after which those elected to deacon's orders were ordained. At 3 p. m. Dr. W. A. Spencer displayed the already ripened harvest, to a vast multitude with great power, after which those elected to elder's orders were ordained. At 7:30 p. m. Dr. Albert preached to a house that was literally packed. The Lord was with the church and conference, and the Sabbath was a day of fat things never to be forgotten. Nearly all the white and colored churches of the city had their pulpits filled by ministers from the conference.

FIFTH DAY.—Huntsville was selected as the seat of next conference. The transfer of A. B. Allen from the Savannah Conference was announced. The conference resolved to hold all examinations hereafter on the day preceding the sitting of the Annual Conference. After considerable discussion it was decided to have all candidates pursue the regular traveling preacher's course of studies as laid down in the Discipline.

Achie D. Crowell from the A. M. E. Church was admitted on trial and his orders as a deacon recognized. The orders of G. W. Smith, an elder, from the A. M. E. Zion Church were recognized as a local elder. The credentials of Wm. Leewood were restored to him. B. D. Lewis was granted a license. John T. Williams was requested to locate at the next conference. The treasurer's report showed that \$1,021.40 had been collected for the several benevolent causes. The report on periodicals which was adopted by a rising vote pledged the most herculean efforts to circulate the SOUTHWESTERN, the House of Bondage and the Colored Man in the M. E. Church in every home. Strong and emphatic reports were also adopted touching the interests of Huntsville Academy, and the several benevolent causes. The following are the appointments:

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.—Israel Townsend, Presiding Elder. Anniston, P. G. Goins. Attalla and Macedonia, I. J. Robinson. Bessemer, Wm. H. Jordan. Birmingham, St. Pauls, A. B. Allen. Blount Springs, A. G. Glenn. Brownsville and East Birmingham, L. W. Goodson. Cedar Bluffs, to be supplied. Centre, Alfred Nichols. Collinsville and Ft. Payne, Spencer Ray. Euon, T. P. Phillips. Gadsden, E. B. McCauley. Heflin and Chocorocco, Haywood Adams. Horse Creek and Glossburg, Wm. Leewood. Howells Cross Roads, D. Richardson. Irondale and Brown's Chapel, to be supplied. Kidd street and Pell City, R. H. Fleming.

Oxford, N. H. Spleight. Springville and Whitney, J. W. Paul, H. D. Byrd. Warrior's and Holstone Chapel, S. H. Veil.

DADEVILLE DISTRICT.—W. F. Smith, Presiding Elder. Alexander City, M. M. McKinney. Ashland, to be supplied. Central Institute and Hixburg, to be supplied. Dadeville, Emmanuel Harrison. Eclectic, W. H. Bond. Fredonia, Israel Perry. La Fayette, A. N. Jackson. Opelika, Hiram Matthews. Pinkneyville, to be supplied. Randolph, James Yarnell. Roanoke, Berry Jackson. Roanoke Circuit, to be supplied (H. Barrow.)

Rockford, to be supplied (A. M. H. Evans.) Sandy Creek, Elijah Frazer. Sylacauga and Childersburg, to be supplied. Talladega and Ironaton, to be supplied. West Point, (Bluffton) W. H. Nelson.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.—Wesley Prettyman, Presiding Elder. Athens and Oakland, G. W. Mann. Blountville, G. W. Reeves. Courtland, J. C. Reid. Cedar Grove, R. Carter. Decatur, L. H. Mixon. Guntersville, to be supplied (G. W. White.)

Huntsville, J. S. Todd. Huntsville Circuit, to be supplied (E. L. Gary.) New Market, J. W. Lewis. Russellville, G. G. Tuggle. Scottsboro, T. M. Joiner. Stevenson, to be supplied (Wm. Strickland.) Somersville, F. Withers. Triana, Jackson Harper. Warrenton, to be supplied (H. Chandler.)

MARION DISTRICT.—H. N. Brown, Presiding Elder. Clinton, T. J. Jackson. Entaw, F. J. Brown. Gainesville and Soule Chapel, T. C. Le Vert. Marion, F. L. Teague. Murphy, C. Miller. Mr. Sterling, to be supplied (G. W. Smith.)

Mr. Sinai, J. Evans. Newbury, Wm. Perry. Oak Grove and Greensboro, to be supplied (C. Richwine.) Old Town, T. J. English. Selma, O. Nelson. Tuscaloosa, A. S. Williams. Union, to be supplied (Cato Matthews.)

"My time is up," said the doctor to the patient, whom he found using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and he was correct, for his cough had been cured.

Notes From the Central Alabama Conference.

Dr. C. H. Payne always receives a warm reception among our brethren in the South. His reception at this conference was specially so.

The missionary sermon by Rev. A. N. Jackson was soul reviving.

This conference is one of great moral and intellectual strength. May God ever bless and own it for his glory; and keep it always fervently consecrated, and strong, in all humility.

Gammon is well and worthily represented here. There are Revs. H. N. Brown, J. S. Todd, T. C. Le Vert, W. H. Nelson, A. S. Williams, E. M. Jones, and others here who are reflecting credit on that Institution; besides these Prof. A. W. and M. M. McKinney, N. H. Speight, Mixon, Teague and others, together with their strong Presiding Elders who are reflecting great credit on our work.

"I have used Ayer's Pills for the past 30 years, and am satisfied I should not be alive to-day if it had not been for them. They cured me of dyspepsia when all other remedies failed."

HAVE you read Dr. Haygood's Colored Man in the M. E. Church? If you have not, you can have no true idea of the history of the colored man in the M. E. Church. Send for a copy from this office. Price only \$1.25.

Something New.

Beginning with next week's issue, we will introduce several improvements in the make-up of our paper. Among them will be a department of Homiletics, wherein we will give our readers every week short sermons, sermon sketches, and outlines, prepared by some of the finest theologians of this age, and by the students and professors of Gammon Theological Seminary; a department of sciences, and many other improvements, which will greatly please our readers. Circulate the paper, and let everybody enjoy it.

Political Review.

Senatorial deadlocks continue in the States of Illinois and South Dakota.

Considerable effort is being made to reconcile all differences between Gov. Hill and Ex-President Cleveland, both being candidates for the Democratic nomination in '92—neither of whom can gain an election without the aid of the other. This is a wise move on the part of the Democracy, but not yet wholly successful. Henry Watterson has "put his foot in it" by writing a letter to Gov. Hill which was published before Hill received it, whereat the Governor got mad. To further add to the Democratic dilemma, Cleveland has written a letter strongly condemning the free coinage of silver which is a pet scheme of the Democratic party.

The Democrats realize that they have a big job on hand to defeat the Republicans in the next campaign, but their efforts to close up their ranks and heal all heartburnings are commendable. They will have the advantage of their recent victories in Congress, and whatever schisms there may be in the country, by way of third or independent party movements. Be it remembered that they have never won a victory since the war without the aid of such movements.

Appropriations and the routine work of Congress is progressing fairly well.

Personal.

—Rev. R. C. Barrow is at Pontchaton, La.

—Rev. B. J. Griffin desires all correspondence addressed to him at Morrilton, Ark.

—Correspondents are requested to address Rev. W. H. Morris at Little Rock, Ark.

—Correspondents may address Rev. D. D. Goodwin, at Carey, Miss.

—The appointment of A. Handy Summitt, Miss., was inadvertently omitted.

—Correspondents of Rev. O. H. Flowers may address him at Pearlinton, Miss.

—Bronham, Texas, is the address of Rev. A. Taylor.

—Correspondents please address Rev. S. Green at Robeline, La., P. O. Box, 26.

—J. R. Williams, of Shreveport, writes an appreciative letter concerning the work of Rev. A. McClocklin, on the Fairmount circuit. The people parted with him regretfully, yet warmly welcomed Rev. Braxton Bolden, the new pastor. —Chas. R. Magee, manager of the Boston Depository, made us a pleasant call with Bishop Mallie on Monday.

—After the absence of a month, the editor and Mrs. Albert have returned. They are now living at their residence, 1956 St. Charles Avenue, where they will be glad to welcome their friends.

"Alas, Alas!" the duke exclaims, "in my slender ankle I've got pains." "Don't fret," said his majesty, "I have some Salvation Oil."

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

I wish to inform you of the safe arrival, in good order, of my sewing machine. Everything with it also. Is giving perfect satisfaction. I am delighted with its work. SALLIE WHITE. Roseneath, Miss.

Marriages.

Plaquemine, La., Feb. 11.—Prof. J. L. James to Miss Amanda Maize. D. C. Pool officiated.

Yazoo City circuit, Jan. 29th, at the bride's residence, Mr. Chas. Jefferson to Miss Angelino Ball. I. W. Davis officiating.

Schreiner, La., Jan. 26.—Mr. Chas. Owens to Miss Alice Edward. C. Monroe officiated.

Brazoria, Texas.—On Monday night, Feb. 2d, Mr. Moses Hubbins to Mrs. Anno Austin at the bride's residence. L. Burton officiating.

On Thursday, Feb. 5, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Willie Francis to Miss Patsy Brown. H. J. Wright officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father Mr. Ephraim Moore, Mr. Geo. Mapp to Miss Vina Moore.—Jan. 25.

Jan. 23.—At the residence of Mr. C. Moore, the bride's father, Mr. Robert Horton to Miss Rosa Moore.

Jan. 29.—At the residence of Mr. P. Ranie, the bride's uncle, Mr. Frank Harris to Miss L. Thompson. P. R. Crump officiated. Forest, Miss.

Obituary.

The only daughter of Rev. J. Jackson, Pathaue A. Jackson, died Jan. 13, aged four years, ten months and nine days. For six months her suffering was very great, but she bore it patiently. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents, who have lost five girls and four boys.

Shubuta, Miss., Feb. 3d, 1891.—Sister Mary Jane Ivy, joined the M. E. Church at Shubuta three years ago, and lived a faithful Christian until her death. Her last words were, "Lord have mercy on me!" The church has lost a friend. She was a dutiful wife and a kind mother. Our heart pains, but Jesus smiles, and Heaven rejoices as she shouts her way to rest. A. J. McNair, P. C.

Bro. Hampton Morgan, departed this life Tuesday, Feb. 3d, aged 80 years, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn him. Bro. Morgan was converted in Nov. '89, and lived a faithful member. His last words were, "All is well."

Rev. L. Burton, Brazoria circuit, Texas.

Sister Agnes Wahlen died Feb. 6th. She was perfectly resigned. She died of consumption. She leaves a husband, mother and six children to mourn her. J. W. Davis, P. C., Yazoo City, Miss.

Bro. Nathan Austin died Jan. 25. He had been afflicted a long time. He was a soldier in the late war, where he contracted his disease. He was a faithful member of the Lynch Chapel. Before his death he called his wife and son to his bedside and told them what he had to say, and then gave up, and now he sleeps the sleep of death. He leaves a wife and son and a daughter to mourn him. C. H. Johnson, Vicksburg, Miss.

Sister Lucy Brown, wife of John Brown, of Schulenburg, Texas, is dead. (No date given.) She had been a steward in the church and a faithful worker since 1879. She was the mother of eight children—four of whom live to mourn.

Nelson Davis, P. C., attended her funeral.

Mrs. Emiline Jackson was born Dec. 25, 1855, at San Felipe, Texas, and died at Palestine, Texas, Jan. 27th, 1891—aged 34 years and 33 days. She leaves a husband and many friends to mourn her.

W. Wesley, P. E.

WOMEN IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Vote of Ministers.		
Conference	For	Against
Louisiana.....	32	93
Florida.....	6	30
Texas.....	35	35
St. John's River.....	12	6
Little Rock.....	16	16
Mississippi.....	11	33
Arkansas.....	28	
Antin.....	5	11
Southern-German.....	25	20
Central Alabama.....	16	50
South Carolina.....	33	53
Savannah.....	35	34
	250	366

Secretary Window.

The sudden death of Secretary Window profoundly impressed the country; and yet such a death immediate and painless, just as wise views of a great and pressing public question had been ably expressed, with a touching tone of timely warning, must be regarded for the dead as an euthanasia, although for the living the shock is tragical. The views of a Secretary of the Treasury, at a time when financial questions of the kind that now engage public attention are pending, could not be expected to be univer-

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

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sally approved. Especially upon the subject of free silver coinage he could not hold and express sound views without arousing the "free silver" opposition.

But there was universal confidence in the ability and fairness and high integrity of Secretary Windom. He was a man of great public experience and conservative moderation of temperament. His mind was hospitable to new ideas, but it was not erratic or unwisely impulsive. His official discretion was great, and his death at this moment is a serious public loss.—*Harper's Weekly*.

"Our Work in the South."

BY D. STEVENSON, D. D.

A pamphlet has fallen into my hands with this title, which I have been informed was circulated among the members of the Missionary Committee at the meeting of the Committee in Boston.

The latter part of the pamphlet consists of tables purporting to show the "missionary collections and expenditures," etc., in connection with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South for the last twenty-five years. The former part is an explanation of the tables. No name is signed to the pamphlet, and it contains no explanation of the object or the motive of its preparation. The reader is left to draw his own inferences from the array of figures which it presents.

Agassiz, on a certain occasion, in speaking of a certain book to which his attention had been called, said that he objected to it because it was simply declarative and not comparative in its presentation of facts.

Even if the figures in the pamphlet in question were all accepted as entirely correct, an objection would lie against it for the reason that, when all the fields of missionary work were to be considered and passed upon, this production appeared, separating the work of the church in the South from the work in all other parts of the world, and by its tabulations tending to leave the impression that the appropriations to this work had been very large for the progress of the work and the returns in the way of missionary collections. And that such an impression as this must have been produced upon the minds of some of the members of the committee seems to be evidenced by the fact of diminished appropriations to certain parts of this work.

I have no means at hand of knowing whether the figures claiming to give the appropriations to this work are correct or not. Concerning those claiming to give the number of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South, I have no hesitancy in saying that they are too low, and that I believe they are too low by 61,914.

Agreeably to the statistics to which I have had access, we have in the South at the present time 253,652 white, and 227,572 colored, members, making a total of nearly as many as one-half the entire membership of the Church South in all its fields of labor.

Twenty-five years ago, when the forward movement of the church in a southward direction began, there were 74,474 white and 29,664 colored members on what had been slave territory. The increase from that time to the present has been greater than any one could have had reasons to expect it would be. Of white members it has been 179,178, and of colored 196,908, making a total of 377,086.

Let us compare the progress of

the church at other times and in other fields of labor with this. In 1739 the corner-stone of the first Methodist chapel in the world was laid at Bristol, England. At the end of twenty-five years from that time the number of Methodists in Great Britain was thought to be large when it was found to be 25,000, and at the end of fifty years, when it had increased to 133,000 the fact was deemed to be worthy of much thankfulness to God. But this number, as large as it seemed then, is only a little more than one-third as great as the increase of membership in the South in twenty-five years.

Methodist societies began to be organized in America in 1766. At the end of twenty-five years from that time the establishment of societies in this country was thought to have made wonderful progress when the whole number of members enrolled amounted to 76,153; and the progress was thought to have been yet more wonderful relatively, when at the end of fifty years the number of members enrolled amounted to 211,165.

In 1790 Jesse Lee entered New England. At the end of twenty-five years from this date the number of Methodists in all the New England States amounted to no more than 11,974. At the end of fifty years it had grown to no more than 65,204. To-day, at the end of a hundred years, though its progress has been steady, it is not equal to the increase of the whites alone in the South in twenty-five years.

The first foreign mission field of the Methodist Episcopal Church was Liberia. The work was begun in this field in 1833, fifty-seven years ago. The whole number of members there to-day is only 2,999.

The work in South America was begun in 1836, fifty-four years ago. The number of members there to-day is only 1,570.

The work in China was begun in 1847, forty-three years ago. The whole number of members in that country to-day is only 5,615.

The work in Germany and Switzerland was begun in 1849, forty-one years ago. The whole number of members in those countries to-day is only 16,716.

The work in Scandinavia was begun in 1853, thirty-seven years ago. The whole number of members in that part of the world to-day is only 6,482.

The work in India was begun in 1856, thirty-four years ago. The whole number of members in that empire to-day is only 12,394.

The work in Bulgaria was begun in 1857, thirty-three years ago. The whole number of members there to-day is less than 200.

But summing up the members in all our foreign mission fields, including those in Italy, Mexico and Korea, we find that we have a total of only 68,798, at the end of fifty-seven years from the time of the establishment of our first mission station in Liberia. This is considerably less than one-fifth of the 377,086 increase in the South in twenty-five years.

Adding to the numbers in the foreign fields those in our Domestic Missions in Arizona, Black Hills, Indian Territory, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming (6,512), and we have a total of only 75,139, the whole number not quite equal to one-fifth of our increase in the South in the time named.

In making these comparisons I have used the term "only" in connection with the numbers denoting the progress of the work in our foreign missions. I have thus seemed to unify the results of our efforts in those fields. But I have designed to do this only relatively, while endeavoring to magnify the results of our efforts in the South. Our efforts in foreign fields have been crowned with marvelous success. But our efforts in the South have been crowned with success far more marvelous.—*Central*.

GRAY DAYS.

MARY KNAPP.

Some days dawn darkly, and the light is faint,
There seems no object in all life but care;
Friends are untrue, and those who should be kind
Are otherwise. All this is hard to bear.

Such days come into every earthly life,
Some hearts look heavenward and comfort find,
And these are blest. There is no greater peace
Than to be God-inclined.

Where faith comes easily grief will not stay,
But some sad hearts feel God is high and far.
Above the toiling of his children here
He shines like a fair star.

To you, who feel this, think of Christ—
His Son—
The Comforter. Even now he stands
Your weary heart—to take you in his arms—
And thus with you abide!

Palmyra, N. Y., 1891.

The Household.

A few Ways to Cook Oysters.

OYSTER PATTIES.—For twenty-four shells of puff paste allow two cans of oysters and half a pound of butter; mix two spoonfuls of flour with the butter; then melt and add a little salt and pepper, a few capers, a spoonful of chopped parsley and a little juice of the oysters. Mix well together and heat, put in the oysters and let boil one minute. Skim out oysters, beat the yolks of three eggs, mix with a spoonful of cold water and stir into the sauce. Put two or three oysters into each patty and dip sauce over each. Serve hot.—Prof. Pfan's Rule.

OYSTER FRITTERS.—A quart can of good-sized oysters, pour off the liquor and strain; add to it a large cupful of sweet milk, three eggs well beaten and a little salt; then thicken with flour to make a batter; stir in the oysters; have ready a kettle of hot lard or suet; drop in a large spoonful at a time. Have ready a colander to drain them in. Serve while hot.

CREAMED OYSTERS.—Put twenty-five oysters in a double kettle until the gills curl (about ten minutes). Drain and save one cup of the liquor. Put two ounces of good butter into a saucepan. When melted, stir in two spoonfuls of flour; mix without browning; add one egg of cream and the gill of oyster liquor. Stir until it boils; add half a teaspoonful of salt, a dash of pepper and salt the oysters; cook one minute and serve. Many people prefer to leave out the oyster liquor and use all cream.—Mrs. Rorer's Rule.

Warmed-over bisquets can hardly be told from new ones if they are set dry in a close pan and covered while re-heating.

Wash matting with soap and water and wipe very dry. Cane bottom chairs may be thus washed and dried in the open air.

Never iron silk with a hot iron, as it takes the stiffness out of it. If necessary to press it, lay the piece of silk between newspapers.

A soothing application for burns is to cover them with the white of an egg. It forms a coating over the injured part and protects it from the external air.

Plush furniture should never be switched in cleaning a room, but use a bristle brush. A small paint brush is desirable, and is also a great help in dusting shutters, etc.

The "House of Bondage," thrilling, charming, and wonderful, is out in book form; and is on sale at this office. Every reader of the SOUTHWESTERN should send for a copy at once. Price, 75c. The introduction, written by Bishop McIlhenny, is worth the price of the book.

Our Symposium.

Truth in a Nutshell.

If a colored man steals a hog, commits a rape or murder, or engages in a riot, he at once takes a conspicuous position in the eyes of the whole community, and is regarded with great interest. The court house is thronged when he is tried, and even when he passes along the street in custody of an officer, there is great curiosity to know what he has been doing. Thus the white community is constantly being brought in contact with the offcasts and cutcasts of the colored people, and naturally enough forms its conception of all from the bad conduct of a few. But the refined and pleasant homes, the thousands of benevolent and Christian enterprises that are in constant operation among colored people, the well conducted churches, schools, colleges, societies and other civilizing and humanizing instrumentalities attract almost no attention from the whites, and, consequently, exert almost no influence upon their idea of their progress. It is a misfortune to both races that the white people are so constantly forced to witness and learn of the bad conduct of the saloon-loafers and criminals of the colored race and that they take such pains to keep themselves from witnessing the decent and creditable performances of the intelligent, virtuous and industrious ones. The bugbear of social equality is the cause of this unfortunate condition of things, the white man fearing that he will forfeit his social standing if he returns the salute of a decent respectable colored man, and thinks that he degrades himself by sitting on the same bench, eating at the same table or shaving at the same shop with his brother in black. When the time arrives when white men will have as many opportunities to learn of the good among the colored people as of the bad, this condition of things will change.—Western Appeal.

Why should there be such fierce opposition to importing Chinese laborers—degraded and servile creatures—and so little objection to the Democratic idea of disfranchising and degrading the laboring men of this country, especially the blacks? If the black laborers of the South are beaten down, defrauded of their rights, intimidated and brutalized, the effect upon the intelligent laboring man of the North is the same as if we were afflicted with millions of Chinese.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

By All Odds

The most generally useful medicine is Ayer's Pills. As a remedy for the various diseases of the stomach, liver, and bowels, these pills have no equal. Their sugar-coating causes them not only to be pleasant to take, but preserves their medicinal integrity in all climates and for any reasonable length of time. The best family medicine, Ayer's Pills are, also, unsurpassed for the use of travelers, soldiers, sailors, campers, and pioneers. In some of the most critical cases, when all other remedies have failed,

Ayer's Pills prove effective. "In the summer of 1861 I was sent to the Annapolis hospital, suffering with chronic diarrhea. While there, I became so reduced in strength that I could not speak and was compelled to write everything I wanted to say. I was then having some 25 or 30 stools per day. The doctors ordered a medicine that I was satisfied would be of no benefit to me. I did not take it, but purchased Ayer's Pills, about two o'clock in the afternoon I took six of these pills, and by midnight began to feel better. In the morning the doctors came again, and after deciding that my symptoms were more favorable, gave me a different medicine, which I did not use, but took four more of the pills noticed. The next day the doctors came to see me, and thought I was doing nicely, (and so did I). I then took one pill a day for a week. At the end of that time, I considered myself cured and that Ayer's Pills had saved my life. I was then weak, but had no return of the disease, and gained in strength as fast as could be expected."—F. C. Luce, Late Lieut. 60th Regt. Mass. Vol. Infantry.

The Best I have ever used for headaches, and they act like a charm in relieving any disagreeable sensation in the stomach after eating."—Mrs. M. J. Ferguson, Phillips, Va. "I was a sufferer for years from dyspepsia and liver troubles, and found no permanent relief until I commenced taking Ayer's Pills. They have effected a complete cure."—George W. Mooney, Walla Walla, W. T.

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ST. CHARLES AVENUE CHURCH.—Rev. L. Morgan Woods pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m.; prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

BOYNTON M. E. CHURCH.—Lafayette street and Main, Gretna, La. Rev. Hiram Wilson, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting at 8 a. m.; Sunday-school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; class, Monday evening at 7 p. m.; communion, monthly, third Sunday; general class, every first Monday evening.

CLINTON STREET CHURCH.—Clinton street near St. Charles avenue. Rev. Henry Taylor, pastor. Services every Sunday.

OAMPARAPET CHURCH.—Rev. Simon Evans, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting at 8 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath-school 1 p. m.; class meeting Thursday evening.

CUSHMAN CHAPEL. on Carrollton avenue—Rev. Frank Walker, pastor. Public worship Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath-school at 1 p. m.

FIRST STREET CHURCH.—corner of First and Dryades streets; Rev. J. W. Hilton, pastor. Sabbath services: prayer meeting, 11, 3 and 7 p. m.; communion, monthly, on the first Sunday; Sunday-school 1 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening; general class every fourth Sunday evening; preaching, Thursday night, 7 p. m.

HAVEN CHAPEL.—Jefferson street, Carrollton, La. Rev. M. J. Dyer, pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school at 1 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening; preaching Thursday evening.

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FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON VIII. Elisha's Successor. 2 Kings 2. 11-25. Feb. 22, 1891. Commit to memory verses 12-14. B. C. 896.

HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 2. 12-22. Tu. 1 Kings 19. 19-21. W. 2 Kings 3. 14-20. Th. Exod. 15. 23-27. F. Acts 1. 6-11. S. John 4. 8-14. S. Psa. 145. 14-21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zech. 4. 6.

LESSON HYMN. C. P. M.

Lord, if thou didst thyself inspire Our souls with intense desire Thy goodness to proclaim; Thy glory if we now intend, O let our deeds begin and end Complete in Jesus' name.

O let our love and faith abound; O let our lives, to all around, With purest luster shine; That all around our works may see, And give the glory, Lord, to thee, The heavenly light divine.

Time.—B. C. 896. Following closely the incidents of the last lesson.

Places.—The Jordan and Jericho.

Rulers.—Same as before.

Connecting Links.—This lesson contains the second part of the story begun in the lesson studied last Sunday.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. A Prophetic Token, v. 12-24. What did Elisha say when Elijah disappeared? When and where was Elisha again seen? See Matt. 17. 3. What did Elisha do in token of grief?

What did he have that belonged to Elijah? What did he do with the mantle? What question did he ask? What was the result of smiting the waters?

What Christian grace did he show in this act? 2. The Prophetic Spirit, v. 15-18. What did sons of the prophets say about Elisha? How did they show him honor? What request did they make about Elisha? What was Elisha's reply? Why did he at length yield to their request?

How long did they search, and with what result? Where did Elisha wait for them? What did he say to them?

3. Prophetic Power, v. 19-22. What did the men of Jericho say about the city? What did Elisha bid them do? What use did he make of the salt? What did he say?

What was the result of his acts and words? When before had waters been sweetened? See Exod. 15. 25. How was this miracle wrought? Golden Text.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That God answers prayer? 2. That God rewards fidelity in his service? 3. That God gives power to his servants?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

How many times in Bible history were flowing waters divided so as to form a passage across? By what miracle did the Lord Jesus change the nature of water.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school]

1. What did Elisha receive when his master was taken to heaven? The mantle of Elijah.

2. What did he do with it? He smote the waters of the Jordan.

3. What happened to the waters? They parted hither and thither.

4. From what did the pleasant city of Jericho suffer? From bad water.

5. What did Elisha do? Cast salt into the spring.

6. What did God then do? Heated the waters so they did no more harm.

EXPLANATIONS.

Chariot. horsemen — With Elijah vanishes the strongest earthly support of the nation. He had done more for Israel than all

her warriors. Rent them—Renting clothes was a symbol of acute grief. The mantle of Elijah—Elisha must have taken this up with a thrill of triumph, for it meant to him the answer to his prayer. Smote the waters—He used the mantle not as a wonder-working rod, but as an emblem of divine power, for as he smote he cried out to God. Bowed themselves—In the East men are more formal and ceremonious than here; this bowing was a recognition of Elisha's eminence. Seek thy master—Search for the corpse of the prophet, who seemed to have been destroyed by the cyclone they had just witnessed. He was ashamed—He was driven from his sensible position by their foolish importunity. Naught—An Old-English word meaning bad, like our "naughty." The water was unhealthful, perhaps poisonous. The ground barren—The result, evidently, of the water, which caused infertility. A new cruse—A vessel never used before; chosen as an emblem of purity.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—The indwelling Spirit.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

22. How did God make man's soul? God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." Gen. 2. 7.

23. How do the soul and body differ? The body is material and mortal, the soul is spiritual and immortal.

24. Was man created good? He was; God created man in his own image. Gen. 1. 27.

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Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference. First Round.

Macon.....	Feb. 21-22
Shugnakal.....	Feb. 28, Mar. - 1
Shuglakal.....	" 7-8
Deerbrook.....	" 14-15
Crawford.....	" 21-22
McCool.....	" 28-29
Kosciusko.....	" 28-29
Moskisko circuit.....	" 28-29
West Station.....	" 28-29
Durant.....	Apr. - 1
Picken.....	" 2-3
Goodmans.....	" 4-5
Empoier.....	" 11-15
Lexington.....	" 15
Techna.....	" 16
Bee Lake.....	" 18-19
Minter City.....	" 21
Ittabona.....	" 22
Carrollton.....	" 22
Greenwood.....	" 25-26

Brethren please take notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Let us do more for the church this year than any preceding it. Raise your benevolent collections and forward them to the general church treasurer before the annual conference meets. W. McDONALD, P. E.

North New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference. First Round.

Mallien Chapel.....	Feb. 26
Gretna and Waggaman.....	" 22
Lafayette Chapel.....	" 24
Lower Coast.....	" 27
St. Mat. hew.....	Mar. - 1
Pleasant Plains.....	" 3
Mormon Chapel.....	" 6
Union Chapel.....	" 13
Asbury Chapel.....	" 13
St. Paul and Paulville.....	" 15
Mandeville.....	" 15
White Hall.....	" 30
St. Charles.....	Apr. 5
St. John.....	" 12
Milneburg.....	" 18

EMPEROR WILLIAMS, P. E.

Vicksburg District, Mississippi Conference. First Round.

Meadville.....	Feb. 21-22
Hamburg.....	Feb. 28, Mar. - 1
Union Ch. pel.....	" 7-8
Natchez.....	" 10-12
Fayette.....	" 14-15
Vicksburg.....	" 21-22
Rolling Fork.....	" 28-29
Sandover Mission.....	Apr. 4

The district stewards will meet at Fayette Mar. 9. Pastors will please give notice to that effect.

S. A. COWAN, P. E.

Nashville District, Tennessee Conference. Second Round.

Linsden Hill Mission.....	Feb. 21-22
Nashville.....	Feb. 28, Mar. - 1
Nashville—Deay's Chapel.....	" 7-8
Murfreesboro.....	" 12-15
Stone River circuit.....	" 14-15
Murfreesboro circuit.....	" 22-23
Spencer circuit.....	" 21-22
Farmington circuit.....	" 28-29
Shelbyville circuit.....	" 27-28
Fox Camp circuit.....	Apr. 2-3
Tullahoma circuit.....	" 4-5
Hillsboro circuit.....	" 5-6
McMinville circuit.....	" 11-12
McMinville.....	" 12-14
Sparta.....	" 18-19
Sparta circuit.....	" 17-18
Flat Rock circuit.....	" 24-25
Thompson Chapel.....	" 26-27

Brethren: Urge the benevolent collections. Call the various committees together, and have them ready with written reports. Yours in the work, J. P. PRICE, P. E.

Atlanta District, Savannah Conference. First Round.

LaGrange.....	Feb. 20-22
LaGrange circuit.....	" 21-22
Grantville.....	Feb. 27, Mar. - 1
Grantville circuit.....	" 8-9
Newnan.....	" 8-9
Newnan circuit.....	" 8-9
Heard.....	" 14-15
Palmetto.....	" 20-22
Palmetto circuit.....	" 21-22
Cross Anchor.....	" 28-29
Fairburn.....	" 28-29
University charge.....	Apr. 3-5
South Atlanta.....	" 4-5
Chapel Street.....	" 10-12
Loyd Street.....	" 17-19
Lutherville.....	" 25-25

District stewards will meet in Newnan Ga., Mar. 4, 9 o'clock a. m. The stewards may leave home in the morning from either terminus of the road on the same day of the meeting and return on the same day, if they like. I trust the pastors will notify the district stewards to be on hand. Dear brethren, let us begin with the year and see if we cannot make '91 the most successful of our ministry. A. J. WILSON, P. E.

Rome District, Savannah Conference. First Round.

Douglass.....	Feb. 21-22
Temple.....	Feb. 28, Mar. - 1
Tallapoosa.....	" 7-8
Shady Grove.....	" 14-15
Summerville.....	" 21-22
Chickamauga Park.....	" 24-25
Floyd.....	" 28-29
Adairsville.....	Apr. 4-5
Cartersville.....	" 11-12
Marietta.....	" 18-19
Rome—Second Church.....	" 25-26
—First Church.....	" 26-27
circuit.....	May 2-3
Cave Spring.....	" 9-10
Cedartown.....	" 16-17

The district stewards will meet at Rome First Church, Tuesday, Mar. 10 at 11 o'clock a. m. Brethren, please notify the district stewards, and have them attend or attend yourselves, as business of importance demand your presence. Assessments for benevolent collections will be sent you at an early date. Let us begin work in earnest. Let us make Mar. 29, Easter Sunday, a grand day for missions. Let us begin to push now. All at it; and always at it.

Tennessee River District. Third Round.

Ramer.....	Feb. 28, Mar. - 1
Adamsville.....	" 7-8
Clifton.....	" 14-15
Waynesboro.....	" 21-22
Lawrenceburg.....	" 28-29
Dever and Springville.....	Apr. 4-5
Chamberland and Dickson.....	" 11-12
Petersburg and Lewisburg.....	" 18-19
Springhill and Franklin.....	" 25-26
Brentwood and Beach Grove.....	" 2-3
Fountain Creek and City, Miss.....	" 9-10
Chickasaw.....	" 25-26

Brethren, let us do all we can for the different collections of the church, and the Southwestern

J. B. BRADFORD, P. E.

Birmingham District. First Round.

Birmingham—Ehon.....	Feb. 14-15
Mt. Pleasant.....	" 21-22
Trondale.....	Feb. 28, " 1
Brownsville.....	" 7-8
St. Paul.....	" 14-15
Warrior.....	" 21-22
Blount Springs.....	" 28-29
Village Springs.....	Apr. 4-5
Springville.....	" 11-12
Attalla.....	" 18-19
Collinsville.....	" 25-26
Gadsden.....	May 2-3
Cedar Bluff.....	" 9-10
Centre.....	" 16-17
Howell Cross Roads.....	" 23-24
Aniston.....	" 30-31
Oxford.....	June 6-7
Heflin.....	" 13-14
Kidd Street.....	" 20-21
Horse Creek.....	" 27-28
Bessemer.....	July 4-5

I. TOWNSEND, P. E.

Marion District, Central Alabama Conference. First Round.

New Bern.....	Feb. 21-22
Oak Grove.....	Feb. 28 and Mar. - 1
Old Town, Simpson.....	" 7-8
Eutaw.....	" 14-15
Tuscaloosa.....	" 21-23
Gainesville.....	" 28-29
Clinton, Mt. Moriah.....	Apr. 4-5
Union.....	" 11-12
Mt. Sterling.....	" 18-19
Mt. Sterling.....	" 25-26
Salina.....	May 3-4
Murphy.....	" 10-11

Dear Brethren: Two thousand souls for Christ this year and \$400 for our benevolent claims is the standard for the Marion District. Don't forget the "Southwestern." Send in the money and names.

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H. H. BROWN, P. E.

San Antonio District, West Texas Conference. First Round.

Pleasanton.....	Feb. 21-22
Hondo.....	Feb. 28 and Mar. - 1
Floresville.....	" 4-5
Beeville.....	" 7-8
Cleburn.....	" 14-15
Platonia.....	" 21-22
Gonzales.....	" 28-29
Gonzales circuit.....	Apr. 4-5
Bellmont.....	" 11-12
Lockhart.....	" 18-19
Luling.....	" 25-25
Seguin.....	May 2-3
Laverno.....	" 9-10

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Forest City District, Little Rock Conference. First Round.

Marianna and Marvel.....	Feb. 21-22
Forest City.....	Feb. 28 and Mar. - 1
Forest City circuit.....	" 1
Palestine.....	" 8-9
Brinkley and Clarendon.....	" 8-8
Cottontail.....	" 14-15
Brinkley circuit.....	" 15-16
Batesville.....	" 21-22
Jacksonport.....	" 28-29
Newport.....	Apr. 4-5
Bledsoe.....	" 11-12
Osceola.....	" 14-15
Wynne and Crawfordville.....	" 18-19

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The General Book Committee.

The annual meeting of the General conference Book Committee, began its session in Cincinnati, Ohio, Wednesday, Feb. 10. The day before were held the preliminary meetings of the two sections, East and West, E. W. Tuttle presiding over the former, and Dr. W. F. Whitlock over the latter. In these were considered the respective interests of the two Book Concerns at New York and Cincinnati, including the reports of the local committees.

At ten o'clock, Wednesday, the full committee was called to order by president Amos Shinkle. After devotional exercises by Bishop Andrews, Dr. G. S. Chadbourne, secretary, called the roll, and the following answered to their names: G. S. Chadbourne, New England Conference; L. C. Queal, Central New York; M. H. Moore, Erie; W. F. Whitlock, Central Ohio; E. W. S. Peck, Washington; Clem Studebaker, Northwest Indiana; C. G. Truesdell, Rock River; T. McK. Stuart, Des Moines; N. A. Chamberlain, Colorado; I. B. Scott, Texas; W. H. Webster, Illinois; C. A. Loeber, Chicago German; W. S. Harrington, Oregon; Ezra B. Tuttle, R. A. W. Bruehl, Richard Dymond, of the local committees.

The president announced the committees: On report of Eastern Agents, C. G. Truesdell, L. C. Queal, R. A. W. Bruehl; on Report of Western Agents, E. B. Tuttle, W. H. Webster, G. S. Chadbourne; on Salaries, T. McKendree Stuart, E. W. S. Peck, N. A. Chamberlain; on Depositories, C. Studebaker, C. A. Loeber, H. H. Moore; on Periodicals, R. Dymond, W. F. Whitlock, I. B. Scott; on Estimate for the Support of Bishops, H. H. Moore, C. A. Loeber, G. S. Chadbourne; on Report to Annual Conferences, L. C. Queal, T. McKendree Stuart, N. A. Chamberlain; on Credits, C. A. Loeber, R. A. W. Bruehl, I. B. Scott; on Discounts, W. F. Whitlock, N. A. Chamberlain, E. B. Tuttle; on Real Estate, E. W. S. Peck, C. G. Truesdell, W. S. Harrington; on Dividends, W. S. Harrington, R. Dymond, H. H. Moore; Miscellaneous, R. A. W. Bruehl, C. Studebaker, I. B. Scott; on Expenses to General Conferences, W. H. Webster, G. S. Chadbourne, L. C. Queal; Special Committee on General C. B. Fisk, E. B. Tuttle, L. C. Queal, R. Dymond.

The reports of the Agents and of the Local Committees were presented and properly referred. A special committee was named on the distribution of the dividends to the Annual Conferences, a difference having arisen between the Agents and the Board of Conference Claimants as to which has the right to distribute the dividend, viz:

L. C. Queal, G. S. Chadbourne, C. G. Truesdell, C. A. Loeber, Clem Studebaker.

Reports of the editors of the *Review*, *Western*, *Central*, *Pittsburg*, *Haus und Herd*, *Apologist*, *Northern*, *Methodist Advocate* and *Epworth Herald* were presented and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

These reports indicated continued prosperity.

The committee on the *Methodist Advocate* reported their management of that paper *ad interim*, and the report was adopted.

Special Committees on the death of General Fisk and Dr. Krehbiel, assistant editor *Apologist*, were appointed: Brethren Bruehl, Loeber, Dymond.

Judge E. L. Fancher was unanimously elected a member of the Eastern Local Committee, *vice* General Fisk, deceased.

On motion, New York was chosen as place of next meeting.

THURSDAY.

Bishop Andrews, who was present yesterday, went home last night, and the bishops present to day are Bishops Walden, Merrill and Joyce.

Dr. Hurlbut reported for our nine Sunday-school publications. Increased circulation in each. The *Sunday-school Journal* is now the largest magazine for Sunday-schools in existence.

E. B. Tuttle reported on the reports of the Western Agents and Local Committee at Cincinnati. We quote a few paragraphs:

"It is gratifying to note the fact that the transactions of eleven months almost equal the record of the full year preceding, showing most conclusively that the same untiring energy which has heretofore characterized the Western House has not abated."

"We regret the loss of \$5,434 on the *Epworth Herald* as small, compared to the loss usually sustained in the starting of a new paper, and believe its rapid increase in circulation will soon put it on a paying basis."

T. McK. Stuart presented the report on salaries. The rates of last year were maintained; except \$500 each was added to allowance for house-rent for the bishops residing in Chicago, Washington, and Boston.

Dr. Edwards reported for the *Northeastern*, Dr. Buckley for the *New York Advocate*, and Dr. Albert (letter) for the *SOUTHWESTERN*, New Orleans.

Hon. Clem Studebaker reported for Committee on Depositories. All show profits, except San Francisco. Committee recommended discontinuance of all that do not pay.

Dr. H. H. Moore, for Committee on Estimate for Support of Bishops, recommended $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on every one hundred dollars received for ministerial support in each conference exclusive of missionary appropriations.

Dr. E. W. S. Peck reported for Committee on Real Estate. Total increase of real estate, \$110,077.23. Total real estate values, \$1,209,949.82. The purchase of the new property in St. Louis was approved. The proposition of the Western Agents to improve the property on Plum and Home streets, Cincinnati, to supply the apparent necessity in the want of room and other additions for the management of business, was approved the cost not to exceed \$100,000.

The following report on the death of General Fisk was adopted:

GENERAL CLINTON B. FISK.

Was no ordinary man. He was endowed by nature with gifts which distinguished him in every department of work to which he gave his time and attention. As a public speaker he stood in the front rank, even among those whose profes-

sions called them into public life. In the service of his country he rose from the command of a regiment to the rank of a general. As a member of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society he was active and efficient. He was a member of four General Conferences, and at two sessions was chairman of the Committee on the Book Concern. He became a member of the Book Committee in 1880, and remained a member until his death. He was chairman of the commission appointed to secure property for the new building in New York, and made one of the addresses at its dedication. As a member of the Building Committee he was active, sagacious, and helpful. In our annual sessions he was a leading member, and his services were recognized as of superior value. He was honored by the whole church, and his loss is deeply felt. He died in the midst of his usefulness, and his memory will be cherished with honor and satisfaction.

E. B. TUTTLE,
L. C. QUEAL,
R. DYMOND.

This action was taken on the death of Dr. Krehbiel:

Report of the Committee "On the Death of Rev. Jacob Krehbiel, D. D."

Whereas, In the providence of God, Rev. Dr. Jacob Krehbiel, for fourteen years assistant editor of the *Christliche Apologete*, was called to his heavenly reward, July 19, 1890,—

Resolved, That in his death we mourn the loss of a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful and efficient servant of the church, who was worthy of the high esteem of those who knew him.

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere sympathy for his bereaved wife and family, and request the secretary to forward a copy of this minute to them.

R. A. W. BRUEHL,
C. A. LOEBER,
RICHARD DYMOND.

Dr. Truesdell reported for Committee on the New York Book Concern, highly commending the business methods and success of that house.

The following was adopted: we advise: 1. That in the presence of conflicting instructions, until the next General Conference, the following be observed by our Book Agents and by the Board of Conference Claimants: One-half of the dividend from the profits of the Book Concerns be distributed by the Board of Conference Claimants on the basis of the number and needs of claimants, as directed in ¶310, and one half by the Book Agents, as directed in ¶429.

Ayes, 12—Chadbourne, Queal, H. H. Moore, Whitlock, Peck, Stuart, Chamberlain, Scott, Tuttle, Shinkle, Bruehl, Dymond, Nay's, 5—Studebaker, Truesdell, Webster, Loeber, Harrington.

Dr. Harrington reported for the Committee on Dividend to the Annual Conferences. As adopted, the report declared \$120,000 dividend, being an increase of \$10,000. The New York house will pay sixty per cent of this, the Western House forty per cent, being the same proportion as last year.

Dr. Whitlock reported for the Committee on Discounts; R. Dymond for Committee on Periodicals; Dr. Webster for Committee on General Conference Entertainment; and R. A. W. Bruehl for Committee on Credit.

Circulations of periodicals:

Methodist Review.....	1889	1890
Christian Advocate.....	5,700	6,200
Northern Christian Advocate.....	52,000	51,200
Southwestern Christian Adv.....	9,240	8,820
Western Christian Advocate.....	4,400	5,250
Northeastern Christian Adv.....	32,125	33,750
Central Christian Advocate.....	20,200	21,800
Pittsburg Christian Advocate.....	21,000	21,000
Christian Apologist.....	11,400	12,000
Epworth Herald.....	19,150	19,300
Haus und Herd (monthly).....	7,800	7,900

Sunday-school Journal.....	180,000	174,450
Sunday-school Advocate.....	338,000	343,100
Sunday-school Classmate.....	303,300	215,600
Picture Lesson Paper.....	353,500	370,450
Berean Intermediate Quarterly.....	1,468,375	1,482,750
Berean Beginner's Quarterly.....	571,750	598,300
Leaf Cluster.....	152,675	208,375
Good Tidings.....	4,724	2,920
Good Tidings.....	37,750	42,500
Berean Lesson Picture.....	30,560	31,000
Sunday-school Bell (German).....	24,640	26,580
Bible Lesson (German).....	41,000	42,500

*This apparent loss is due to change in fiscal year. November would have brought up the average.

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The following is the Committee's address to the Annual Conferences:

To the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

In accordance with the directions of the Discipline, we present to the Annual Conferences the report of the condition of the publishing interests of our church.

It is an occasion of gratitude to our Gracious Father that we are permitted to report increasing prosperity in everything that pertains to the mission and work of our publishing interests. By wise planning and careful management in the past, this efficient auxiliary to the church's work of evangelizing the world has been established upon foundations broad and enduring. And it is ours simply to carry forward the work with the same zeal and faith that characterized those who laid the foundations. This, in an eminent sense, is your institution, and you should jealously guard its every interest, and help it forward to its highest possible efficiency.

The net capital over and above all liabilities is as follows: The New York Book Concern, \$1,946,815.92, and the Western Book Concern, \$1,010,513.52, making a grand total of \$2,957,331.44.

The sale of books and periodicals for the year ending June 30, 1890, from the New York house and its depositories was \$961,906.93, and from the Western house and its depositories for eleven months, \$807,956.91. Upon these there has accrued to the church a net profit of \$264,421.59. After deducting all disbursements ordered for the year, there remains a net gain of \$135,973.05, with which the two Concerns enter upon the business of the present fiscal year.

The rapidly growing volume of our business at Cincinnati has made necessary a material enlargement of our buildings for manufacturing and publishing work. To meet this demand we have arranged for the erection of suitable buildings on lots now in our possession, contiguous to our present buildings.

We believe that, with a confidence fully warranted by the facts, we are permitted to call your attention to the superior character of the publications issuing from our press—a book literature that meets the needs of a rapidly growing church in all departments of her work, and that should be largely in the hands of our ministry, in the libraries of our Sabbath-schools, and in the possession of our people. These are your most helpful assistants in the development of syncretical christian character.

The constant enlargement of the circulation of our periodical literature is a very gratifying fact. It evinces that our people are growing in that culture that develops the best types of christian life and character, and is a prophecy of great blessing to the church of the immediate future. The religious periodical is the silent, constant teacher of the doctrines of our holy faith.

The *Epworth Herald*, the young-

est of our periodical sisterhood, has been before the church but seven months; but its brief history has demonstrated that it was no mistaken policy that called it into existence to meet the needs of the young people's societies of our church.

While we recognize that the chief mission of our publishing house is to furnish our people with a pure and healthful christian literature, yet we can but rejoice in the fact that, as a secondary realization, we are enabled to appropriate so large an amount to be used by the Annual Conferences in the assistance of needy claimants. We believe these facts place every Methodist preacher under obligations to uncompromising loyalty to an institution of whose benefits they are so largely the recipients.

Better appliances, larger facilities, and more effective methods for the diffusion of our book and periodical literature throughout the church will, through your co-operation, help forward our work to an era of unexampled prosperity and usefulness. Submitting, therefore, these results to your consideration, we appeal to you as the agencies through which our great mission may be attained, and a literature at once Methodist and christian given the widest possible field of usefulness.

L. C. QUEAL,
T. MCK. STUART,
N. A. CHAMBERLAIN.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sight-Seeing.—XI.

L. M. HAGOOD.

As the steamer plows her way through the billowy deep, whose surface is covered here and there by peaceful "white caps", there breaks in upon the vision a ship bound for the States from Canada. As she passes the salute from steamer and passenger is given with much hilarity. Look where you will and nothing can now be seen but water for we are now on the "foundations of the mighty deep with the flood gates" above us. We realize we are on Lake Ontario. One passenger regrets that the waves are so tame and says that such a ride is nothing if not boisterous. We find that the gentleman from Alabama is besides us; and another from Texas, and one from Georgia are in front of us and Mr. Smith sits on the other side of us. Here we found them enjoying our talk without any sign of embarrassment because of our color. It may not be so in religious matters but we note that changes of time and of place, does make changes in men's minds. To the left, as we approached the city, whose dim outline appears in the distance is Island Park, a summer resort for Torontonians and others who wish a days outing. Flags are seen flying nearly everywhere on the Island. It is a beautiful sight more so doubtless by contrast than it would otherwise be since it breaks the monotony of the sight of water. Now we can see the spires and domes of churches and public buildings in Toronto. Nearing the wharf, steamers, ships, sloops, schooners and fishing smacks, are seen everywhere. We acknowledge we were happy, real happy to place our feet on the soil where every man is a free man in all that term means; where no one calls another master; where you can get anything you can pay for and not be treated either as an object of pity or an escaped convict. Going to the Hotel Albion, we registered alongside Southern gentlemen with no distinction save that manifested by the penmanship we left upon the register. Mr. Smith, having relations in the city,

and having often visited it was acquainted with the proprietor and took special pains to ask the clerk for him. When he arrived he introduced me by saying: "Mr. Sachs, this is a colored gentleman from my state. There his color is somewhat against him among Irish and low white folks, but up here nothing of the sort obtains. He could hardly find entertainment in our hotels there, though doubtless he would be the equal, if not the superior, of many who would object to his being entertained. I told him I knew you, and when he told me he was coming to your house, I determined to come here and tell you who he is and." "Well Mr. Smith," said the proprietor, "I am happy to form the acquaintance of the gentleman, but hope, while our friendship is intact, and I am obliged to you for your kindness to one who proposes to be my guest, he will not for a moment imagine that it was at all necessary for any one to introduce him to receive the attention accorded guests of this house." "No, no I did not mean that, but I just wanted to let you folks see we Southerners appreciate people according to their merits as you all do," said Mr. Smith. A nod by the proprietor to the clerk caused a gong to sound, and a bell-boy grabbed our valise, and promising to meet Mr. Smith another time, we were conducted to our room on the first floor. This is said to be one of the first class hotels of the city. From two to three hundred guests dine at once, i.e., there is seating capacity for this number. To say the house is first class is significant enough. Wherever we went, to the office table to write, to the parlor or dining-room, no one paid any attention to us whatever, any more than to any other stranger. No one asked us if we were either looking for anybody or wanted anything. We were there but a short time until we began to feel as if we had at last come to an oasis in the desert of colorphobia. We never knew how tired we were until we came to a resting place. Having rested and refreshed ourselves, we started forth to see the city. Here every man and woman that finds that you are a stranger puts themselves in the position of informers. They take pride in telling you all they know about the city.

TORONTO.

This is the capital of the Province of Ontario, and county seat of York Co. Ont. It is situated on Lake Ontario and has a population of about 175,000. It is surprising but nevertheless a fact, but few colored people reside here. The reason is, doubtless too near the States. There are but few, if any, shiftless people of color. This is attributable to the fact that such are too tired to travel so far. At the corner of Queen and Belvedere streets a Mrs. Judy (colored) keeps a fine and flourishing fruit stand. Mr. Gilham, father of one of the leading young men of our Lexington Conference, has retired from business and lives in comfortable style on Robertson street. We found trouble in finding any of our people because there adding the word "colored" rather than helping complicates the matter. A number of young colored men are in her majesty's mail service. There are but few, if any colored hotel employees; we saw not a single one, nor was any of the coach or footmen colored. Every colored person you meet seems to be on business of importance. None of them ran up to shake you by the hand because they recognized your color; nor did they bow to you or pay any special attention as you passed. Indeed no one gazed at you there as if you'd just descended from the moon. We wanted a street car to see the city.

Letters from the Districts.

Little Rock District.

W. R. R. DUNCAN.

Easter Sunday comes on the 29th of March, and if every pastor puts out his committees immediately they would be able to realize the full assessment which could be forwarded the following Monday to the treasurer at New York.

I hope and trust that every pastor will observe Easter Sunday as a means by which to bring our full assessment up to the next conference.

Our conference has already been assessed \$600. To observe Easter Sunday properly, as you have been instructed to do, \$600 will be raised in consequence of our earnest, christian efforts. As a reason why we should observe Easter Sunday, compare the amounts apportioned and those appropriated to our conference. Brethren, you can organize your missionary committees to work up to Easter, and the amount realized during the services on Easter Sunday can be added together; this will be your assessment.

Brethren, make all necessary arrangements to meet the first quarterly conference with full reports. It is very necessary that every official member be present.

Cataract Cured.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease Cataract, and vainly trying every known remedy, at last found a prescription which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren street, New York, will receive the receipt free of charge.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

J. W. H. Moore, Blossom Prairie, Texas.

I came to this work on the 24th of January, and found it in a very bad condition. The church is unfinished and without seats; there is no fence around the building; the house is not painted, and has but one lamp to give light; there is no church record, nor roll of membership. I had to go and look up the members—it had been so long since they held class meetings the members did not know when another would be held. The house is in debt to the Church Extension to the amount of \$75, and interest on the same, amounting to \$13.50. This debt has been standing for four years without any preparations being made to pay it off. I shall now speak of Bagwell, my next point. Here I found the church in a much worse condition than at Blossom. The church has been in a lawsuit for two years, or more, and we were about to lose the entire house and lot, when I got there just in time to save it—and I am not so sure of its safety now. This house has \$50 Church Extension money in it. There is a man named Thomas Hays who owns the ground where the house stands. This church is in debt \$90, which has been standing nearly six years. I will have to move the house about 350 yards, and it cannot be moved without being taken down. There are but few members here.

At Detroyet we have no house of any kind, but hope to build during the year, which should have been done seven years ago. This is one of the most prosperous looking points on this work. The colored people own their homes, and are comfortably living. We will be compelled to raise about \$80 to meet all outstanding and current expenses, without saying anything about the support of the pastor.

[We regret to read such letters wherein only faults are found with a predecessor's work. We hope Brother Moore will leave the work in much better shape. We'll see.—ED.]

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my mother and brother. I left them in Macon county and Pike county. Mother was named Aggie and father Olwen Perry; and my four brothers were Daniel and John Hanes, Henry White and Frederic Odice; and my sisters all belonged to the Hanes's, but one, whose name was Emily Odice. My name is Anthony Perry. I left them three years before the war. Address Anthony Perry, Box 35, Loueoke, Ark.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my others, Robert and Gooner and Fred Cabler. My mother's name was Millie Cabler, and father's, Andrew Mourman. My sisters were Charlotte and Fannie. We belonged to the Cabler's and went by that name; and were born in Redford county, near a little town named New Condon. I live in Montgomery county, Va., Shansville. Any information concerning their whereabouts will be gladly received. Address

JULIUS C. CABLER.
Shansville, Montgomery co., Va.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my brother, Luke Doskins. He belonged to George Doskins of Tazewell county, Va. His mother's name was Sallie Doskins. The last letter received from him was in 1883. He was then at Plaquemine, Iberville parish, La. I live at Richland, Tazewell county, Va. Any information as to his whereabouts will be gladly received.

G. WHITTEN.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother, sisters and brothers. Mother's name was Martha Fields; sister's were Becky and Sallie Fields—my other sisters I don't remember; brother's were Gabe and Jack Fields. Brother Gabe was killed while on his way home during the war; at that time I was living eight miles from Sherman, Texas. I was brought to Texas a few years before the war by John Fields, Jr. At the time I left home all of the family lived about seven or eight miles from Louisville, Ky. My name was, at that time, Mary Anne Fields. Any information may be directed to Mary Anne Harris, 712 North Commerce street, Gainesville, Tex.

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Homeletics.

The Man Who Shall Never see Death.

By Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, Baptist, London, Eng.

Verily, very I say unto you, if a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death, etc.—John viii. 51-53.

I. First, consider the Gracious Character: "If a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death."

Observe, that the one conspicuous characteristic of the man who shall never behold death is that he keeps Christ's saying or word. He may have other characteristics but they are comparatively unimportant in this respect; he may have been a great sinner in his early life—but being converted, and led to keep Christ's saying, he shall never see death; he may be a strong-minded man, who keeps a firm grip of eternal realities, and, therefore, becomes supremely useful; but none the more for that is this promise true to him; the reason for his safety is the same as in the case of the weak and timorous; he keeps Christ's saying, and, therefore, shall never see death. Divest yourselves, therefore, of all inquiries about other matters, and only make inquiry in your own heart upon this one point: do you keep Christ's saying? If you do this you shall never see death.

Who is this man who keeps Christ's saying? He is a man who—
1 Has close dealings with Christ.
2 Accepts his doctrine.

3 Trusts his promise.

4 Obeys his precept.

II. Now we turn to the delightful part of our subject, namely, the Glorious Deliverance, which our Lord here promises: "He shall never see death." Our Lord did not mean that he should never die, for he died himself; and his followers, in long procession, have descended to the grave. Some brethren are cheered by the belief that they shall live till the Lord comes and therefore they shall not sleep, but shall only be changed. The hope of our Lord's appearing is a very blessed one, come when he may; but I do not conceive that to be alive at his coming is any great object of desire. Is there any great preference in being changed beyond that of dying? Do we not read that "we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep"? This is a great truth. Throughout eternity, if I die, I shall be able to say I had actual fellowship with Christ in the article of death, and in descent into the grave, which those happy saints who will survive can never know. It is no matter of doctrine, but yet, if one might have a choice in the matter, it might be gain to die.

What, then, does this promise mean?

1. Our face is turned away from death. Our back is upon death, and our face toward life eternal.

2. Our spiritual death is gone, never to return.

3. We shall not live under the influence of death, perpetually thinking of it, dreading its approach, and that which follows after.

4. We shall never see that which is the reality and essence of death, namely, the wrath of God in the second death.

5. When the believer dies, he does not gaze on death; he walks through the valley of the shadow of death, but he fears no evil, and sees none to fear.

III. The Great Quickener.

1. The believer's eternal life results not from his own greatness or goodness, but from his being linked by faith to the Lord Jesus Christ. He has life in himself, and that life He imparts to His chosen.

2. The glory of Christ depends upon the not seeing death by all who keep his saying.

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General News Items.

King Kalakaua, of the Sandwich Islands, died while on a visit to this country, at San Francisco, California, January 20, 1891.

Geo. Bancroft, the great American historian, is dead.

The Reciprocity Proclamation.

The President lately issued his proclamation in conformity with a provision in the new Tariff law, declaring that a treaty had been made with Brazil under which the reciprocity provision of the law should take effect on the 1st of April, 1891. This is but the beginning of other like treaties with the South American and Central American states on this continent. The treaty with Brazil, as proclaimed by the President, provides for the free entrance into that country from the United States of wheat, wheat flour, corn, rye, buckwheat, barley, hay, pork salted, except hams, fish salted and dry, cotton-seed oil, agricultural tools, implements and machinery, mining and manufacturing tools, instruments and books for the arts and sciences, and articles of railway construction and equipment. The Government of Brazil also agrees to remit twenty-five per cent of the existing duties levied on lard, bacon, hams, butter and cheese, canned meats, manufactures of cotton, including cotton clothing, manufactures of iron and steel, leather, and manufactures of leather, except boots and shoes, lumber, timber, and manufactures of wood, including cooperage, furniture, carts and carriages, and manufactures of rubber, when these articles are imported into Brazil from the United States. In consideration of these duties, entirely abolished or reduced twenty-five per cent from their present rate, the President announces that, according to section 3 of the Tariff law, no duties will be imposed on Brazilian sugar, molasses, coffee, tea, and hides, when brought from Brazil into this country. Congress provided that, in circumstances defined in the law itself, the President should be authorized to make such proclamation, and that the proclamation should have the effect of law. When this law shall have proved its practical and beneficent character by the lapse of time, as will be the fact in due season, the uproar among Democratic Free Traders about "McKinley prices," that misled so many of the American people at the last election, will be shown to be nothing but a persistent system of deliberate lying to gain political ends. The real truth is that Congress never enacted a wiser and better Tariff law than this much slandered "McKinley bill," and this fact time will abundantly prove. The people are already getting their eyes open to the facts, and before the next presidential election they will so thoroughly understand the matter that they will be quite sure not to elect a Democratic Free Trade President.

The President has sent to the Senate, with a short message, the General Act, prepared by the International Anti-Slavery Congress at Brussels, last year, relating to the slave trade and the restriction of the importation into Africa of firearms, ammunition and spirituous liquors. The President transmitted the General Act to the Senate in order that it might be ratified. The latest date for ratification will be July 2 next. The United States should be prompt in expressing its approval of this humane measure, and its readiness to co-operate with the other powers in carrying it out. It is a humanitarian movement on a very large scale, and is designed to do much to brighten the future of Africa.

PASTOR'S throughout our territory will confer a great favor if they send us their present and former addresses so we can send their papers to their present addresses and not to their former.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

AN APPEAL.

To The People:

The adoption by the Legislature of Louisiana, at its last session, of act No 113, entitled "An act to provide for the comfort of passengers," &c., and better known as the separate car law, is a matter of public notoriety.

While the bill was pending before the General Assembly, the American Citizens' Equal Rights Associations earnestly protested and exerted its influence against its passage.

It is not our purpose to reiterate the reasons adduced then why this law should not have been enacted. All are familiar with them, and feel the degradation the law imposes on American citizenship.

The duty that remains to us to perform is to defeat or render nugatory the operations of this unjust and oppressive law.

To this end the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association will institute a suit to test the constitutionality of the infamous law and maintain the right of American citizens to travel on railroads and public conveyances.

For the successful prosecution of the suit money is needed.

Therefore, to secure the sinews of legal warfare, we appeal to the people generally for aid and assistance.

We appeal specially to ministers of the gospel. We request these emissaries of harmony and good-will among men to read this address from their pulpits and make its subject-matter a text for their sermons, in order to arouse the people to the sense of their patriotic duty in the premises.

We appeal to the presidents, officers and members of the associations, benevolent and charitable, educational, labor and others, in New Orleans and elsewhere, to introduce the matter into their assemblies and make it a subject of their deliberations, to the end that their organizations may, collectively, tender us their help.

We appeal to the leaders of men to propagate the idea among their followers, to enlist their interest and support in the cause.

Realizing the influence of the gentle sex and their zeal and earnestness in and devotion to the cause of right and justice, we appeal to the loyal women of the country to give us their invaluable aid. Let them talk the subject to the men in their social assemblies, church meetings, and other gatherings, and thus induce the latter to send their contributions singly; or, still better, organize circles to raise funds for the end proposed by entertainments, festivals, &c.

We appeal to those molders of public opinion, the newspapers of the United States—the loyal press—to publish this appeal and make its object the subject of their approving comments and criticisms in order to create and maintain a public sentiment, from which the needed aid will readily flow. We request all newspapers in sympathy with the cause to act as agents of this Association to receive contributions from the good people of their localities, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

Finally as the favorable issue of the suit will redound to the everlasting benefit of all, we appeal to the lovers of fair play and justice throughout this broad land for their encouragement, material aid and assistance.

We will employ the very best legal talent that the country affords. We know that the amount required will be large, but it can be easily raised by dime and nickel contributions.

Let all send in their mite. As soon as the necessary amount will have been secured, we will inform the people and cease the collection.

Conscious of the justice of our cause, and supported by a loyal people, we will not desist from our course until this infamous law

which is a continual menace to the peace of society, a standing insult to us, our wives, mothers and sisters, and which threatens to be a badge of inferiority to our posterity, is nullified, and we have created such a sentiment that will hereafter prevent any attempt to enforce a similar law or regulation anywhere in this free country of ours.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D.,

President American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana.

JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary.

N. B.—Send all contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., Treasurer of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association, corner Canal, and Marais streets, New Orleans, La.

The names of all contributors will be published in the SOUTHWESTERN Christian Advocate, the Standard-Pelican and the Crusader, unless otherwise directed.

Books and Current Literature.

There is trouble in a certain Catholic parish in this city over the obstinacy of the people in reading a novel called "Jerome Leaster" in opposition to the wishes of their spiritual director. The priest, it seems, found a copy of the book during a call upon one of his parishioners, and to his horror found it strongly antagonistic to the teachings of the church, and, as he thought, unfit for Catholics to read. Of course, when his advice was asked, the priest plainly said what he thought, and warned his inquirers not to read anything which attacked their religion or would weaken their faith. Now, this would not have been much noticed were it not that the author of the book is a Chicago girl who lives in the parish presided over by the priest. Among her intimate friends and old schoolmates are a number of devout Catholic ladies who had read "Jerome Leaster" with pride at the knowledge of their close relations with the writer. None of them upheld the moral of the book, in fact, all of them, like good church members, plainly told their literary friend that they abhorred her teachings and that she should be ashamed of herself for putting such terribly unjust things in circulation. But all this was in a kindly way, and the social relations to the parties were not disturbed. To have the matter made a public scandal, however, was more than the ladies could stand, and when they found that the priest's denunciation of the book had become a subject of gossip about the neighborhood they were justly indignant. They could lecture their author friend themselves, for were they not her intimates? But for strangers to do it was outrageous, and hence there is trouble in that neighborhood.

The young writer finds herself in an embarrassing position. Those of her friends who have read "Jerome Leaster," censure her in private, but in public are her champions. Strangers to her, on the other hand, and especially those who are governed entirely by the priest, hold up their skirts when they meet the writer so that they may not come in contact with such a heretic. Social relations are strained; ladies who were close friends before the book came out are now to all appearances strangers, and there has been more than one "dead-on" given on account of this remarkable book.—Chicago Evening Journal.

"All Hail," is a most attractive Easter service for Sunday schools. Five cents, each post paid; \$4 per hundred. The Brainard's Sons Co. 145 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

The March Century will contain the first paper in an illustrated series on Great Indian Fighters, to be contributed by officers who fought with them. The first article "General Crook in the Indian Country," is written by Captain John G. Bourke, of the Third Cavalry. An article on Gen. Miles by Major George W. Baird, formerly of his staff will follow.

The Musical Messenger is the title of a new monthly magazine, sheet-music size, 32 pp., price \$1 per year, published by Filmore Bros., Cincinnati, O., and New York.

The first sixteen pages of the February number are filled with interesting reading on musical topics, and the balance with new music. To those interested in music a sample copy will be sent free on application.

The Southwestern.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., - Editor

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To every minister sending us four CASH annual subscriptions at \$1.50 each, we will send him his own paper free. To anybody else sending us six such subscribers, we will send him his paper free for one year.

THE White Squadron of the U. S. Naval service, which was here during the past few weeks, left us last Monday morning. It attracted many visitors.

THE trial of those suspected of the heartless assassination of Chief Hennessey has begun in the Criminal Court of this city. It promises to be one of the most eventful ever tried in this country.

THE Colored Press Association of the United States is called for Mar. 17th, 18th, and 19th in the city of Cincinnati, State of Ohio. The call is signed by Jno. Mitchell, Jr., President, and Ida B. Wells, Secretary, Memphis, Tenn.

I WANT two or three good preachers with the ability and imbued with the grace to work for the glory of God and the spread of Methodism in the North Missouri District, Central Missouri Conference. This is not a call for those who are hunting loaves and fishes but for souls.—R. E. Gillum, Melico, Mo.

THE "House of Bondage," thrilling, charming, and wonderful, is out in book form; and is on sale at this office. Every reader of the SOUTHWESTERN should send for a copy at once. Price, 75c. The introduction, written by Bishop Melalian, is worth the price of the book.

DEACON T. F. Whitman of Mobile, Ala., enclosing his subscription, says: "I appreciate the SOUTHWESTERN most heartily. It is a good paper, and most helpful to me. I could not, by any means, be without it. I would be glad to have Bishop Mallalien come over and give us another sermon."

A CABLE states that the pope is making a careful study of the American public school system, and will soon issue an encyclical on the subject. We trust his holiness will make his researches exhaustive, for we are sure he will be benefited thereby. If he could only take a course himself on our educational institutions, and get down on the monnners' bench in one of our Methodist colleges it would be of great spiritual value both to himself and to Christendom.

THE student volunteer movement for foreign missions will hold a conference at Cleveland, Ohio, to begin at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26th, and close Sunday night, Mar. 1. The object of this convention is to bring the foreign missionary societies and the student volunteer movement into more direct contact. It is expected that at least 400 representative students from the United States and Canada, representing 100 or more colleges, will be present. A score or more secretaries, representing leading denominational missionary boards, will also be present. Returned missionaries from all parts of the world have been invited. It can already be announced that missionaries from South America, Mexico, Japan, India, China, Syria, Persia, and Africa, will make brief addresses and counsel with men and women looking forward to their respective fields of labor.

Immoral Literature.

On the first day's sitting of the present session of the French Legislature one of the queries put to the Minister of Public Works was in regard to the exclusion of Zola's novels, and those of other French authors, from sale at railway news stands, on the ground that they were immoral. In the debate it came out that these books were not sold at any railway stations in France. The Minister held that the owner of the franchise could exclude any books he pleased, as he bought and paid for the right to sell. Zola's books are not allowed to be sold in England, and the publishers were imprisoned for printing immoral literature. In the United States we are much more generous. Not only are the books of Zola and other forbidden authors sold freely at all news stands but they are carried in the mails at one cent a pound, while Bibles, school books scientific, historical, and miscellaneous books, bound and unbound, cost in the mails eight cents a pound. In his last annual report the Postmaster General officially stated that "a million dollars in postal revenue were lost each year by reason of this favor to certain publishers" of fiction, trash, blood-curdling tales, and French impurities. Ten million pounds are carried annually in the mails from New York alone, and probably half as much more from other cities. The proportion of really helpful books is not over one in a hundred. One of the serious impediments to one cent letter postage is the existence of this and other evils that might be easily removed. Every one putting a two-cent stamp on a letter is helping to pay the postage of this mass of hurtful books that is flooding the country. The Postmaster General has called attention to it very strongly in his annual report. He has personally appeared before the Post Office Committee to urge the stoppage of the evil, and has prepared an official document fully setting forth its injustice. He has done all he can do, and it now rests with the good people of this country to say whether the evil shall go on or be stopped. One publishing firm with \$3,000,000 capital, and a hundred or more smaller houses, are doing all they can to prevent action. They are heard in the committees of Congress, and their agents are in the lobbies to see that nothing is done and while people quietly submit nothing will be done. Bills to remedy the evil are before the Senate and House Post Office Committee, but people show so little interest in the matter that they quietly rest there. If any thing is done at this session it must be done immediately. If one thousand people were each to write a letter to a senator or member of Congress calling attention to this matter it would be stopped. Will they do it?

After Conference.

All of our Southern conferences have been held, and the new pastors have gone to their charges.

The idea suggests the relative duties involved in the premises. First as to the retiring pastor. It is well for him to remember the injunctions repeatedly given him by the bishops to remember that he has absolutely no further business with the management of his last year's charge further than to go there as early as possible, pack up his baggage, bid Godspeed to his successor, and pass on to his present charge.

The incoming pastor will find that he will accomplish much more good by giving full credit to his predecessor for what he did than by being worthy of praise, and by throwing the veil of charity and silence over what should have been done or left undone, rather than otherwise. Let your predecessor's record alone and work out one for yourself. Let every member enter into the same spirit, and let every charge push out for the most blessed and abundant results this year. We can't afford to live in the past. What we did last year is dead and gone. Work for the present and future.

Centennial Anniversary of Mr. Wesley's Death.

Next Monday March 2nd, marks the centennial anniversary of the death of John Wesley, who under God, was the great founder of that marvellous revival of religion called Methodism. The event is one that should not pass without proper observance, on the part of all our people. The suggestion has been made to observe the day and the Sabbath preceding it as a memorial day, throughout the bounds of Methodism, wherein memorial services should be held in every Methodist Church of whatever name. The suggestion is a very timely one, and should meet a ready response from every one of our pastors and people. A correspondent writing in reference to the occasion says:

On the morning of March 2, 1791, John Wesley closed his earthly career—eighty thousand converts having been won to Christ through his ministry. The historic and prophetic words, "The best of all is, God is with us," have become among the most cherished traditions of the Church. His last utterance, "Farewell!" is equally significant.

As a matter of mere sentiment it would seem somewhat ungracious and ungrateful to let the centennial of this event pass without note or comment. But for much deeper and more practical reasons than simply sentimental ones would we urge the celebration of this centennial—namely, that there might be brought to our people, especially our young people, a fuller knowledge and a juster appreciation of the life and work of this remarkable man; and of the chief characteristics, the providential leadings and the practical results, of the great movement he inaugurated—the greatest intellectual, socially, morally and religiously of the XVIII century—impartial and even prejudiced critics being "the judges—the movement known as Methodism."

By all means celebrate the event with becoming memorial services in all our churches, and let the people, both old and young, learn something of the life, character and controlling powers of this great and wonderful man.

THE last few weeks have witnessed the death of three very remarkable national characters. The first was Secretary Windom, who was suddenly struck down while delivering an address before the commercial clubs of New York. He had scarcely been buried ere the news flashed over the wires that Admiral Porter, head of the naval forces of the United States, and Gen. Wm. Tecumseh Sherman, the last of the three greatest generals produced by the Civil War, Grant, Sheridan and Sherman, had passed to their rewards. The funeral of the latter, in St. Louis, Mo., especially, was unequalled in the history of the Nation, except by that of Gen. Grant. The pageant extended through every city, town and hamlet through which the body passed from New York to St. Louis, where his body awaits the general resurrection on the last day.

THE following table showing the circulation of the principal denominational, or religious, reviews in the country, is compiled from the directory of Rowell and Co., for 1890. The figures reported by Ayer & Sons vary from these in a few cases, but do not change the relative standing of the periodicals, nor modify the startling significance of the revelation. If the circulation of a review does not appear in either of the above directories, it is conclusive that it is too small to be reported. This applies to the last four in the list. It is evident that the *Methodist Review* is a great success in point of circulation, and occupies no second

any place in periodical literature. Let the church study these statistics:

Methodist Review.....	6,500
American Catholic Quar. Review.....	3,500
Quar. Review, M. E. Church, So.	1,500
Andover Review.....	1,500
Baptist Review.....	1,200
Church Review, Prot. Episcop.	1,200
Bibliotheca Sacra.....	700
Unitarian Review.....	500
Reformed Quarterly.....	500
Universalist Review.....	250
Presbyterian and Reformed Review.....	250
Quarterly Review of United Brethren.....	No report
The Christian Quarterly Review.....	No report
Cumberland Presbyterian Review.....	No report

ARCHBISHOP Ireland, of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, has wisely issued the following order in respect to the practice of raising money for church and charitable purposes by lotteries and games of chance which are really nothing but gambling:

"Public sentiment has become so pronounced, and rightly so, against lotteries and games of chance, that we deem it our duty to prohibit altogether, as we now do, the raising of money for religious or charitable purposes by the sale of chances, the use of wheels of fortune, or by any method savouring of lottery or gambling. This rule, which we now make, admits of no exception. It applies to the country as well as to towns, to convents as well as to parishes."

The Catholics, as a general rule, have permitted this sort of gambling; and we are heartily glad that Archbishop Ireland has decided to set his foot upon it within the limits of his ecclesiastical jurisdiction. It was not forbidden by the last Baltimore Council, although the sale of liquors at fairs was forbidden. This is, then, a distinct advance, and we hope the Archbishop's example will be imitated by the whole church.

THOSE who have watched the progress of the race, and contributed to the advancements it has made, will rejoice to learn that the first annual meeting of the Colored State Bar Association of Mississippi will convene in Greenville, Mar. 5th and 6th. They extend a cordial invitation to the public at large to attend the meeting of the association, and all colored lawyers of Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana. The committee of arrangements are, D. B. Temple, O. L. Garrett, Jno. T. Harris, W. H. Smith and James A. Scott. The program will include the discussion of such questions as the following: Federal Court Practice; Influence of Railroads on Legislation; The Negro as a Law Maker; Corporations—Their Power and Influence; Ethics of the Profession; Tax Titles; Practice Before Justices of the Peace; Capital Punishment; Criminal Law and Practice; Mississippi's New Constitution; The Rules of Evidence; Uses and Trusts; Rights of Married Women; Cicuit Practice; Marriage and Divorce; The Negro as a Lawyer; Qualification of Jurors under the New Constitution; Chancery practice; International Law; and an annual address by Hon. J. T. Settle of Memphis, Tenn.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Union meeting was held at Wesley Chapel last Sunday. They had a good time and realized a splendid collection for the church.

Last Sunday was a beautiful day and all the churches were well attended. The city pastors are starting off nicely on their year's work, with every prospect for a year of great material and spiritual prosperity.

Memorial services were held in memory of Admiral Porter, Secretary Windom and Gen. Sherman, at Simpson Chapel last Thursday night.

THE Conference Board of Church Extension will meet at the SOUTHWESTERN office on Friday, February 27th at 1 p. m. Important. Let every member attend.

E. WILLIAMS, President.

Political Review.

In consequence of the death and funeral obsequies of Gen. Sherman very little active legislation was enacted by either House of Congress during the past week. Only a few more days remain, and on March 4, the present Congress will have passed into history, without accomplishing practically anything for the security of the ballot in the terror-stricken South. The Democratic Congress will then enter into power, when nothing is to be expected for the sanctity or protection of the same.

Ex President Cleveland has written a letter against the free coinage of silver which is so dear to the Democracy, which it is claimed will dispose of his chances as the possible Democratic nominee for the presidency.

Speaker Reed is sick, and Mr. Payson of Illinois has been elected Speaker protem.

Senator Quay answered the charges of corruption made against him, in the U. S. Senate last week, in which he portrays his persecutors as the vilest of the race. The pity is that the Senator should have allowed those charges to rest against him so long without answering them before.

The Senatorial fight in Illinois continues without any indications as to what will be the final result.

Articles of impeachment have been presented against Judge Aleck Boorman of Louisiana before the lower House of Congress. Judge Boorman was universally recognized as a fair and very friendly official to our people; and they will be very much pained if the proceedings should terminate unfavorably to him.

The mandamus suit of the Louisiana State Lottery Company to compel the Secretary of State to promulgate the Constitutional Amendment renewing its charter, and to submit the same for the ratification of the people is pending before the Supreme Court. A decision is looked for this week. The hope is entertained that the Lottery incubus may there receive its death blow.

Personal.

T. A. Walker, M. D., of Baton Rouge, lectured before the students of the Medical College on Monday. The Doctor is having a successful practice.

Wm. H. Green, formerly of this city, died at his home in Galveston, Tex., a few days ago. Billy Green, as he was known by many friends, has gone to join the numerous company of those who have passed over to join the great majority.

Re. Sewell Smith, of Rayville, La., was brutally murdered by white ruffians at Ruston, La., a few days ago. The excuse given was that he had insulted a white boy. He managed however to kill one and wound another of his murderers.

From and after this issue we will not publish requests to have correspondents write to pastors at any special place. All appointments are published in the paper, and unless in cases of supernumeraries, superannuates, and others receiving no appointments, we must decline such requests. The thing has grown monotonous and nauseating. It is not done in any of the others of our Advocates, and we cannot afford it. We can use our space to much better advantage to our thousands of readers. Be satisfied with the publication of your conference appointments, which shows at a glance where your correspondents may address.

Bishop Walden, accompanied by his wife, sailed from New York Feb. 18, by the Red Star Line, for his episcopal visit to the European Missions.

Bishop Bowman keeps as busy as ever dedicating churches in the West. The years don't seem to bother him at all. May his life be long spared to bless the church with his spirit and service.

Bishop Fowler has recovered from his illness and is able to do his work as usual. Speaking of a recent lecture delivered by the Bishop, the *California Advocate* says: "No one would think, after hearing it, that the Bishop had been sick."

Rev. S. McDonald desires his correspondents to address him at Maiche, Ark.

Correspondents will address Rev. H. S. McMillan at Galveston, Texas, 8th and H streets, St. Paul M. E. Church.

Address Rev. G. J. Izard at Richmond, Texas, hereafter.

Rev. J. W. Winbush desires his correspondents to address him at Durant, Miss., hereafter.

Rev. Wm. Josey may be addressed hereafter at Bellville, Texas.

Rev. Mrs. Mary J. Brown, of Port Hudson, La., is spending a few weeks in the city, the guest of Mrs. Mary Livingston.

A note from the Rev. John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark., informs us of the serious illness of Mrs. Rev. Geo. W. Lacey. We hope her speedy recovery.

We can scarcely recall when we were so suddenly shocked as we were last week to learn of the death of the Rev. Dr. Mansfield E. Bryant, the bold and fearless editor of the *Southern Christian Recorder*. He died at Mobile, Ala., while attending the annual conference of the A. M. E. Church in that city, Feb. 15, and was buried at Selma, Ala., from whence he was hounded by the intolerant whites of that city. We learned that he was not well while he attended the conference of his church at Tangipahoa, La., a few days before, but we scarcely were prepared to learn of his taking off so suddenly. He and Dr. Albert were schoolmates at Atlanta University several years, and while they differed considerably in their views, they were over fast and faithful friends.

Dr. Bryant was one of the most loyal and devoted advocates of his race, and as such his death will be mourned as a public calamity.

The preachers of the Marshall District, Texas Conference, have presented to their popular ex-presiding elder, the Rev. Dr. Isaiah B. Scott, with a very beautiful solid gold watch. This is what we call giving honors, of the solid kind, to whom honor is due.

To the Superintendents and Teachers of the City of New Orleans.

You will please meet me, without fail, on Sunday evening, Mar. 1st, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the First Street M. E. Church.

Several items of special importance will be brought before you for consideration. First among the chief items for consideration will be to formulate a plan for special revival work among the young people of the city, who must be saved at any sacrifice.

Second, To devise means whereby to develop Sunday school work in the entire State.

Remember, this work is of vast importance. This mighty nation, as well as the church, are looking to the Sunday school for the best and purest men. Upon our faithfulness they rest their hope. If we are neglectful of duty and of service, the bright hopes of the nation and the church will be blighted and destroyed. Get intellectual quickening from above, and thus you will be prepared to offer suggestions of a wholesome character. Don't forget the time and place.

Pastors will please read this notice from their pulpits.

Yours for the work,
ERNEST LYON,
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Schools and Colleges

The faculty and students of Straight University observed Lincoln memorial exercises, Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday. The exercises were very impressive.

Claffin University, Orangeburg, S. C., offers extraordinary advantages to the colored youth of South Carolina. The present attendance greatly exceeds that of any previous year, but owing to their increased accommodation they are prepared to receive many more. To young men and women who have never been to, Claffin good board, room, light, heat, tuition and washing will be furnished 3 months for \$20, if paid in advance. You can enter at any time. All students furnish their own books and bed covering. If further information is desired, please write Dr. Duntton, President Claffin University, Orangeburg, S. C.

Beware of Him.

We are students of Wiley University, and write this letter to warn christian people against fraud.

Mr. W. H. Richardson is a citizen of Marshall, Texas, and is a porter on the train leaving Marshall for New Orleans. He has planned to give a series of lectures in Louisiana and Texas, and asked permission to give his first one in Wiley University, which was granted, and a more filthy talk we never heard from a platform.

There was not a teacher or student who did not have to hide his head for shame before he was half through; and the most immoral topics were spread out before our girls in a manner more suited for a barroom than a chapel full of christians. He said that all Negroes are thieves, liars and rogues; and that no matter how much he earns, he will steal more. He also said that all Negro preachers are humbugs, and would have to be watched.

He indorses the separate car law of Louisiana; and says that the Negroes of Louisiana are fools and have no more sense than a monkey-wrench. He advises all colored ladies when they are insulted on a train by a white man not to make any reply but cry.

We listened to that foolish talk for over an hour, and everybody left in disgust. We write this letter so that when Mr. Richardson starts on his lecturing tour the people may know that they are going to listen to more filth and slander about colored people than they have ever heard before, and advise all virtuous people to let him alone.

It is enough to be slandered by white people, but when it comes from one of our own race we ought to show our resentment just as quickly. Signed:

THE STUDENTS OF WILEY UNIVERSITY.

Meharry Medical College.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Meharry Medical College, fifth anniversary of the dental department, and second anniversary of the pharmaceutical department of the Central Tennessee College,

Nashville, Tenn., was observed Thursday, Feb. 19. The following program was rendered:

Medical Salutory "Histology," A. O. Lockhardt.

Pharmaceutical Valedictory—"Aconaracy in Compounding Prescriptions," Jas. M. Beverly.

Medical Valedictory—"Phthisis Pulmonalis" Osceola C. Queen.

Address to the Medical Class, N. G. Tucker, M. D.

Address to the Pharmaceutical Class, G. W. Hubbard, M. D.

Conferring of degrees by the President, Rev. J. Braden, D. D.

The class motto is: "Pro Deo et Humanitate."

GRADUATES IN MEDICINE.

Geo. Sanford Burruss of Georgia, Thesis, *Puerperal Septicemia*;

Commodore Irving Cain of South Carolina, *Epilepsy*; John Pope Crawford, of Tennessee, *Emergencies*; James Daniel Daviss of Texas

Areolar Hyperplasia; Albert Owen Lockhardt of Georgia, *Histology*;

Miles Vanderhurst Lynk of Tennessee, *Idiopathic Emeto-Catharsis*;

Chas. Gamel Merritt, A. M., Louisiana, *Phimosis*; Osceola Cicero Queen of Texas, *Pulmonary Tuberculosis*;

Chandler Stewart Robinson of Florida, *Embolism*; William Cooper Scales of Tennessee, *Dysentery*;

Geo. Richard Thomas of Jamaica, W. I., *Dothinenteritis*;

William Franklin Warren of Texas, *Thrombosis*; Simon J. Watkins, D. D. S., of Tennessee, *Periuterine Cellulitis*.

Graduate in Dentistry—George Washington Bunn of Arkansas, *Stomatitis*.

Graduates in Pharmacy—James Milton Beverly of Texas, *Aconaracy in Compounding Prescriptions*;

Robert Wesley Allen, of Tennessee, *Preparations of Iron*; Robert Simeon Raudals of Tennessee, *Emulsions*.

West Texas Conference.

This conference assembled in its eighteenth session Feb. 5. Our venerable and saintly Bishop C. D. Foss was present a day or two before conference assembled.

At 9 a. m. the Bishop conducted the devotional services. He administered the Sacrament, assisted by the presiding elders.

After an interesting talk by the Bishop, the former secretary, J. T. Gibbons, called the roll. J. T. Gibbons was then re-elected secretary; B. F. Smith, assistant; C. P. Westbrooks, statistical secretary; C. L. Madison, treasurer, and G. W. Townsend, assistant.

The usual standing committees were appointed.

The conference ordered the draft on Conference Claimants, Fund for \$547 95; and on Chartered Fund for \$30.

Several visiting clergymen were introduced, among whom were the Revs. M. A. Dougherty, D. D. of the Austin Conference, and I. B. Scott, D. D., who was present to represent the SOUTHWESTERN.

The twentieth question was called, and the Rev. M. Henson reported the Austin District in his usual brilliant style; and also reported the collection for Sam Houston College.

Rev. W. H. Davis, reported the

advances and reverses for the Columbus District.

Rev. H. Swan reported the San Antonio District; and Rev. A. Foster reported the Waco District.

Every traveling elder's character passed, as did every traveling deacon's, save one.

The reports showed the conference growing so rapidly that many of the brethren would be in favor of forming a new district.

SECOND DAY.

After reading and approving the minutes, many of the disciplinary questions were gone through with.

A spirited debate sprang up on the question of locating certain brethren, which lasted over an hour.

NOTES.

The missionary sermon by Rev. M. C. Caynes was well prepared, and took the congregation by storm.

Rev. C. L. Madison, pastor at San Antonio, led the large churches of the conference in benevolent collections. That is to say, he raised more than his assessment.

Rev. P. M. Carmichael, pastor of Wesley Chapel of Austin, is as popular as ever as a preacher.

Rev. J. T. Gibbons entertained the conference and visiting members with little or no trouble. He and his excellent wife make their guests feel perfectly at home.

Rev. E. Henderson, jocosely called "the baby," is a successful pastor and financier.

Our people at Waco are building a magnificent two story church which, though nearly completed is in debt over a thousand dollars.

A man less sweet spirited and patient than Bishop Foss would for reasons have had great trouble in holding our conference this year. As it was, nothing seemed to worry him except to have a brother talk too long about nothing—all our brethren were delighted with him.

Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Westbrooks are deservedly popular with the conference brethren. She has charge of the Woman's Home Missionary work in the conference.

The SOUTHWESTERN's representative was entertained by them.

Rev. W. J. Mitchell turned in money for eight subscribers. He makes things hop wherever he goes.

The SOUTHWESTERN has many friends in the conference. Many promised to send in money soon.

Have you forgotten that, brethren? Well, then, send it in it you wish the paper to go. We did not collect one-half of the amount due. Too bad, isn't it?

I HAVE been troubled with catarrh for ten years and have tried a number of remedies, but found no relief until I purchased a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. I consider it the most reliable preparation for catarrh and cold in the head.

—Geo. E. Crandall, P. M., Quonochawton, R. I.

Science.

"Geology" has been a word to conjure with in attacking the first chapter of Genesis and the story of the Deluge, but the Duke of Argyll has some sober words to say concerning it, which we commend to all who are interested in the subject.

"Geology is a science which has made such rapid and enormous progress during a period spanned by the extreme measure of a single human life, that we are all apt to be a little drunk with our own success, and yet that progress has been marked by incidents which should make us sober. The field, though a small one, on which its victories have been achieved, is strewn with the bodies of the slain. Dead theories and abandoned speculations lie thick upon the ground, whilst some of the most mischievous of preconceptions still encumber the progress of inquiry."

"I have much sympathy with those who, on the whole, are reasonably proud of geology as regards its past, and are reasonably hopeful of it as regards its future."

But its progress, and even our appreciation of its present teaching, is absolutely dependent on two conditions—first, that we bear constantly in mind the wide seas of ignorance which surround the little islands of our knowledge, and secondly, that we rightly estimate the full sweep and significance of the facts and laws which we can clearly see. It would be difficult to say whether science has suffered most from forgetfulness of the things that we do not know, or from failure to appreciate or exhaust the consequences flowing from the things we do know."

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Statistics of the Upper Mississippi Conference.

Probationers, 2,793; full members, 17,131; local preachers, 265; deaths, 341; children baptized, 618; adults baptized, 2,175; number of churches, 208; parsonages, 32; Sunday schools, 232; officers and teachers, 1,113; scholars, 11,053.

Publishers' Department.

(Patrons are requested to read this department each week.)

Rev. M. Martin, of Hickory, Miss., styles the SOUTHWESTERN as "one of the members of his family." Pretty good. That's how they all feel after it has been with them a while. If you miss it, pay up, and it will come and abide with you.

A magazine of the size of the Ladies Home Journal, which has just reached a monthly circulation of 600,000 copies, requires a good deal of room; another four-story building is to be occupied next month, in addition to the two now in use. The growing popularity of the Journal has also overtaken the capacity of its nine large presses, and twelve new ones of the latest improved pattern are awaiting the completion of the new quarters.

"Those who are not quite satisfied are the beneficiaries of the world," and to these we wish to give good advice. Use Old Saul's Catarrh Cure when troubled with influenza or catarrh.

THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE.—The House of Bondage is now out in book form. Send to this office for copies. Price 75c.

Marriages.

January 28, 1891, Mr. Allen Jones to Miss Sally Jones, both of Jasper county, Heidelberg, Miss.

At the residence of the bride, February 12, 1891, at Laurel, Miss., Mr. Lewis Brown to Miss Lottie Jones, both of Jones county.

Rev. N. Toole officiating.

February 5, 1891, Mr. Atlas Wilson to Miss Naomi Porter. Rev. A. B. Venable, P. C., officiated.

Mansfield, La.

In Algiers, February 12, by Rev. Frank Walker, Joseph White, Jr., and Miss Odella Haywood, both of this city.

Mr. Archie Gardner to Miss Maggie White, Dec. 22, 1890.

Mr. Alex. Moody to Miss Ferlachous Littlejohn, January 8, 1891.

Powderly, Texas. Moses Littlejohn.

Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 11, 1891, Mr. Sam Walker to Miss Josephine Beshears.

Rev. W. R. Butler officiating.

Miss Ida Kirk and Mr. J. Allen, Jan. 28, Rev. B. J. Griffin officiating.

Lonoke, Ark.

The great majority of so-called cough cures do little more than impair the digestive functions and create bile. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, on the contrary, while it cures the cough, does not interfere with the functions of either stomach or liver.

Obituary.

Rev. Alfred Legardy,

A superannuate of the Louisiana Conference, aged 93 years. We regret to chronicle the death of our dear brother and father. He was born in Nashville, Tenn., in the year 1797, and lived in that city until he was fifteen years of age. At this place he embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church.

He was soon made a class leader, and served faithfully until he was removed from Tennessee to the State of Mississippi, in Wilkinson county. He continued his relation as class leader until he was 25 years old. He was licensed to preach to the colored people. He married a lady named Sarah Davis,

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who was led to Christ by his preaching. They lived happily together and had born to them six children. Four died in Mississippi. The two that survive him are Mr. Elouise Longstreet and F. S. Lagardy, a local preacher. He continued faithful to the cause until he was moved from Mississippi to Shreveport, La., in 1849, with his wife and two children, where he remained until his death. His wife, Sarah, departed this life in 1863. He married Miss Amanda Haden, his present widow, in 1864. Unto them were born ten children. Seven of them survive him. He was one of the principal organizers of our work in North Louisiana. There were not twelve members of the church in Shreveport, and there was no particular house to preach in when he came here. The white people soon built and the colored people were given the afternoon on Sunday to hold services in their church. It was not long before the number grew to about thirty-five, and continued growing.

As the country grew, so did the church, until the war began. After the war, the M. E. Church began to spread. Rev. A. Lagardy was first appointed to St. James, next to Fairfield Circuit, Scott Circuit and Knokpoint. He built churches at these places and many others. He was among the foremost in establishing Methodism in North Louisiana, and through his ministry hundreds, and through his indirect influence no doubt thousands have already reached their heavenly home. Father Lagardy was a prince among his brethren. To know him was to love him. He was superannuated about ten years ago, as an honored member of the Louisiana Conference, and held that relation until February 2, 1891, when death relieved him, and he passed from labor to reward. The Sunday before his death he was visited by the local preachers in a group, and he gave them the most wholesome instructions. Bro. A. G. Samuel read the 14th chapter of St. John to him. He then said to his son, F. S. Lagardy, "read also," and he read the exil Psalm. He said to them, "Be men, true men to the Church, preach Christ and live up to the rules of your church. Bro. Samuel led in prayer. While praying, Bro. Lagardy commenced shouting and praising God. After prayer he said, "Tell everybody to be faithful." I visited him constantly and talked with him, and I found in him the spirit of a true Christian. When I gave him the money that was sent to him from conference he said, "I will not live to see the closing of another conference; the work is completed and I will soon be at rest."

February 2, just before dying, he called his son Byron to his bedside and said, "I want you to be a man and take good care of your mother and the children. Call all the children here and sing, 'I am sweeping through the gates of the new Jerusalem.'" While singing the lamp of life expired and he passed to his reward. He leaves a devoted wife, a true mother, nine obedient children, and a number of grand and great-grand children, and acquaintances to mourn his loss. After sixty-seven years of labor in the ministry, he departed this life February 2, 1891.

As a preacher of the gospel, he was zealous, faithful and affectionate, a pattern of good works in his life, pure and incorruptible in his doctrine, a friend to the poor and distressed, a comforter to the sick and afflicted, a father to the orphans, a friend to the widows, and in his unusual charity, a good Samaritan. His burial took place from St. James M. E. Church, Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 3 p. m. It was largely attended by the different denominations. The following ministers participated: Revs. Samuel Armstead, of the M. E. Church; D. Logan, of the A. M. E. Church; J. H. Martin, Presiding Elder of the A. M. E. Church; T. Webb, C. Claiborne, Morris Brown and S. A. Johnson, of the Baptist Church; D. Shelby, James Robinson and T. J. Johnson, of the M. E. Church; and Rev. Carroll, of the A. M. E. Church. The burial was conducted under the auspices of the Home Missionary Society No. 2, of St. James Church, of which he was founder and an honorary member. Ministers acted as pall-bearers. His remains were laid to rest in the Protestant Cemetery, to await the resurrection of the just.

Shreveport, La. C. D. Shallowhorne, Pastor.

In Memory of Rev. Isaiah Lawson.

Whereas, It has been the pleasure of Him in whose hands the destinies of nations are, to summon from our midst our late brother and vice-president, Rev. I. Lawson, who—as a minister of

the gospel and an honorable citizen—was faithful, noble, sagacious and kind. He was loved by all who came in contact with and knew him; and when, as we call death, to rest from his labors, it is but desirable on our part to do honor to his memory; Wherefore,

Be it Resolved, That by his death this corporation suffers a great loss, for his place, we feel, can scarcely be refilled. None in our midst was more true, none more zealous, and none more energetic. He was munificent, public-spirited; and vacillating to no purpose, but true even to a fault.

Resolved, That we, his sorrowing associates, tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and commend them to the Father of Peace, who does all things wisely and well, and in whose love they will find sweet comfort.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, and a copy of which be sent to his bereaved family.

Be it further resolved, That these resolutions be published in the "Baptist Herald," SOUTHWESTERN, "Donaldsonville Chief," "Crusader" and "Standard-Pelican."

ALFRED STEPHENSON,

Secretary Board of Trustees of Slater High School, Donaldsonville, La.

New River Circuit, La.—Feb. 3, 1891, Mr. Isam Forgan departed this life.

Also his daughter, Feb. 4, Jno. Wilson, P. C.

Holly Springs, Miss.—My wife died Jan. 28, 1891. She professed religion in 1860. She was a member of the Baptist Church for thirty years. She lingered sick twelve months and twenty-eight days. She leaves a husband and two children. Both are members of the church.

A. H. Brown.

Sister Reuner Sincely, a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Clinton, La., died in full triumph of faith, Sunday, February 8, 1891. She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn for her. Clinton, La. H. James, P. C.

Benton, Miss.—Mr. G. M. Guy lost his little boy January 31, after ten days illness. He was born August 15, 1880. Aged one year and six months.

J. I. Garrett, Pastor Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church.

Bateville (Miss.) circuit, Spring Hill M. E. Church—Sister Sidney Dickens, born in 1818, died January 7, 1891, aged 73 years. She joined the M. E. Church under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Clewius, and lived a faithful member until she died. She told her pastor a day before she died that she was looking every day for the chariot, and she had bought her ticket. Her funeral was preached and largely attended, at Spring Hill Church, by the writer and J. C. Clewius. Sister Dickens was appointed to conduct prayer meeting on Emancipation Day, but the weather being unfavorable she failed to get there. She said she was going to a meeting that she would never have to come away from. She leaves a husband, seven children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

S. D. Troup, P. C.

Clarksdale, Miss.—Brother Palton Prior departed this life Feb. 8. He was a faithful member of Nicholls Chapel M. E. Church. He joined the church August 10, 1888. He died as he lived, and was loved by all who knew him. He left a wife, four children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

P. S. Bowie, P. C.

Jan. 15, 1891, Bro. Barry Williams, an old member of Fairfield M. E. Church, died, aged between 95 and 100 years. He lived a widower some nine or ten years, and so the old father died without the aid of any one. He was buried at Fairview M. E. Church, Friday, Jan. 16, 1891. Rev. F. McDonald attended the burial.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—Brother Jordan Hicks departed this life January 3, 1891. He was a member of the church about eight years. He had complete faith of his entering the Kingdom of God, and expressed the same just before his death. He leaves a mother and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Sister Jane Davis, wife of Brother James D. Davis, departed this life February 12, 1891. She was a member of the M. E. Church, and had been sick three or four years. She often expressed herself as being ready and waiting for the Master's call. She was 38 years old. She was in full triumph of faith.

A. Croft.



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And all that life will seek.

Unto the cross of Christ I'll cling,
While fighting here below,
For here, O Lord, thou died for me
And all the tribes of earth.

I will forever love the cross,
And all its rays of love,
For nothing can such joy create
As this thy cross, O Lord.

New Bern, Ala.

The Household.

ACIDITY OF THE STOMACH.—This condition is due to germs, and the cure lies in getting rid of the germs. Germs of fermentation in the stomach produce first alcohol, then carbonic acid, and then acetic acid. A person troubled with this form of dyspepsia should be careful to take only such articles of food as do not favor the development of germs, and thus starve them out. Another thing to do is to wash the germs out of the stomach by drinking freely hot water before meals. If food is put into a stomach already sour, of course fermentation will be set up immediately. Some persons notice that as soon as they eat, their stomachs become sour. The third important thing to do is to stimulate the stomach to make more gastric juice, which is a natural antiseptic, and prevents fermentation and also hastens absorption. The glands may be stimulated by applying hot fomentations to the stomach for half an hour immediately after the close of a meal, or, easier still, by wearing a rubber bag filled with hot water directly over the stomach for half an hour or an hour. Heat is a natural stimulant, and there are no possible ill effects from its use in this way. —Good Health

CAUTIONARY.—Physicians say that nearly every case of diphtheria, fever and dysentery, can be traced to the impure sanitary surroundings of the buildings where the patient resides. Not infrequently entire communities are prostrated by the use of water which, while apparently pure, contains noxious vegetable elements. The spread of sanitary information, especially by the daily and weekly press, has to a degree lessened the dangers of epidemics in the country. But farmers cannot be too careful to see that drains do not run into closed cess pools, do not become clogged with decaying matter, and that they are far removed from the sources of domestic water supply. The press makes no mistake in preaching an occasional sermon on the absolute necessity of improved sanitation in the city and country.

BREAD.—To some of the tired ones I will tell my way of bread making. First, all that bother of potato yeast is needless work. In a hollow of your flour put a compressed yeast cake and a little milk. With your wooden spoon break and mix; add more milk and make a thin batter, which beat ten minutes. Early in the morning add more flour and beat ten minutes. It should be ready to mold soon after breakfast. Now, don't double up your fists once, but stir it thick, and open your hands flat and roll it without using any strength until smooth. The longer you roll the nicer it will be. —Martha.

PANCAKES.—Pancakes that are very nice are made from one cup of rye and one of white flour sifted together, with a teaspoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add two eggs, a cup and a half of milk, and two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and beat well together. Grease the griddle-pan with sweet butter, make cakes small, and serve very hot with butter and maple syrup. Or make cakes larger, sprinkle with sugar, roll lightly and serve at once. —Good House Keeping.

Our Symposium.

The New Democratic Decalogue.

1. Thou shalt not succeed.
2. Thou shalt not have a father who amounts to anything.
3. Thou shalt not have any ballot reform.
4. Thou shalt not raise any liquor licenses, nor close any liquor saloons, nor stop liquor dealers from selling liquor to minors, habitual drunkards, and to everybody on the Sabbath.
5. Thou shalt not revise the tariff, unless thou revise it in our way, so as to make less tariff.
6. Thou shalt not touch the internal revenue taxes.
7. Thou shalt not forbid intimidation and bribery at elections, or suffer any son of HAM to vote unless he votes the right ticket.
8. Thou shalt not pension the blind, the lame and the halt old soldier; neither shalt thou provide for the soldier's widow, nor the fatherless thereof.
9. Thou shalt not have any navy nor coast defenses.
10. Thou shalt abase thyself before other nations; they shall prey upon thee and divide the spoils, and thou shalt go into a hole and pull the hole in after thee.

—N. Y. Press.

It is said that some of the former students of Carlisle Indian school were among the ghost dancers, and some of them were with those who shot our soldiers. Very likely. Just across the Potomac, in sight of Washington, is Arlington, once the home of a celebrated and highly trusted servant of the Republic, whose ancestry was most distinguished and loyal in the darkest days of our history. He was educated at the public expense for the special purpose of maintaining and defending the government, and for many years served the country loyally. In his maturity, when his family and section declared against the government, he was urged to remain true; but he declined, and boldly went with his family and led the forces of rebellion for four years, killing our soldiers by the thousands. He was typical of hundreds of others equally favored by the government who went with him. Let us not find fault then with a few Indian children to whom we give the merest smattering of an education and whom we then send back to their parents and reservations, if they go with their families and parents into practices they esteem right. —N. Y. Independent.

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Sunday-School and Children.

FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON IX. The Shunammite's Son. 2 Kings 4. 25-37. Mar. 1, 1891. Commit to memory verses 32-34. B. C. 895.

HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 4. 25-30. Tu. 2 Kings 4. 31-37. W. 2 Kings 4. 8-17. Th. 2 Kings 4. 18-24. F. Luke 7. 11-15. S. Matt. 17. 14-21. S. 1. Thess. 4. 13-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them. John 5. 21.

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

Father, I stretch my hands to thee; No other help I know; If thou withdraw thyself from me, Ah! whither shall I go?

What did thine only Son endure, Before I drew my breath? What pain, what labor, to secure My soul from endless death!

O Jesus, could I feel believe, I now should feel thy power; And all my wants thou wouldst relieve In this accepted hour.

Time.—About B. C. 895.

Places.—Mount Carmel and the home of the Shunammite.

Rulers.—Same as before. Connecting Links.—Elisha journeyed from Jericho first to Bethel then to Mount Carmel, then to Samaria. He foretold to King Jehoash of Israel the destruction of the Moabites. He miraculously multiplied the oil in the home of a widow of one of the "sons of the prophets," and became the guest of a "great woman" of Shunem.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Mother, v. 25-28. What journey did this mother make, and why? Who saw her while yet a long way off? What did Elisha say to his servant? What was the mother's answer? What did she do when she met Elisha? What did Gehazi attempt to do? What did Elisha say? What question did the woman ask? 2. The Servant, v. 32-37. What four things was the servant told to do? What two things was he not to do? What did the mother do? What did Elisha do? When the servant laid his staff on the child's face, what happened? What report did Gehazi bear to Elisha? 3. The Child, v. 37-39. In what state did Elisha find the child? What was his first act when he came to the house? What did he then do to the child? What was the effect on the child? What did the prophet do? What was the effect of his second visit to the child? Whom did he then summon? What did he say to the mother?

What did the mother do?

Who alone can raise the dead? Golden Text.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. The duty of trusting God when in trouble?
2. The duty of praying when in trouble?
3. The power of God to help us in trouble?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

- Find a case where Elisha brought a dead child to life.
- Find a case where Jesus gave directions somewhat like these which Elisha here gives to Gehazi.
- Find cases where the touching of garments was sufficient to perform a cure.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Who was dead? The Shunammite's little son.
2. To whom did she go for help? To the man of God.
3. What did Elisha send by Gehazi to bring the boy back to life? His staff.
4. Did this restore the child? It did not.
- What did Elisha do? He prayed.
6. Did he stop there? No; he made great effort.
7. What was the result? God restored the boy's life.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

Mount Carmel.—Five or six hours' rapid riding from this woman's home. To meet her—This errand and these questions show the profound respect Elisha had for this woman. By the feet—Orientals are always impetuous and demonstrative. To thrust her away—The slaves of the East have from time immemorial been presumptuous. The Lord hath hid—Showing that God does not always, even to his prophets, reveal scenes that are absent or future. Neither voice, nor hearing—The perfunctory performance of religious duties will save neither soul nor body. Upon his bed—The child had been laid in the prophet's chamber on the prophet's bed. Doctrinal Suggestion.—The power of prayer.

EXPLANATIONS.

25. In what did this image of God consist? "In righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4. 24.
26. What authority was given to man at the creation? God gave him dominion over every living thing. Gen. 1. 28.
27. Where did God place our first parents? In the Garden of Eden. Gen. 2. 8.

"Are you going to the races?" "Yes, and bet on the winning horse." "Not the handsome Abdullah, he is lame, didn't you know?" "Oh, I'll whisper in your ear, he'll win. They're using Salvation Oil."

Conference Notices.

Notice.

The Central Alabama Conference Board of Church Extension will meet in St. Paul M. E. Church, Birmingham, Ala., on Tuesday before the last Sunday in each quarter, to attend to the business that may come before it. All brethren with applications to be endorsed by this board will please be present at these meetings. The president will call a meeting if needed between these meetings. Presiding elders, please send along some money with the applications to forward with them.

T. P. PHILLIP, President.
L. W. GOODSON, Secretary.

Palestine District, Texas Conference.

First Round.
Hearne.....Feb. 26, Mar. 1
Sutton cir....." 3-4
Franklin cir....." 7-8
Cotton Gin and Fairfield....." 14-15
Steward's Mill cir....." 21-22
Butler cir....." 28-29
Jacksonville cir.....Apr. 4-5
New Birmingham Circuit....." 7
San Augustine Circuit....." 11-12
Nacogdoches....." 14
Peoria....." 18-19
Madisonville Circuit....." 22-23
Buffalo and Hopewell....." 25-26
Palestine ct....." 30
God grant a gracious revival all over the Palestine District. Dear brethren, push the benevolent collections. District stewards' meeting at Jewett, April 25, 1891.
W. WESLEY, P. E.

Gainesville District, Florida Conference.

First Round.
Sannulaski.....Feb. 28, Mar. 1
Stark....." 7-8
Waldo....." 14-15
Arendo....." 21-22
Cedar Key....." 28-29
Otter Creek....." 30
Pleasant Plains.....Apr. 4-5
Archer....." 7
Connell Pond....." 11-12
Gainesville....." 18-19
Micanopy....." 23
Levyville....." 25-26
To all the Brethren of the Gainesville District: You are commanded to bring up all of your benevolences this year. Commence early and let us come up to the full apportionment and make our district the banner district of the Florida conference.
A. DEBOSE, P. E.

Waco District.

First Round.
Corsicana, Dawson and Hubbard.....Feb. 28 and Mar. 1
Mexico cir....." 7-8
Groesbeck....." 14-15
Bremont R. and L. B....." 21-22
Marlin and Bowman....." 28-29
Marlin cir.....Apr. 4-5
Spring Hill and Billinger....." 11-12
Gatesville and Valley Mills....." 18-19
Waco circuit....." 25-26
Gainesville....." 30
Denison and Pilot Point.....May 2-3
McKinney and Sherman....." 7-8
Dallas....." 9-10
Ft. Worth....." 16-17
Lancaster and Ennis....." 20
Waxahachie....." 21
Each pastor will call committees appointed at fourth quarterly conference, and give them apportionment for the year for the society they represent. March 29 is Easter Sunday. Send for program and raise all the money for Missions on that day. Plan wisely for spring revivals and do your best this year. Remember this is a nine months' year. Put the "Southwestern" in every family. God bless you all.

ANDREW FOSTER.

Greenville District, Upper Mississippi Conference.
First Round.
Arcola.....Feb. 28 and Mar. 1
Greenville....." 7-8
Helm....." 14-15
Indianola....." 21-22
Frissonia....." 28-29
Woodhull.....Apr. 1-2
Jonestown....." 4-5
Dahlin....." 7-8
Clarksdale....." 11-12
Webb....." 14-15
Shelby....." 18-19
Tunica....." 25-26
Gunnison.....May 2-3
Stormville....." 9-10
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JOHN WATTS, P. C.

Macon District.

First Round.
Munnerylyn.....Feb. 28 and Mar. 1
Millen....." 7-8
Helm....." 14-15
Sylvania....." 21-22
Charlestown....." 28-29
Wadley....." 30-31
Emanuel Mission.....Apr. 1-2
Columbus....." 4-5
Eastman....." 7-8
Corhele....." 11-12
Abbeville and Gress....." 13-14
Macon sta....." 18-19
Macon cir....." 20-21
Culoden....." 25-26
Forsyth.....May 2-3
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Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference.

First Round.
West Point.....Feb. 28 and Mar. 1
LaFayette....." 14-15
Dadeville....." 21-22
Ashland....." 28-29
Rivers' Chapel....." 30-31
Nixhourgh.....Apr. 4-5
Alexander City....." 7-8
Pineyville....." 11-12
Mount Carmon....." 18-19
Randolph, Union Chapel....." 25-26
New Style.....May 2-3
Bethel....." 7-8
Pleasant Hill....." 16-17
Five Points....." 23-24
The district stewards' meeting will be held at Opelika, Ala., February 25, 1891. The pastors will please appoint a love feast for Friday night preceding each quarter, and urge the people to attend all services. Now for a grand start and a mighty pull all along the line.
W. F. SMITH, P. E.

Corner-Stone Laying.

The corner-stone of the St. Paul M. E. Church will be laid in Dallas, March 7, 1891. An invitation is extended to Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., editor of the "Southwestern," also the brethren of the district.
A. JACKSON, P. C.

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L. M. HAGOOD.

Aberdeen District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

First Round.
Athens.....Feb. 27, Mar. 1
Aberdeen circuit....." 7-8
Aberdeen....." 14-15
Okolona....." 21-22
Okolona circuit....." 28-29
Shannon....." 30-31
Union Grove.....Apr. 4-5
West Point....." 11-12
West Point circuit....." 18-19
Starkville....." 25-26
Woodland.....May 2-3
Reids....." 9-10
Columbus....." 16-17
Caledonia....." 23-24
Columbus circuit....." 30-31
Itawamba....." 37-38
J. C. ECKLES, P. E.

North New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference.

First Round.
Mallien Chapel.....Feb. 26
Gretina and Waggaman....." 27
LaHarpe Chapel....." 28
Lower Coast....." 29
St. Matthew.....Mar. 1
Pleasant Plains....." 2
Thompson Chapel....." 3
Wesley Chapel....." 4
Union Chapel....." 5
Ashbury Chapel....." 6
Stidell and Paulville....." 7
Mandeville....." 8
White Hall....." 9
St. Charles.....Apr. 5
St. John....." 12
Milneburg....." 18
EMPEROR WILLIAMS, P. E.

District Conference Notice.

The first district conference of the Brookhaven District will convene at Pass Christian, Miss., Thursday, May 28, at 9 o'clock a. m. We want every member of the conference to be present on the first day with his report in first class style. Pastors, please have the missionary collections to begin with. The pastor that reports the largest collections for missions, cash, in the district conference will get a nice book for his work. Now, pastors, I want each of you to get twenty subscribers for the Southwestern before the conference meets in May. Any pastor that reports as many as 30 cash subscribers in the district conference will be rewarded with a nice present. We want to conquer all for Christ. With him we can do all things. B. L. CRUMP.

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Editorial Notes.

CREATION.

A rain-drop, made a diamond by the sun,
Tells from a rose-leaf that the storm is done;
Rain-drops seem instants, jewels ages old,
Yet both the self-same moment were begun.

CHARLES HENRY LUDERS.

HON. H. Dudley Coleman will please accept thanks for appreciated favors.

MISSISSIPPI'S new Constitution is such a senseless and bungling affair that the press of the State declare that the nuisance is worthless and should be speedily repudiated and repealed, and the old Republican Constitution amended and revised.

THE article by the Rev. E. M. Collett in answer to Dr. J. F. Spence's unwarranted and heartless attack upon the colored people, in the "Methodist Review," which appeared in a recent issue of the "Carolina Methodist," was timely and withering.

THE speech delivered by the Hon. Wm. M. Evarts, in the United States Senate, on the Federal Election Bill, Jan. 15, was a masterly effort quite worthy of his great reputation. His pleas in behalf of the weakest and humblest citizen, for his full protection in the exercise of his rights and elective franchise, were such as to bring conviction to every heart not wedded to high-handed frauds and intimidations. We thank him for a copy.

PREACHERS on trial and in the third and fourth year's courses of studies should get their books now, and not wait until a few weeks before conference, and then complain that they could not get their books in time. Send for them now. Every book needed can be gotten directly from this office. Send us the cash and we will send the books at usual discounts. See price-list in another column. Let local preachers pursue the same course.

THE attention of our readers is invited to the beautiful poem, "The Corner Stone of the Republic," by our young friend J. R. Howard, of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., which he composed and delivered at Anniston, Ala., recently. It is quite prophetic of the poetic powers of the author. Copies can be had at 10c. a piece, by writing to the author. By so doing you will secure a beautiful poem and help a deserving young man, who hopes thereby to help himself in securing an education.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sight-Seeing.—XII.

L. M. HAGOOD.

The employees of the street cars and indeed everybody in Toronto seems to think there is but one province in the world and that is Ontario and but one first class city in it and that is Toronto. They show you everything they can possibly see as they pass and then tell how and where you can find the rest. Indeed they tell you everything except that they desire annexation to us. As matters exist in some parts of this country I believe they are right. The street car conductor neither alarms the neighborhood when you pay your fare, nor scares you to death by pulling from his beligerent looking pocket a Southern looking register, but he quietly shoves under your chin a curious looking leather, nickel plated box. Take a fresh oyster box and put a handle on one side and a pitcher like mouth on the other, with a flat top and a hole in it big enough for the admission of a silver dime (they turn up their nose at our nickels and dimes) and you have it. It falls upon a silver platform, besides which is a little glass window, and is thrown into the leather box below by the turn of a crank at the side. Of the 1700 animals used in the street car service, not a single mule or shabby looking horse is to be seen. A conductor has charge of every car. The cars are all scrupulously clean and finished antique oak. Union R. R. station where the Canada Central, Continental and New York Central trains arrive and depart is a fine large three story building of pressed brick trimmed with granite. The King and Yange street car leads out King street. Fine large beautifully finished business blocks line either side of it. Directly in front, the car going West, we see a magnificent building, on top of its tower is a quadruple spire, and a repetition of this, on a smaller scale at each corner, is St. Andrews Church of England. Not far South from this church is St. Michael's Roman Catholic Cathedral. To say it is their leading church here you can easily imagine the rest. Directly North of King street the church with spires all over and around it, built after the Gothic style of architecture is the Metropolitan Wesleyan Methodist Church. It has a large yard nearly all around it and this is literally grown all over with the most beautiful flowers which are most artistically arranged. It is a thing of beauty now, and interiorly is unsurpassed for comfort convenience and beauty. Time and space would fail us to tell you of Osgood Hall, The Normal School, the Innatio Asylum, University of Toronto, Trinity College, Knox College, Upper Canada College, Queen's Park, Horticultural Garden, Volunteer Monument, Fountain and Pavillion, Crystal Palace, and the Custom House and last but not least the Wesleyan Methodist Book House where the *Guardian* is published. We did not succeed in getting to see inside of but one church and that we can not pass without mention, which was

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

We came to a large well kept yard around which is a substantial iron fence. We found the Irish janitor and was admitted. We entered by a side door. The ohnroh fronts on King street. This building beggars description. The halls are clean as a pin, though covered by fine cocoa matting. It is a fine historic building of stone. The Rev. John Strachman, D.D., LL.D., is the Lord Bishop. Rev. Henry

J. Grassett, B. D., is the rector at a salary of \$5 000 per year besides fees etc. He has two or three assistants at salaries from \$3,000 down to \$1,000 each. The annual Easter report for 1890 shows the building value \$222,897.77, furniture inside \$4,004.50, Spnday-school building and furniture \$15,464.90. And other parts connected netting \$267,184.77. By the eighteen visitors of this church 1,000 visits were made during the year to indigent and sick people. As we entered this time honored building hat in hand and reverent tread, we found it a palace. At a glance we saw it was a pew rented church. On all sides of the walls were memorial slabs of Parian marble, to many of the nobility and dignitaries who are dead, too numerous to mention. The grand organ in two parts, leaving space in the middle, for choir fills the entire North end of the building. To attempt a description is useless. On the right side of this space is a fine mahogany pedestal or pulpit, while in the centre is a reading desk of solid brass that shines like gold. We only add it is the most magnificent building inside our eyes ever beheld. The tower is 316 feet high inside of which is a clock and chime of bells. By paying the janitor ten cents we were permitted to go up into this tower. Nearly every day of the week this church is open and streams of people go in and out. As we came into the office on our way to this wonderful tower an alarm of fire was turned on and the clock and bells up in the tower were seemingly having a frolic. The janitor called us into the yard to see the firemen pass. But a few moments elapsed before the entire department seemed to be in King street. It was a very fortunate accident all around both for the city and its visitors. The alarm was false but it gave us an opportunity to see the entire department since the alarm was turned on from the most important mercantile street. The Irish janitor led us back and said, "Did ye ever see the fate of that? You can't do the likes of that in the states, man."

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Lincoln's Anniversary in the "Model City of the South."

BY J. R. HOWARD.

Thursday morning Feb. 12th, found the writer on board of the train on the Ga. Pacific railroad enroute to Anniston, Ala., to deliver the oration at the celebration of Lincoln's birth-day by the members of the Big Eight's Social Club, (so named for the first eight original members), and by whom the invitation was extended. As is usual in this section of country, we had to ride in a "jim crow" car, where low down white men, many of them with no collars on, came in and puffed their dirty tobacco smoke right under the noses of refined men and women of color, and nothing could be done about it. We could not help reflecting on the nature and condition of such a state of things. What a great thing a little color is in the eyes of some called superior men, and how wonderfully they "strain at the gnat, and swallow the camel."

We arrived at Anniston at three o'clock, and were met at the depot by Prof. S. E. Moses with a carriage, and after being carried over the principal part of the city, were taken to his residence in South Anniston. By the way, the carriage we rode in is owned and controlled by a colored man, Mr. Freeman, and the outfit is said to be worth one thousand dollars.

The literary exercises were to take place at seven thirty that evening, but owing to the contin-

ued inclemency of the weather, they had to be postponed; a very appropriate and tasty program was arranged, and if fully carried out would have reflected great credit on the members of the Club. However, the banquet that was prepared for the occasion was well attended, and proved to be an enjoyable affair; a well-laid table was snrounded, and relieved of its tempting viands. Toasts were made by several persons, social conversation indulged in, and the time passed off very pleasantly indeed.

Now, just a word or two in regard to Anniston and its inhabitants. The city is situated on the Ga. Pacific division of the R. and D. R. R., just one hundred and four miles from Atlanta. It is a young city, and has sprung up almost by magic in the last five or six years. It is well laid out, with wide even streets, good sidewalks, and has substantial buildings. It is a great centre for coal and iron, and mining and manufacturing are carried on all around. Furnaces have been built, also rolling mills, and the U. S. Rolling Stock Co., turns out anything pertaining to a railroad and its equipment. This company alone furnishes employment for several hundred men. The city has an air of push and energy about it that is encouraging. One of the most encouraging signs is the friendly relations existing between the races. This is due perhaps, to the fact that it is settled largely by Northern, New England, and Western men, who bringing with them their broad views of civilization, have made a current of good feeling in this line possible. There is great room for improvement, however, and there is no telling to what prosperity the city will come in the next fifteen years.

The Negro here is given a chance, and he is not slow to take it. One thing that gladdened the heart of the writer is the large number of colored men owning real estate, and doing business for themselves. A hall is being built in South Anniston by a leading colored man; a brick hotel worth ten thousand dollars is owned by Negroes, there are colored contractors doing work equal to that of any white man; and also men of color renting several houses of their own. Among the professions there are a skilled physician, Dr. C. E. Thomas who graduated at Ann Arbor, Mich., with a class of 69, and afterwards went to a college of medicine on Long Island, and who now has all the practice he can attend to; a dentist, Dr. Malone, who is a son of Meharry, at Nashville; and a lawyer, Hon. C. M. Smith, who came to the city last year, and is practicing his profession right along. The Negro is also recognized in politics too; I am told that he holds the balance of power, and the whites are compelled to notice him.

The colored churches are here in full. There are the M. E. Church, with Rev. P. G. Goins pastor; the A. M. E. Church, with Rev. Hamilton as pastor; the C. M. E. Church, Rev. Toomer, pastor; the A. M. E. Z. Church, Rev. Fitzpatrick, pastor; the Baptist Church, Rev. McAlpine, pastor; and the Congregational Church. The ministers have formed a pastor's union, which bids fair to become a grand success.

The literary exercises of the club were held on Monday night, and in spite of the hard rain, an appreciable crowd was present. A part of the program had to be dispensed with, and the oration by the writer was the main feature. The subject was, "Emancipation and its Results." It was received with enthusiastic applause. The writer also read a poem, "The Cor-

ner stone of the Republic," and dedicated it to the club, the name of which has been changed to the "Lincoln Social and Literary Club," and efforts are now being made to establish a library and reading room in connection with it. This is a move in the right direction. The people are anxious to rise, and should be encouraged along all lines that make for education, social and moral uplifting. The young people especially, deserve credit for their strenuous efforts in this direction.

We boarded the train at one twenty Tuesday morning and in a few hours were back again in the "Gate City of the South," and hard at work as usual. The writer will always bear with him only pleasant recollections of his short but very enjoyable trip to Anniston, and of the very kind and courteous treatment received at the hands of its prominent citizens. The coming years will prove to the country that this young and flourishing city will rightly bear its name, the "Model City of the South."

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

Schools and Colleges.

Meharry's Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Commencement.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Meharry Medical Department, the fifth of the Dental and the second of the Pharmaceutical Department of Central Tennessee College (colored) was held last night at the Masonic Theatre. The house was filled to overflowing with patrons, friends and the alumni of these flourishing institutions.

On the stage were the graduating classes, the faculty and many prominent citizens. Among them were Archdeacon Perry, Prof. Raderman, of Vanderbilt University, and nearly all of the colored ministers of Nashville and vicinity, also Dr. Halfacre, of Columbia, Dr. Berry, of Kentucky, Dr. J. B. Lindsley, Secretary of the State Board of Health; president Cravath, of Fisk University; president Owen, of the Roger Williams University.

The exercises were opened by an anthem "Sing Unto the Lord," by the college choir, which was followed by a prayer from Rev. D. Hays, of Cleveland, then a second anthem "Mighty Jehovah" by the choir.

The salutatory address was delivered by A. O. Lockhart, of Georgia. After a few words of welcome he gave a carefully prepared thesis on histology. This was followed by an address on acropoyn in preparing prescriptions, by J. M. Beverly, of Galveston, Tex., who was elected by his class as pharmaceutical valedictorian. The medical valedictory was delivered by O. C. Queen, of Texas, his subject being "Phthisis Pulmonalis."

The following is an extract from the concluding portions of his address:

Reverend Faculty:—If it be true that the good alone are great; then you are the great; if there be truth in the assertion; "Honor him to whom honor is due," then you are to be honored.

Many Medical Schools were established long ere there was a Meharry, but we dared not enter therein. You have seen and known our condition, came to us during the period of our misfortune, and clothed us when we were naked; fed us when we were hungry; gave unto us drink when we were thirsty, and visited us while we were sick and in prison,—and we come to-night to express to you our highest appreciation and reverence for the demonstration of your love, interest and sincere devotion, thus

manifested. We cannot thank you as we desire for the constant care and interest manifested in the work which you have undertaken and are now prosecuting in the Southern fields; and because of which, we are aware of the fact you have been ostracised and have perhaps sacrificed many earthly joys and pleasures; nevertheless, we rejoice in the fact that the remuneration of man's labor will at some time and somewhere, find its fulfillment. It is not in our power to unweariedly your brow and crown your learned heads with the true rewards which is due you, but your labors, your sincere and timely devotion, and the worthy and invaluable instruction which you have so successfully imparted to the many of the sons of Africa, we shall ever cherish as banners of truth, as emblems of honor and as monuments of fame.

Your names, dear faculty, shall ever abide in the hearts of the class of '91. Your bodies will have returned to the dust, but your names, deeds and acts will forever occupy an important place in the annals of Negro history.

We realize the fact, Mr. President, that nothing of eminence, nothing of honor, nothing of renown ever comes to him who shrinks and falters because of casualties; but to him who by constant and unremitting toil, with an invincible determination grounded upon moral principles there is certainly a period sometime in the future, when he will stand the exponent of his community, the pride of his race, an honor to nations at home, a light to monarchs abroad and the acme of his fame will redound to the glory of God.

With this indelibly stamped in the hearts of the class of '91, in addition to the motto, we promise you that we will try and not deceive you, nor prove false to ourselves; but we shall ever aim at that which is noble in sentiment and worthy of praise. Your example shall be our examples, and whatever success may crown our pathway we shall in part attribute to you.

To the citizens of Nashville:—We now turn to you to express our final adieus. We feel that our duty would be left incomplete were we to leave without extending to you a few assertions as a token of our appreciation for the interest in us, which you, even to-night make manifest by your presence. In your homes we were made welcome, we met you as strangers, we leave you as friends. Our voices have commingled with yours in many pleasant conversations and songs of praise. Alas! the time for our departure has come, and we must utter the words which bid you adieu; but whether we be hurried by the waves of adversity, or encircled by the billows of prosperity, we shall ever entertain a sentiment of love and a heart of gratitude for the citizens of Nashville. Long live the City of Rocks, with her kind and benevolent inhabitants; her beautiful edifices, her magnificent churches, her unrivalled free schools and colleges, and her towering domes pointing toward the heavens.

Athens, the eye of Greece, Mother of arts; Nashville, the eye of the South, Mother of Negro Medical Science. Let bright and beautiful Alpha in the Southern constellation send out her light—let sweet and lustrous Orion in the zenith shine forth in her brilliancy; let the City of Rocks establish throughout the world, her fame, her intellectual powers, and her intelligence.

Three years ago this class made its beginning in the study of medicine and began preparing themselves to meet the numerous difficulties, and the vicissitudes of life

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Letters from the Districts.

Tennessee River District Conference.

T. W. JOHNSON.

The Tennessee River District Conference convened at Clark Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m. J. B. Bradford, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

Rev. A. Phillips, Presiding Elder of the Cumberland River District, led in prayer.

Thos. W. Johnson was elected secretary.

Roll call showed nearly all the members present.

Revs. J. P. Price, Presiding Elder of the Nashville District, and A. Phillips, Presiding Elder of the Cumberland River District, were introduced.

Revs. W. H. Vaughn, J. B. Summerhill, J. W. Huskey and H. W. Key were also introduced.

Three presiding elders being present, the Presiding Elder suggested that we sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

J. C. Harding and Wm. Battle were introduced to the conference, which also listened to addresses from presiding elders Price and Phillips.

On motion of Rev. H. W. White, the conference visited Central Tennessee College in a body, Friday morning.

W. B. Denny was elected recording secretary; I. C. Brown, statistical secretary.

The report of the Presiding Elder and pastors showed progress.

The local preachers, exhorters, class leaders, district stewards and Sunday school superintendents also made satisfactory reports.

Frank Amos was licensed to preach.

The orders of J. W. Huskey were recommended to be recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all country pastors make a note of any of their members moving to the city, and immediately transfer said members to some one of our city churches, and report the same to his next quarterly conference.

The licenses of the local preachers and exhorters were renewed.

Dickson station was selected as the next seat of the district conference.

The charges were assessed \$700 for Presiding Elder's salary.

Rev. J. F. K. Moreland discussed the question, "Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Electoral and General Conference of the M. E. Church?"

Revs. H. T. Hickerson, C. B. Wilson, W. L. Denton and Evan Tyree of the A. M. E. Church, were introduced.

The conference resolved that there shall be a Sunday School Institute organized in the district, and the following committee was appointed to perfect its organization: H. W. White, C. H. Bullington, I. C. Brown, H. Robinson and E. D. Martin.

Among those taking prominent parts in the discussion of subjects, or presenting papers before the conference, were Revs. H. W. White, S. B. Danley, W. B. Denny, H. Robinson, I. C. Brown, H. Primm, C. E. Alexander, and C. H. Bullington. The discussions were of a high order, and elicited considerable attention. The services were all edifying, and the session one of the best ever held.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

G. J. Izard, Richmond, Texas.

After considerable delay in consequence of small-pox quarantine against Houston, managed to move his family to his new charge at Richmond. He has many good things to say for his predecessor and the people he is now serving. He says: "Many of them own the soil on which they live. Some of

them own good bottom farms, while others own several houses and lots in town. Sorry, a great many of our people, even members of the church, left this town and county during the riot that was here two years ago. It can plainly be seen at once at this place (as is seen at every place on the district) the result of the labors of Rev. R. H. Harbert and the intelligent pastors who labored with him. This people retain yet the standard they reached through the efforts of former pastors. The Sunday school deserves much to be said of it. I find also in this church and school the influence of Rev. R. H. Harbert living very high. This whole community, both white and black, bewail his misfortune. Rev. Harbert was certainly a man worthy of the position he held, full fledged in every particular, a christian gentleman and a true Methodist. His place is hard to fill in the Texas Conference. Every person who believes in keeping everything in action for christian promotion and religious elevation, certainly loves and esteems Rev. Harbert and his labors in the Texas Conference, and will weep over his misfortune and expulsion from the M. E. Church. As he goes, our prayers and sympathy go with him."

W. L. Duncan, Huntsville, Texas.

Our church is situated in a most conspicuous place, on a beautiful hill, surrounded by the property and wealth of both races. One coming into the town cannot help from being favorably impressed with its situation. It is about as good a piece of property as there is in the town, without any exception. The former pastor reported to the conference 93 full members. Since then I have added to the church or increased it to 110 members and one probationer. Sunday, February 15, 3 p. m., found Rev. F. Parker, Presiding Elder, at his post. Revs. Edwards and Benson, Baptists, were with us. Collection, \$14. Monday evening the quarter was held. Tuesday evening the Lord's Supper was given to quite a number. Many hearts were made to rejoice. The Presiding Elder made an earnest appeal in behalf of the SOUTHWESTERN.

Wm. Josey, Bellville, Tex.

I arrived at my work February 12, and found the church in debt, but we are going to try to work it out. Having done all we can, will not the Church Extension help us? We need a church in Bellville. We have the land all ready.

Rev. F. Smith, Cookeville, Tenn., informs us that in consequence of the illness of Rev. A. Phillips, Presiding Elder, he did not hold his quarterly meeting there, but sent Rev. A. J. Nelson, who left some very profitable lessons with his people. They had a good time. The SOUTHWESTERN is being pushed on that work as never before. We rejoice in the fact. Let the good work continue and let it be introduced into every family.

The members and friends of the church at Heidelberg, Miss., at the close of a prayer meeting recently, surprised the pastor, Rev. N. Toole, by loading the table in the church with many choice articles of provisions for the pastor and his family. They prayed that the Lord might feed and clothe their pastor; and they very wisely and properly helped the Lord to answer their prayers.

J. W. Richmond, McMinnville, Tenn.

Rev. J. P. Price held our quarterly meeting January 17, and preached a soul-reviving sermon. We have organized an Epworth League with twenty-three members. Our people were burnt out last year and are somewhat discouraged, but they are gradually pushing forward now. Send me some specimen copies of the paper so I can show our people what the Old Church is doing. They will thereby be further encouraged, and I'll no doubt be able to send you in several cash subscriptions.

Wm. Thomas, Ferns, Texas, is building a church ten miles north-

east of Marshall, Tex. He calls upon the friends to help him.

C. H. Bullington, Dickson, Tenn., has a circuit with six preaching points on it. He and his people are struggling to build a new church, which they hope to occupy by May 1. They beg for the help of their more prosperous neighbors. Who will help them? Send to the Rev. C. H. Bullington, Dickson, Tenn. The quarterly meeting recently held there by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. B. Bradford, was a great blessing to that people.

G. H. Harvey, Hood, Miss., rejoices in the success which he has had in securing a nice lot on which to build a church. They have nearly all the material on the ground, and half paid for.

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Letters from the Laity.

Our people at Waynesboro, Ga., are full of gratitude to God, and to their friends, for the result of their work last year. They have sent us resolutions to that effect. They are thankful for the completion of their beautiful new church, to their beloved teachers, Miss E. C. Fairchild, for a \$70 outfit for their pulpit; to Miss Minnie M. Hooven, for \$25 on their lamp reflector; and to Miss Phronia Whitehead for valuable help in beautifying their alcove and felt door to the church; to the Church Extension Board for a donation of \$200; to Drs. Thirkield and Haven for \$25 each; and to the white and colored citizens of Waynesboro for their ready responses to all of their appeals for help. They extend thanks to Bishop Joyce, who left a sick family to be with them last December, and to Mr. Wm. E. Jones for \$11 in cash and a ten dollar reflector. The resolutions are signed by Tyla Johnson, Robt. Scruggs, Wm. Coles, Wm. Mathas, A. H. Williams, trustees; and Rev. Josie Jackson, P. C.

Bro. Joseph Winey, Jeannerette, La.

Writes to complain that he is constantly being made to give up for ministers sent by the conference from places he has opened up. He says he has bought and paid for a lot at Patonville, and that he has had to give it up to Rev. M. J. Dyer, the pastor recently appointed there by the conference, although he has been knocking at the door of the conference for years without success. That's right, beloved brother, keep on doing pioneer work. The Lord did not intend that every one should be pastors; for "He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers." Be contented therefore in whatever station the Lord has appointed you to serve, until he makes it evident to the Church that you are called to something else.

Bro. L. L. Veal, Jr., writes us a plea in favor of education.

Josie A. Bennett, Marion, Ala.

I cannot help but write something concerning the Central Alabama Conference, which convened at this place Jan. 29, 1891. I enjoyed it ever so much. I go to the Lincoln Normal Institute, but when conference commenced I forsook the school building and attended conference. I do not regret the time that I spent attending conference, for I was perfectly delighted in listening to the excellent lecture of Dr. Payne on Thursday night, and the glorious sermon of Rev. A. N. Jackson on Friday night. On Sunday morning an excellent sermon was preached by Bishop Andrews, and I cannot express how I enjoyed the sermon by Dr. Albert on Sunday night.

Rev. S. S. Wright, Natchitoches, La.

Was surprised by a party of young ladies and gentlemen on the 16th of February, with many

good things. They called at a late hour in the night.

Mary Eliza Baldwin, Anderson, Texas.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. W. H. Logan, held his first quarterly conference here Feb. 17, 18. He preached two heart-felt sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to about twenty-eight members. Collection, \$6.65. We are few in number, but we had a grand time.

James A. Burns, Pearlington, Miss.

Under the leadership of Rev. O. H. Flowers, Holmes Chapel M. E. Church has done a great and grand work in building a parsonage. The have raised enough to buy the ground, which cost \$120. Last week \$55.95 was collected at the rally. We are sanguine of ultimate success.

Miss Nettie Patterson, Durant, Miss.

is teaching a very large and prosperous school there, and takes much interest in every church and Sunday school enterprise.

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It cures quickly. For sale by all dealers in medicine. Get the genuine.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my brothers and sisters. We all were owned by Howard Cannon, in Sumter county, Ala. Our father was Rev. Hamilton Cannon. He was a Methodist preacher. He had to run away the first year of the surrender because he told the people that they were free. I was a small boy about six years old then. He went to Mobile, Ala., and I heard afterwards that he died. Brothers' names are Haley, Wade, Westley, Henderson, John, Gustave and James, all owned by Cannon. Sister's name was Ellen. Any one knowing any of these please address, S. H. CANNON, Enola, Miss.

Mr. Editor: Hannah Glover, of Stoney Point, wishes to advertise for her sister, Mary Von. Her husband's name was Tom Von, oldest boy Phm Von, and daughter Bell Von. They left Stoney Point for Texas with their master. Any information concerning her and her family will be thankfully received by her sister.

HANNAH MILES.

116 Third street, New Orleans, La.

General News Items.

The silver men have humbugged themselves, and are trying to humbug the people, with the idea that Congress can, by simply willing it, make an eighty cent dollar commercially just as good as a hundred cent dollar. They must get the nations of the earth to think just as they do, in order to make this idea a success.

On the night of Feb. 4th the store of Yeats & Hartness, Starkville, Miss., was burglarized. Loss very heavy.

Mr. Angnat Belmont died in New York Nov. 24th.

China makes her first serious attempt to coin money. The Canton coinage is made a legal tender.

Col. J. R. Baker, a well known broker of Philadelphia, is missing. He leaves \$1,000,000 of paper behind.

Queen-Regent Emma proclaims Princessa Wilhelmina Queen of the Netherlands; but the former will hold the regency during the latter's minority.

The State Department withdraws its offer in aid of foreign exhibitors at the World's Fair.

About 2,000 foreign doctors have already arrived at Berlin to learn how to use Professor Koch's new discovery.

Gen Baum estimates the pension deficiency at \$32,000,000.

Superintendent Porter's revised figures of the census places the population of the United States at 62,622,250.

The loss by the floods in Austria was enormous.

John R. Baker, Jr., the missing Philadelphia broker, is charged with misappropriating about \$1,000,000 of securities belonging to the estate of his family.

In Postmaster General Wanna-maker's report it appears that 600,000 have been saved the past year on the stamped envelopes contract and the contracts for carrying the mails. The gross revenue of the department is nearly \$5,000,000 larger than ever before. One cent postage and a postal telegraph system are advocated.

It is estimated that the public debt was increased four million in November.

Secretary Blaine will attend the National Convention of Republican Clubs to be held in Cincinnati on April 21 and 22.

The mine disaster at Spring Hill mine, N. S., resulted in the loss of 120 lives.

Nineteen lives were lost by the wrecking of the ship Elizabeth near San Francisco, Cal. Feb. 22.

A fisherman and his family of five perished in the Missouri river near Canas City, Feb. 23.

The silver men of both parties are hunting up a candidate for the presidency that has the true ring or the free coinage of silver.

The death of King Kalakaua of the Hawaiian Islands has considerably improved affairs there. His successor and people are more in sympathy with each other, and the future of the kingdom has correspondingly improved.

Prince Bismark has declined a nomination for the German Reichstag.

Affairs in Brazil are improving.

Last week a very stormy scene was witnessed in the House of Representatives, over the resolution to arrest ex-treasurer Woodruff, who had been charged with embezzlement of state money.

The vilest epithets were hurled at from one member to another: Pandemonium existed for a while.

The Woman's Triennial Council of the U. S., held its session in Washington, D. C. Feb. 23, 25. Miss Frances E. Willard presided. The status of women in the church, and kindred subjects were discussed. The session was well attended, and much interest manifested.

All the rivers in the Mississippi Valley are on a boom.

U. S. Senator E. K. Wilson of Maryland died suddenly after three days illness in Washington, Feb. 24.

A regular exodus of Negroes is reported from Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas to Oklahoma. They are leaving by the carloads, from a hundred to five hundred at a time.

A Word to Our Agents.

Dear Brethren:—The eyes of the whole Church are upon us. During the past year or two we have done grandly in doubling the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN but as yet, we are far from the desired goal. We should not be satisfied until we have placed this paper on the pinnacle of self-support, where it will no longer be necessary to subsidize it to keep it afloat. Let us cease to be dependent by a general and united rally for the SOUTHWESTERN. We don't need names; what we need is cash with the names. To multiply names without cash is simply to multiply our liabilities without increasing our assets. Now, brethren, we plead with you to roll up your sleeves and pile us in such a list of cash subscribers as will put this paper among the other great papers of the church, where it will support itself independent of any General Conference appropriation. The SOUTHWESTERN never fails to stand by your every interest; now stand by it and make it self-supporting. A strong pull and a pull all together will accomplish the desired end. Send cash with the names.

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Subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Science.

Results of the Consumption Remedy.

From what is now known, it seems likely that about six weeks will be required to rid patients in the early stage of consumption of the symptoms of their disease. Whether this does or does not mean the complete cure of the disease is at present a question which will be answered conclusively by patients treated in hospital wards. It is in the highest degree probable, as every bacteriologist will understand, that relapses will occur. They must be treated on the principles already laid down by Koch, and their importance as a factor in the ending of the case must be worked out in public hospital practice. This I can say concerning the success which attends the use of this remedy in tuberculosis. I have never seen in a considerable series of cases treated by any remedy such uniformly good results, nor results so favorable to the patients. I do not, in what I have just said, include cases of advanced lung tubercle. Of that class of patients I have seen too few treated in the new way to entitle me to speak of them from my own knowledge. What we have heard and read of such cases in connection with this treatment leads us to expect at most temporary amelioration of their condition. Attention can not be too forcibly drawn to what Koch says, in his paper of November 14, concerning the grave responsibility which will in future rest upon medical men, who leave any means untried to diagnose tubercular disease in its earliest stages.—From Dr. Koch's Method of treating Consumption, by Dr. G. A. Heron, in *The Popular Science Monthly* for March.

THE Quarter-Centennial Jubilee Services issued by Drs. Hartzell, Gray and Chadwick for the use of public congregations in the morning and for young people's service at night, are most excellent. The music and responsive readings cannot fail to inspire any audience with the importance of our educational work in the South. These services are furnished free to any pastor who will use them, and the plea of the society is that during this Quarter-Centennial year of 1891, every pastor in Methodism will give a day to the presentation of this cause to his people.

Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., pastor of St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, in speaking of the young people's service says:

"This program was used Sunday evening, January 25th, in St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, by the large congregation worshipping there. The people, young and old, entered heartily into the service. The interest increased to the last moment. When the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' was sung, toward the close, the rich chords rolled forth from the great organ, swelled into sublimity by strong voices, until the solid masonry trembled as if in sympathy with the 'Glory Hallelujah' of the chorus. The effect of the service was good. Much valuable information was imparted in a way that aroused fresh interest in the important work of Southern education. Nor did the spiritual tone of the church suffer. Why should it? True religion is never harmed by the earnest presentation of the practical side of christianity."

Any pastor desiring the services, either for the regular congregation or for the young people, can secure them by addressing Rev. J. O. Hartzell, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE man who has the pious fear of God in his heart, so that he seeks to please and obey God, has no occasion for any other fear. God is sure to be his protector any where, and at all times. He need not be afraid of death or hell. Dying will do him no harm, and, as to hell, he has the assurance of the Bible that God has not appointed him unto wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Southwestern.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., - Editor

Official paper for the following Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, West Texas, Tennessee, East Tennessee, Little Rock, Central Alabama, Savannah, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Largest Circulation of any Religious Newspaper in New Orleans.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1891.

AMERICAN Citizen's Equal Rights Fund to test separate car law, Mr. Cornelius Smith, Baton Rouge, \$1.

WRITE plainly, and only on one side of the paper, or the inevitable waste basket will be the portion of your choicest literary efforts.

PASTOR'S throughout our territory will confer a great favor if they send us their present and former addresses so we can send their papers to their present addresses and not to their former.

THE teatro, the dance and the card table are a trinity of evils that no christian should have any dealings with. They are destructive of piety and chastity, and the wonder is that any one of them is tolerated, much less patronized by our decent and God-fearing people. Every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church has taken a solemn vow not to patronize them, and no one should be permitted to do so without meeting his just penalty.

GEORGIA, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and now Arkansas, have adopted separate car laws, for the separation of the races on the railways of those States. Is it not time that the millions of Negroes in those States should band themselves together to raise funds to test the constitutionality of such monstrous measures? Unless our people are satisfied to cowardly admit that they deserve this badge of inferiority, they will arise in their might and see to it that the Supreme Court of the United States shall pass upon this obnoxious class legislation. Every friend of liberty is earnestly exhorted to read the appeal of the American Citizen's Equal Rights Association of Louisiana published in last week's paper, and to contribute to the cause of testing these laws. Send contributions to Dr. J. T. Newman, corner of Canal and Marais streets, New Orleans.

THE Associated Press dispatches of Feb. 23 inform us that the Methodist ministers and churches of Chicago and vicinity celebrated the quarter-centennial jubilee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society last Sunday. Among those present were the following who are identified with the work of the society: Rev. Drs. J. F. Spence, chancellor of Grant University, Chattanooga, Tenn.; S. J. Chadwick and E. W. S. Hammond, Covington, Ky.; Hickman, of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.; and Prof. Sedgwick, of Nashville, and G. C. Draper, of Fort Worth, Tex. Reports from half a dozen of the 159 churches in which collections were made for the society, showed collections of over \$3300, double that collected last year. The total amount collected, it is expected, will reach \$25,000. Let the whole church rejoice.

Until Dr. J. F. Spence manages to explain away his unwarranted and heartless methods and suggestions, which he would have the church and nation accept as a righteous (!) solution of the Negro problem, the whole race, especially those in our church, will look with indignant protestation upon his appearance as the central figure in the demonstrations gotten up in honor of the quarter centennial of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which are now being held in all parts of this country. Our people, for whose special benefit this society was organized twenty-five years ago, protest against it.

Reformation in the Ministry.

While we do not endorse, but rather repudiate the wholesale charges of corruption and ignorance in the colored ministry in the South, which Prof. B. T. Washington and Bishop Payne have made against them, we are strongly of the opinion that some good will result from the discussion brought out by those serious charges. There is no doubt that great looseness has been winked at or looked over, in the past, which gave occasion for these charges. Let us profit by them in girding up the loins of our ministry in these exposed particulars as never before. A minister of the Gospel should be distinguished for learning and above suspicion. To this end our conferences should see to it that no one is advanced until he has all the books and has actually mastered every branch in his required course of studies; and a strict enquiry should be made in the annual examination of character, of all the preachers, and none should be permitted to pass until every rumor or charge against him is fully investigated and found to be without foundation. Too much carelessness has been permitted in such matters, much to the detriment of the men and the cause. Too many of the preachers find some excuses for leaving their wives hundreds of miles from their work. Our bishops, presiding elders and conferences should insist upon it that all the preachers must take their wives with them, and live with them on their works, in an exemplary manner before their people, or else retire from our ministry. This should be insisted upon in every case, except in such exceptional cases as readily commend themselves to the whole church and conference. More sin and wickedness spring from this source than possibly can be imagined, and should no longer be tolerated. The times are pregnant with positive reformation in this matter. Every interest of Christ and his Church demands it. The ministry is not respected as it should and used to be. Men are afraid or unwilling that ministers should visit their families, all because of the evil and terrible rumors that hang around certain ministers. No man should be permitted to remain in our ministry against whom such rumors exist. Let us have a reformation, and "let no guilty man escape." The tocsin has been sounded, and from henceforth the watchwords are, "Reformation, intelligence and character, pure and unimpeachable. Let all those who are not prepared to stand the test, quietly retire before they are forcibly ousted. Let all our sister denominations that are, and should be equally jealous for the purity and progress of Zion, see to it that immoral and spotted moral lepers are not permitted to jump from church to church as they are cornered in their immoralities and inefficiency, and a better day will dawn upon the churches. Will they do it? May high Heaven grant it; and may Zion thus prosper and bloom as the garden of the Lord, as He designed it should.

The "Epworth Herald" and Our Church in the South.

The *Epworth Herald* of Jan. 31, gives a fine summary of "Our Church in the South, and puts its membership at 500,000. But it winds up with the remarkable words: "We have no disposition to discuss in this connection the question of the propriety of our Church entering that great Southern field. Many good people in that region doubt it." (The italics are ours.) The only ones we have ever known to doubt it were the same people who doubted the "propriety" of the Emancipation Proclamation and all that followed. We hope the *Epworth Herald* will see the propriety of these remarks.

WASHINGTON'S birth day was observed Monday, Feb. 23, with unusual eclat throughout the country.

Political Review.

The President has appointed and the Senate has confirmed ex Gov. Chas. J. Foster, of Ohio, as Secretary of the Treasury, vice, Secretary Windom, deceased.

The pressure of necessary appropriations and other bills before the U. S. Senate, prevented the consideration of the articles of impeachment against Judge Aleck Boorman of Louisiana.

The President has appointed the Hon. James Hill as postmaster of Vicksburg, Miss. The white, unwashed democracy of that city have filed their protest against the appointment of a Negro as their postmaster. Mr. Hill, however, is a worthy representative of the class of citizens that make up the majority of the bona fide citizens of that State, and we do not apprehend that the President will recede from his appointment, or that the Senate will refuse to confirm the appointment.

The Fifty-First Congress expired last Wednesday, March 4, amid a great rush of very important business. We go to press too early to report what important legislation failed to pass.

Hon. H. W. Blair, of New Hampshire, whose senatorial term expired March 4, has been appointed and confirmed as U. S. Minister to China.

The senatorial fight in Illinois continues undecided, without any foreshadowing of what the result will be.

The parties are getting in trim for the next presidential campaign, and it behooves our people to begin to lay their plans to see that a few federal officials, whose claims to party consideration are only based upon their undefinable position in politics and their official tenure, do not manipulate the party convention. Let our people prove to those unworthy minions that they are no longer chattels, but manly men, that cannot be controlled by bosses of whatever prestige and patronage, and that cannot be bought with money. Get ready for the fray.

Personal.

The burial of Mr. A. O. Williams, only son of Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Williams, last Sunday, was one of the largest that has occurred among our people here for a long time. It showed the high esteem in which this excellent young man and his parents are held by their host of friends in this city. May the gracious Comforter support and comfort the bereaved ones.

After a siege of several weeks' sickness among the dear ones of his household, Rev. W. P. McLaughlin rejoices in the convalescence of the last one thus afflicted in his home.

We regret very much to learn of the very serious illness of Rev. Robt. T. Kent, at Onaloden, Ga. Bro. Kent is one of the fathers of Methodism in Georgia, and now in his old age is deserving of the kindest consideration of the younger brethren who are now in charge of the conference, and who are very largely the fruits of his own ministerial labors. We hope Bro. Kent will soon be well again.

A cablegram to the Mission Rooms announces the safe arrival of Bishop and Mrs. Goodsell at Hongkong on Monday, Feb. 16.

Address Rev. S. M. Bolden hereafter at Jefferson, Texas, box 354.

Rev. Joseph Johnson requests his correspondents to address him hereafter at Bunkie, La.

Rev. P. B. McDonald requests his correspondents to address him at Lewisville, Ark.

Address Rev. F. G. Wilton at McCool, Miss.

Address Rev. A. Spears at Fenton, Ark., and Rev. J. J. Parker at Centreville, La.

We extend heartfelt sympathy with Prof. and Mrs. A. P. Williams in the recent death of their son,

who was a clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. He died there.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley has been delivering a course of lectures at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

Mary Garnet Barboza, aged forty five, died on Dec. 2, 1890, at Breworsville, a town on the St. Paul's river, in Liberia. Mrs. Barboza was the daughter of the celebrated Negro abolitionist, Henry Highland Garnet. She inherited many of her father's great qualities, and influenced by his great example even in her younger days, devoted her energies to the task of improving her people. While active in this direction she had the peculiar privilege of teaching in the first free colored school which was opened in Washington in 1863. At this time feeling ran high against those engaged in teaching the Negroes, and as a consequence this young teacher of black children daily came in contact with many dangers, until Secretary Stanton found it necessary to detail a squad of soldiers to protect her on her way to and from school. After the war she continued her labors among the American blacks until her father was appointed the United States Minister to Liberia, when she accepted a commission from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and accompanied her father to Africa. Minister Garnet lived but seven weeks after his arrival at his post of duty, but his daughter remained to carry out the work to which she had devoted her life. For two years she continued to labor under the auspices of the American Association, but feeling that she could do more effective work if independent, she severed this connection. She then visited both the United States and England, and secured many earnest friends for the two hundred native children whom she had gathered around her in an African village. Mrs. Barboza leaves two girl children behind her, one of whom is in Africa, and the other is being educated in Philadelphia. The latter will graduate in June of this year, and will leave at once for Liberia, where she expects to continue her mother's work.

Henry Highland Garnet, the father of the subject of the foregoing note, was for many years pastor of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, in this city. He was without an admixture of Caucasian blood, but was superior in intellectual ability to any other person of African descent, occupying a prominent position in this country. He was logical, a master of English, self contained, and worthy of a place in the United States Senate, on the bench of bishops of any church, or the presidency of any college.—*Christian Advocate*.

Samuel Bayliss, father of the late Dr. J. H. Bayliss, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, died at East Ansonia, N. Y. Feb. 14 and was buried Feb. 17. He was the last of the family. Mrs. J. H. Bayliss came from Evanston to attend the funeral.

Dean G. W. Hubbard, M. D., of the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., delivered his annual course of lectures at the New Orleans University Medical School last week. His subjects were Electro Therapeutics, and Hygiene.

Dr. T. A. Walker, of Baton Rouge delivered his annual course on Gynecology. The lectures were highly commented upon by the class and all who heard them. The Doctors made pleasant calls during their stay here. Dr. Hubbard and wife took a trip up the Mississippi during their stay here. They were delighted with what they saw and heard.

Rev. J. W. Holland, of Delphos, Ohio, a member of the Central Ohio Conference was in the city last week, and paid us several appreciated visits.

Revs. H. J. Wright, of Donaldsonville, and S. Mitchell of Hahnville, and B. Bolden of Fairmount,

were in the city last week, and called.

Ex Governor Kellogg, who is always welcome among us, and whose friendly attitude toward our people is universally recognized, was among our callers last week. He will remain here a week or two longer before his return to Washington, D. C.

We extend congratulations to Rev. I. L. Pratt, of Moss Point, Miss., upon his recent marriage to Miss E. B. Morris, of Starkville, Miss. May all their days be bright and their pathway strewn with flowers.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

Bishop Mallalieu, as abundant in labor as ever, preached a wonderful sermon at First Street Church, Sunday, Feb. 22. The pastor, Rev. T. G. Montgomery, was assisted by Rev. J. F. Marshall. The year opens up nicely there.

Boynton Chapel, Gretna, Rev. H. C. Wilson pastor, was favored with very edifying sermons by Revs. Emperor Williams and Thos. McCary, Sunday, Feb. 22.

The centennial anniversary of the death of John Wesley was observed in many of our churches last Sunday. Last Monday it was observed with very becoming services at Wesley Chapel, Rev. F. T. Chinn, pastor. Among the principal speakers were Bishop Mallalieu, Revs. J. T. Marshall, L. Lyon, Emperor Williams, Dr. A. E. P. Albert and others. The services were well attended.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at nearly all of our city churches last Sunday. The congregations were large and the services were solemnly interesting.

Wesley chapel Choir Circle was organized Wednesday night Feb. 27th, for the purpose of raising funds for the rebuilding of their church. The following officers were elected, viz. James Bumbry Sr., president, John Collins, vice president, Lady officers, Mrs. Nox president, Mrs. Howard vice president, Mrs. L. Courtney treasurer, George Biggs secretary. Twenty-three persons enrolled their names as members.

Books and Current Literature.

The "Methodist Review."

The *Methodist Review* for March-April presents a valuable table of contents. Professor W. G. Williams presents a critical and exegetical article on "Paul's Epistle to the Romans," as the second in the series on New Testament books. From Berlin, Germany, Rev. C. W. Rishell writes, comprehensively on "The Ritschlian Theology." The symposium on "The Christian Sabbath" is a forcible claim for the maintenance of this holy institution; the three contributors, Drs. L. R. Fiske, J. M. Durrell, and J. C. W. Cox, have spoken wisely on the observance of the Lord's day. Sanford Hunt, D.D., introduces a subject of great interest in his able discussion of "The Two-House Plan," and one which will receive the attention of the next General Conference. "Tendencies in American Economics," by G. H. Dryer, D.D., is a continuation of the sociological discussions which the *Review* is this year maintaining. A most unique portrayal of St. Paul's experiences is given by Isaac Crook, D.D., under the title "From Ephesus to Rome." The Hon. E. L. Fancher has also written instructively in his "Hymnody of the Christian Church."

The editorial departments maintain their high and varied character. Under "Current Discussions" the three editorials deserves particular comment. "Was Jesus the Subject of Old Testament Prophecy?" is a timely and masterly discussion of a fundamental question. "Edward Bellamy's New Civilization" is likewise pertinent, shows the fallacy of the Bellamy scheme, and points out the modifications needed in the present social system. "The Eligibility of Women Not a Scriptural Question" will be widely read as a contribution which relieves the debate of many embarrassments and places

it on its true foundation. The spirit of the editorial is that the question, whatever its merit, is not settled by the Scripture, and is therefore left to the decision of the churches. The remaining editorial matter, such as "Opinion," "Progress of Civilization," "The Arena," "The Itinerant's Club," "Foreign Resume," and "Editorial Reviews," deserves detailed notice for its varied and scholarly character. For these and other reasons the current number of the *Review* is unsurpassed and merits the careful notice of the church.

With the number for March "The Forum" begins its eleventh volume. Throughout the whole period of the ten volumes now finished the publishers announce that there has been an uninterrupted increase of their business—an indication of the steady growth of the popular interest in the free discussion of the most important subjects of the time. So great has been the growth of the magazine that it is necessary to procure larger office room than the quarters now occupied by "The Forum," which, three years ago, seemed large enough for an indefinite period. The contents for March are: The Nicaragua Canal, by Senator John Sherman; Silver as a Circulating Medium, by George E. Bontwell, former Secretary of the Treasury; Do We Hate England? by Bishop A. Cleveland Cox, a plea for the peaceful settlement of our dispute with Great Britain; The Shibboleth of "The People," by W. S. Lilly, an examination of government by the majority and of the modern faith in numbers instead of moral force; Freedom of Religious Discussion, by Prof. Max Muller, a plea, from an orthodox point of view, for the fullest religious discussion; Our Bargain with the Inventor, by Park Benjamin, an explanation of the practical workings of our patent system and a proposed reform; The Ring and the Trust, by Dr. William Barry, how the consolidation of great industries is preparing the way for some form of state socialism; Railways Under Government Control, by W. M. Acworth, a special student of English railway problems, the effects of private and government ownership, and an argument for the former; Russian Treatment of Jewish Subjects, P. G. Hubert, Jr., a specific explanation of Russian persecution, its effect on immigration; Formative Influences, Martha J. Lamb, an autobiographical essay by the author of the "History of the City of New York;" A New Policy for the Public Schools, by John Bascom, the conflict with parochial schools in the Northwest. The price of "The Forum" is 50c. a copy, \$5 a year; and it is published by The Forum Publishing Company, New York.

"Therapeutic Sarcognomy: a New Science of Soul Brain and Body," a forthcoming work from the house of the J. G. Cripples Co., Boston, is a book of as highly sensational and attractive a character as is to be found in the realms of science. It makes a total revolution in physiology and medical philosophy, by presenting in one systematic view the functions of the brain, the body and the soul, with their exact anatomical connections and complex relations. Upon this view it develops a new system of practice in disease, and of hygienic laws for all, with a new electro-therapeutics and method of diagnosis. The idea and experiments are singularly novel, but are strongly endorsed by colleges and investigating committees.

The author, Prof. J. R. Buchanan, is well known as a forcible and brilliant writer upon scientific and reformatory subjects, who has long been prominent in the medical profession, and whose scientific views and discoveries have attracted attention in Europe.

There is in New York a unique literary organization known as The New York Story Club. It is made up of the lovers and tellers of good stories who have gathered a great number of romances from many lands—the aim being to get together the very best and most thrilling stories of all nations and all climes, and illustrative of all sorts of interesting experiences.

The Club has decided, to make up an issue monthly a group of them, under the name of Romance. It is prettily printed. The February number contains twenty complete stories. The underlying idea of the collection is a protest against long, dull and mandarin stories. Romance will be published monthly for The New York Story Club by O. A. Watson, Fourteenth Street and Fifth Avenue, New York, 25 cents a copy, \$3.00 a year. It and our paper both for \$3.25.

For children the best remedy for catarrh or influenza is Old Saul's Catarrh Cure.

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to pour and powder over the medical sciences for an equipment for the duties of the medical profession, in alleviating and preventing the excruciating pains of suffering humanity. It is indeed a profound pleasure that I have the distinguished honor to bid you a most hearty welcome.

Dear Class-mates: The fifteenth anniversary of the Meharry Medical Department brings to us a hopeful, brilliant future, and yet one of many responsibilities. Within a few days we shall all be thrown out into the great arena of life to face the stern realities and vicissitudes of the future, and may we not go out unwilling, but with intrinsic motives, with interest, zeal, and an invincible determination to do all in the power of the medical expert, to alleviate suffering humanity, not only at the bedside, but among those who are heathen in morals, heathen in intellect, and ignorant as to true principles of sobriety, frugality or genuine christianity. It remains for the class of '91 to scatter seeds of instruction among this unfortunate class of human beings, thus raising them from these degrading influences and evil propensities, which tend to devitalize the system; promote disease, and hence add to mortality. When we shall have accomplished this, we shall not only have aided in solving the race problem; but *yea more*, we shall do that which is the charm and glory of man's desire, add to health, beauty, and life. We are the true factors, on which the future power, of the race, whom we represent depends. If we fail, or if we deceive the millions who are awaiting us, the posterity of the race will lie fettered beneath the feet of other nations; and God will send no more Lincolns, no more Garrigans, no more Bratens, no more Hubbards, and no more Meharrys (and hence the second slavery will be worse than the first). Let us remember that the success of dear old Meharry, and not only Meharry, but of all other educational schools of color, depends partly upon our success: the race (for which they were founded) depends upon their success; and our success or failure depends not so much upon the medical skill, or general knowledge we possess, as upon the character, or habits of life which we form. The responsibilities of this the most brilliant and lustrous period of the nineteenth century, the responsibilities of the avocation, the responsibilities upon us as representatives of a race, pride and intelligence should burn into our hearts a determination to know no second place in the arena of medicine—in all its phases—theory and practice, investigations and discoveries.

As we have already learned, now let us demonstrate to the world, that a knowledge of the science of medicine, or of any other science does not find its foundation in the condition of the hair, nor in the color of the skin—but the glory of the poet is, God made the center of knowledge and intelligence in the brain.

Christ suffered and died to redeem the world from sin—we are to redeem the race from the cursed stain which has been stamped upon it. It may not be requisite that we should hang upon the cross, to blot out of existence this unpardonable disgrace, but time, patience, intelligence, and morality will certainly accomplish the desired end.

Dr. N. G. Tucker delivered the charge to the medical graduates. Dr. G. W. Hubbard then addressed the graduating class in pharmacy. He said that it was the first class that had taken an entire course in the Meharry Pharmaceutical Department, and that they would be pioneers in a new field of labor, which as yet had not been occupied, and that they should be careful to cultivate friendly relations with the white physicians and pharmacists of the cities where they located. Great diligence, business tact and prudence is required to conduct a drug store successfully; and they

should not sell intoxicants except for strictly medicinal purposes. The sale of patent medicines frequently gave the druggist only a small profit, while the manufacturers amassed immense fortunes. A thorough and practical knowledge of microscopy would be found to be extremely useful to pharmacists. Sunday sales should be confined to medicine and articles necessary for the comfort and welfare of the sick only.

President Braden then conferred the degree of M. D., on the following young men: G. S. Barruss, O. I. Cain, J. D. Davis, J. P. Crawford, A. O. Lockhart, N. V. Lynx, O. G. Merritt, O. C. Queen, C. S. Robinson, W. C. Seales, G. R. Thomas, W. F. Warren, S. J. Watkins, G. W. Bunn received the degree of D. D. S., and J. M. Beverly, R. W. Allen and E. S. Randals received diplomas certifying that they had completed the pharmaceutical course of study.

Dr. R. O. Tucker's prize for excellency in obstetrics was awarded to O. C. Queen, who also received a gold star eagle, offered by Dr. W. A. Sinclair, of Washington, D. C., who is a member of the class of '87, for the highest standing in all the branches of the senior year.

As the diplomas and prizes were distributed the winners were heartily applauded by their friends in the audience.

The past session is conceded to have been the most prosperous known in the history of Meharry.

Eighty medical, five dental and nine pharmaceutical students have been enrolled. For the first time since its foundation the students have enjoyed clinical advantages at the city hospital. More than one-half of the educated colored physicians of the Southern States are graduates from the Meharry College. With scarcely an exception they have been cordially received by the white physicians, who have consulted with them in dangerous cases, and assisted in difficult surgical operations.

The course of study is graded, and it requires three sessions of attendance to complete it. Before graduation each student is required to pass a written examination in every branch of study laid down in the course, and obtain 75 per cent on the same; and practical work is required in the chemical laboratory during two sessions.

Dr. J. B. Lindsay and Senator Early, of Chattanooga, closed the exercises by short speeches of encouragement and praise, which were both appropriate and sincere.

The happy graduates parted with their friends, singing with ringing emphasis an old-fashioned hymn.

Injustice to Mr. Richardson.

WILEY UNIVERSITY, MARSHALL, TEX., February 28, 1891.

I read the article signed "Students of Wiley University," in your paper of this date with much surprise. It is very unjust to Mr. Richardson. Very few of the students of Wiley University ever saw that article. There were doubtless many things in the lecture referred to that would have been better unsaid, but there are as many false statements in the article as there were in the lecture. It is indeed too true that many Negroes cannot stand a little truth if it happens to hit them too hard. Many of Mr. Richardson's statements were altered so as to be almost entirely different, and nearly every thing else in the article was an exaggeration. The statement that every student and teacher had to hide his (or her) head in shame was entirely false. Although I did not think much of Mr. Richardson's lecture, I do not like to see him so basely slandered.

JOHN H. WHITAKER.

We know absolutely nothing of this matter further than that the statements incorporated in this "students'" letter was vouched for by a prominent professor in the faculty of Wiley University. His letter is now on file in this office, and upon his credibility we admitted the students' letter in our columns. We regret the contradictory phase this question has as-

sumed, but we are not responsible for it.

In exonerating Mr. Richardson, however, Bro. Whitaker makes a charge against the Negro which we are free to say that he cannot substantiate. How dares Bro. Whitaker to say that "Negroes cannot stand a little truth, if it hits them too hard?" Does he not know that just to the extent that the truth hits "too hard," just in that proportion it becomes a lie and not the truth?

A statement may be a truth, but when carried too far or exaggerated beyond proper limits, is no longer a truth but a base falsehood, deserving of the stoniest denial and protestation. If the Professor who heard the lecture and gave us the facts is to be credited Mr. Richardson's lecture hit just too hard, or in other words, made things worse than they really were, hence did not abide strictly in the truth, and thereby gave ample reason for the outrage felt and expressed by the students of Wiley University.

The Medical School of New Orleans University, which has enjoyed such a successful year under the direction of Drs. Mullon, Clement, Walker, Hubbard and Prof. Clement, closed its second annual session last Friday. This was a very satisfactory year, and the eight or more young men who were in attendance are hopeful of the future. Next year this school will send out its first class of medical graduates, fully equipped for their work and the ready fields that await them. This school should matriculate not less than 100 young men next October. Suppose you prepare to enter? If otherwise qualified you will never regret it. The field of medicine is now the most promising of any to our aspiring and worthy young men. Let Bishop Mallalieu, the patron and founder of this great institution for our people, rejoice in the attendance of a hundred or more next session.

THE "House of Bondage," thrilling, charming, and wonderful is out in book form; and is on sale at this office. Every reader of the SOUTHWESTERN should send for a copy at once. Price, 75c. The introduction, written by Bishop Mallalieu, is worth the price of the book.

Homeletics.

How To Win Converts Who Remain.

BY THOMAS CHAMPNESS.

Some young preachers have felt at different times sorely tried by the want of stability in some of those who professed conversion. It is a sad disappointment when we have had a few persons apparently seeking salvation, but who relapse into carelessness and apathy upon religious subjects, or worse still, plunge into reckless sin. Some of us have been ready to weep when one of the leaders has said to us, "You remember that young fellow who went into the inquiry-room the last time you were here? Well, he's got back again, and is more careless than ever." But what is to be done? We reply, DO NOT REST SHORT OF CONVICTION.

There is not in these days the desire on the part of some preachers to produce the sort of repentance that makes a soul sick of sin. Here is where the power of the Spirit of God comes in. Nothing will do in the place of the good offices of the Holy Ghost. This can only be obtained in answer to prayer; and in the case of far too many of us we are weak in the matter of ory to God. We soon become weary of calling upon the name of the Lord. In the Pentecostal times the preachers were filled with the Spirit, the tongues which appeared over their heads were fiery—tongues which spoke words which burned! Is not this what is needed to-day? Our sermons are forgotten. What we say does not remain; but if we could speak with

TONGUES OF FLAME,

our ideas would make the conscience

smart, and the memory ache with the thought of past transgression, and the liability to future wrongdoing.

We would say further: Never let us make the mistake of thinking the inquiry room is the strait gate. It is a much easier thing, under the excitement of sympathy, and entreaty, as well as example, to go into a vestry, than it is to give up sinful practices and evil thoughts. When the young ruler came to Jesus he kneeled before him. This was done on the highway. This enquirer would have found it easy to have left a pew, and have gone with others to seek the Lord; but he could not take the advice of the Master, and

PART WITH HIS WEALTH, even for the sake of the poor. We shall find not a few put "coming out," as it is called, in the place of giving up sin, and forsaking evil. Then, as the excitement passes away, and they are confronted with the fight with evil, in some time of loneliness or fierce temptation, they give way.

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Would it not be well if we preached more on counting the cost, setting before our hearers the two sides of the question, letting them see the risk they run of imperfect work? It is quite true that the Gospel tells us of salvation free—a redemption to which we contribute nothing. But while free, it is not cheap. He who expects that he can be saved from sin and all its consequences without having to smart for it, is under a terrible mistake. Our forefathers in the pulpit perhaps, erred here, in keeping their awakened ones too long in the Slough of Despond, and in making the distance between the wicket-gate and the place where the burden fell too great. But it is yet true that

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at those who wish to enter in, and that Apollyon will try to slay us before we have got far on the path to the city. Let us then urge our hearers to count the cost, before they leave their pews for the place where they may be instructed in the way of peace.

If those who are seeking for salvation understood more of the guiltiness of sin; if they searched the Scripture to see what God thinks of evil; if they understood that it needed the sacrifice of a divine offering before the claims of the law could be met, then they would adore the love that bled for them, and feel a gratitude for Jesus which would make temptation lose its power, and evil habit its charm. Here is a subject which we invite the young preacher to study—the heinousness of transgression. Let us preach this more and more, and then there will be less carping at the doctrine of the punishment of evil, and more faith in that redemption which is precious to God, and magnetic towards man.

We make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

THE jury to try the Dagoes on trial for the murder of Chief Hennessey, has finally been completed, and the court is progressing with the case. As we go to press it is reported that one of the suspects has made a confession of his guilt. The assassination of the Chief was one of the most daring and heartless ever perpetrated in this city; and every law-abiding citizen, of whatever race or nationality, hopes that no guilty man will be permitted to escape.

THOMAS Carlyle never uttered a more sublime fact than in the following: "Be not disturbed by infidelity. Religion cannot pass away. The burning of a little straw may hide the stars, but the stars are there, and will reappear."

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Marriages.

Abbeville, La.—Mr. Jas. Minor to Miss Julia Jordan, Feb. 12.

Rev. A. J. Proctor officiating.

Roseneath circuit, Miss.—Feb. 2, Mr. Stephen Lennox to Miss Tibbie Golden.

Mr. Quitman Houghes to Miss Virginia Griffin.

Rev. P. H. Hill officiating.

Alexandria, La.—Mr. Andrew J. Thomas to Miss Jennie White, on Feb. 19, 1891. They left on the east bound train over the T. & P. R. R., for New Orleans, their future home.

Rev. A. J. Ford.

Paulding, Miss.—Mr. John Ware to Miss Martha Jones.

Mr. Henry Wheeler to Miss Jane Cook.

Mr. Tom Farrell to Miss Carmen Smith.

Rev. M. Cooper officiating.

Shuluta, Miss.—Feb. 18, 1891, Mr. Joe Huesse to Miss Maggie Rogers.

Also, on Feb. 21, Mr. Foot Hales and Miss Mary Gray.

Rev. A. J. McNair officiated.

Columbus, Miss.—Rev. I. L. Pratt, of Moss Point, Miss., to Miss E. B. Morris, of Starkville, Miss.

Rev. W. McDonald officiated.

The gay young bicyclist he's in bed, Not for him is the spring sun shining. He has been flung and is sore in body and head.

But Salvation Oil will make him smiling.

Obituary.

Feb. 13, 1891, Rhoda Richardson, a young member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith. Baton Rouge, La. W. R. Butler, P. C.

Sister Eliza Henderson departed this life Dec. 11, 1890. She was sick eight days. She was a member of Fairview M. E. Church. She was a faithful member and had spent thirty years of her life in the church. She devoted her time to God and lived to be 62 years old. She and Father Jack Henderson had been together forty odd years as devoted wife and husband. They had fifteen children, and grand-children accordingly. She leaves them all behind to mourn her loss, but we thank God that our loss is heaven's eternal gain. Just before she died she told them that there was not anything between her and her Savior. The funeral was attended by Bro. F. McDonald, assisted by Rev. H. C. Colman, of the Baptist Church.

Little Jake Freeman, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Freeman, died at home, at Roseneath, Yazoo county, Miss., Sunday, Feb. 1, 1891, at the age of 10 years. His father died a few months before, leaving a widow and five children. Little Jake was conscious to the last, and feeling the responsibilities cast upon his mother, called his relatives to his bedside just before expiring and asked them if they would help his mother pay the doctor bills and funeral expenses? During the summer protracted meeting, little Jake professed religion and has ever since lived a devout christian. He was a student of the Dickson public school, and Prof. King A. Scott, of Alton, Ill., his teacher. Little Jake loved his teacher and learned very fast; was a natural genius; though only 10 years old, he had contrived several mechanical inventions that surprised the public. The funeral procession formed in front of the residence, with the school children following the relatives, and marched to the church, where the funeral was conducted by Rev. James M. Dickson. The body was interred in Holly Grove Cemetery, Monday, Feb. 8, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Sister Matilda Johnson departed this life Feb. 4, 1891. She was about 70 years old, and had been a member of the church 11 years. She died in full triumph of faith. She leaves a husband, six children, several grand-children and a host of friends.

Sister Louise Moore departed this life Feb. 8, 1891, aged about 65 years. She died in full triumph of faith.

Mr. Richmond Scott departed this life Feb. 13, aged about 40 years. Mansfield, La. A. B. Venahle.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 22, Sister Delia Stones, one of the members of St. Paul M. E. Church, departed this life. She was about 85 years old and had been blind quite a number of years. Her funeral was attended by the pastor and Presiding Elder of Waco District.

Miss Sarah Clemens, a faithful member of the Baptist Church, died Jan. 30. She was a true and faithful worker, and a faithful member in Sunday school. While it is our loss, it is her gain. We pray God's blessings on her mother. I was with her when she died. Lonoke, Ark. B. J. Griffin.

Sister Shollett Odum died Jan. 27, 1891. She was a member of the M. E. Church 23 years and 4 months. Sister Odum was a faithful member and died in full triumph of faith. Her funeral was conducted by our beloved pastor, Braxton Bolden, and J. R. Williams. Fairmount circuit, St. James M. E. Church, Rev. B. Bolden, pastor.

Bro. John Foley slept away in Jesus Jan. 23, 1891, after an illness of two weeks. He was born in Wilson county, Miss., March, 1829; joined the M. E. Church in 1866, and remained a member until his death. He leaves his wife, seven children and many friends to mourn him. May God take care of the bereaved family. Kendleton, Tex. N. Axel.

Meridian, Miss.—Sister Hannah Cummings, a member of the M. E. Church at Hickory, died in Meridian, at her daughter's, Jan. 30, 1891, and was buried at Hickory Feb. 15. She was a faithful worker for the church. She leaves two sons, two daughters and several grand-children. P. Blue, P. C.

Columbia, Brazoria county, Texas.—Sister Viola Warren was called from labor to reward Feb. 15, at 12 m., after being ill about 5 days. She was born in Fort Bond county, Texas, in 1868. Age, 22. She was married to Mr. Dixie Warren in 1885, and lived a faithful and loving wife up to death. She was converted, and joined the M. E. Church at Richmond, Texas, under the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Culbreath, in 1888, and lived a faithful member up to her death. She leaves four brothers, five sisters, a loving husband, one little girl child and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Our loss is heaven's gain. She taught the Bible class in our Sunday school. The Sunday school greatly misses her. She died in full triumph of faith.

A. C. Culbreath, P. C.

Bro. Myr Gooden departed this life Feb. 17, 1891, aged 84 years. He was a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 42 years, and a class leader for 25 years. He leaves a wife, three children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Paulding, Miss. M. Cooper, P. C.

Jan. 23, 1891, Sister Jane Roose fell asleep in Jesus after a short illness. She died in full triumph of faith. She was one of the faithful gems of St. John's M. E. Church. She was conscious to the very last, and rejoiced to know that she was waiting for the angels to welcome her to the skies. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. T. Knox, pastor. Natchez, Miss.

Sisters Mary Williams and Mary Meemore died happily in Christ Feb. 9, 1891, leaving sisters and brothers to mourn after them.

Bro. Abb. Brooks passed out of this world in peace Feb. 10, 1891. He had victory over death.

Jefferson, Tex. S. M. Bolden, P. C. Fletcher McGowan departed this life Feb. 5, 1891. He was born January 12, 1872. He died as he lived. He was once a member of the church. He leaves a host of friends to mourn for him. His funeral was largely attended.

Comilla Hill, Cold Springs, Texas.

Madison Harrison departed this life Dec. 19, 1890, at 8 o'clock p. m., and was hurried from his late residence, No. 30 Perrier street. Aged 73. He was a faithful member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church of New Orleans up to his death, and passed from labor to reward, where the faithful are at rest.

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IN MEMORIAM.

[George Anna, daughter of Horace and Rosa Wade, died near this city Sept. 9, 1890, aged 4 years, 3 months and 11 days.]

Leaves have their times to fall,
But thou, Oh fell, uncertain death,
Must drape in summer thy funeral pall,
And steal from rosebud lips their breath.

The tender bud upon the stem,
The child thou canst not spare,
When life is dear and sweet. Ah! then
Shy sudden stroke leaves dark despair.

Do not weep, though passing clouds
Sweep o'er life's summer day;
Nor when a deep gloom o'erspreads
Your ever-changing way.

Through darkest night of gloom look up,
Through densest clouds of care,
Look up to heaven's steadfast light,
And seek a solace there.

MAOGIE N. GREEN.
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The Household.

Hints Which Should Find a Place in Every Lady's Scrap-Book.

To remove spots from marble use a paste of whiting and benzine.

When lifting little children by the wrist, the bones of the arm, not being wholly formed, or rather solidified, are very liable to break. The hands should be placed under the armpits.

A salt ham should be soaked over night in plenty of soft water previous to boiling.

After washing a wooden bowl place it where it will dry equally on all sides, away from the stove.

The French method of administering castor oil to children is to pour the oil into a pan over a moderate fire, break an egg into it and stir it up; when it is done flavor with a little salt or sugar or jelly.

Drink for an invalid: Beat well the yolk of one egg, place in a glass, add white sugar and lemon or vanilla to taste; fill up the glass with milk. Take the white of the egg and beat to a stiff froth and add sugar and flavoring. Place on the top of the glass. This is excellent for invalids.

Fruit stains on white goods can be removed by pouring boiling water directly from the kettle over the spots.

Hive syrup is good for croup or inflammation of the lungs. It must be kept in a cool place, for if it sours it is very poisonous.

If you want poached eggs to look particularly nice, cook each egg in a muffin ring placed in the bottom of a saucepan of boiling water.

It is a common occurrence for children to get beans, grains of corn and other foreign substances up their noses. This simple remedy is worth remembering: Get the child to open its mouth, apply your mouth over it and blow hard. The offending substance will be expelled from its nose.

Suet should be cooked before it is stale. Boil for two or three hours, and then strain through a linen cloth. One-fourth of this fat and three-fourths lard is a good mixture for frying doughnuts.

A very complete filling for open cracks in floors may be made by thoroughly soaking newspaper in a paste made of one pound of flour, three quarts of water, a tablespoonful of alum, thoroughly boiled and mixed; make the final mixture about as thick as putty, and it will harden like papier-mache.

For cleaning brass use a thin paste of plate powder, two table-spoonsful of vinegar, four table-spoonsful of alcohol. Rub with a piece of flannel; polish.

Do not let your landress or washerwoman put clothes into the bleaching water until they have been well shaken. If tossed in while folded as they come through the wringer, they are almost certain to be streaked with bleaching, and although after repeated washings these streaks will come out, every one knows how aggravating it is to see napkins or handkerchiefs that show traces of careless washing.—Boston Budget.

Our Symposium.

Cannibalism in Hayti.
The Haytian terms the sacrifice of a human victim the offering of "the goat without horns," a euphemism for which we can find many parallels. Louisiana is, fortunately, free from this horrible taint, but, from the numerous instances given by St. John, there can be no doubt that the immolation of young people, generally girls, is not uncommon in Hayti. At page 193 he tells us of a scene witnessed by a French priest in the district of Arcabaye in 1869. This man had persuaded some of his parishioners to designate him as a Negro, and to take him to witness the voodoo ceremonies. All went on in the manner that has already been described till after the sacrifice of a white goat and fowl, when a young man came and knelt before the queen and said: "O maman, I have a favor to ask. Give us, to complete the sacrifice, the goat without horns." The queen gave a sign of assent, the crowd in the shed separated, and there was a child sitting with its feet bound. In an instant a rope, already passed through a block, was tightened, the child's feet flew up towards the roof, and the king approached it with a knife. The loud shriek given by the victim aroused the Frenchman to the truth of what was really going on. He shouted, "Oh, spare the child!" and would have rushed forward, but he was seized and hurried from the spot by his friends. There was a short pursuit, but he escaped, and, on reaching the town, strove to induce the police to hasten to the place. They would, however, do nothing till the morning, when they accompanied him to the scene of sacrifice, and found the remains of the feast and the boiled skull of the child.—From *Vodun-worship*, by Hon. Major A. B. Ellis, in *The Popular Science Monthly* for March.

The *Northern Advocate* is forgetful; it says: "This question of the 'Scriptural rule' was not before the conference as an issue at all; it was not raised, it was not discussed and nobody so much as intimated that it influenced his vote one way or the other." If the *Northern* will turn to page 161 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* of 1888 it will find the report of a speech by Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN*, in which this position was clearly taken. Dr. Albert should have full credit for having initiated the line of argument of which the *New York Advocate* has become the champion.—*Central*.

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FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON X. Naaman healed. 2 Kings 5, 1-14. Mr. 8, 1891. Commit to memory verses 13-14. B. C. 894.

HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 5, 1-7. Tu. 2 Kings 5, 8-14. W. Luke 4, 21-30. Th. Luke 5, 12-17. F. Luke 17, 11-19. S. Isa. 55, 1-9. S. Psa. 51, 10-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. (Psa. 103, 3.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

Jesus, in whom the Godhead's rays Beam forth with mildest majesty, I see thee full of truth and grace, And come for all I want to thee.

Save me from pride—the plague expel; Jesus, thine humble self impart: O let thy mind within me dwell; O give me lowliness of heart.

Enter thyself, and cast out sin; Thy spotless purity bestow: Touch me, and make the leper clean; Wash me, and I am white as snow.

Time—Not long after the last lesson; perhaps B. C. 894.

Places—Damascus, Samaria, the Jordan.

Enlers.—1. The King of Syria, probably Benhadad. 2. The King of Israel, probably Jehoram.

Connecting links—Between the last lesson and this two miracles are reported. During a dearth in Gilgal Elisha by the divine power prevented the effects of poisonous greens which had been accidentally gathered for food. By the same power he fed one hundred men with a meager portion of barley loaves and ears of corn.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Captive Maid, v. 1-4. Of what man of valor does the lesson tell?

Why was he held in honor by the king?

What affliction was on him?

What captive had the Syrians taken?

To whom was the maid a servant?

What did she say to her mistress about Naaman?

What report was brought to Naaman?

2. The Royal Letter, v. 5-8. What did the Syrian king say that he would do?

What presents did he send to the King of Israel?

What was the letter which was sent?

How was the King of Israel affected by the letter?

What question did he ask?

What did he think was the purpose of the letter?

3. The Angry Leper, v. 9-13. Who heard of the king's distress?

What message did he send to the king?

What did Naaman then do?

What message did Elisha send to him?

How did Naaman receive this message?

What did he expect Elisha would do?

What did he ask about the rivers of Damascus?

What did his servants say to him?

4. The Miraculous Onre, v. 14. What did Naaman finally do?

What was the effect on his leprosy?

Who alone can cure both body and soul? Golden Text.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That a child can serve God?

2. That God can bring good out of seeming evil?

3. That God can work great results by small means?

SOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Read the commands concerning lepers and leprosy given by Moses.

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Find the case of a little boy whom God selected to be his messenger.

Find as many cases in the New Testament as you can where men excited in feeling rent their clothes.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What great sorrow had Naaman in the midst of his wealth? He was a leper.

2. Who told Naaman's wife about Elisha? A little captive maid.

3. To whom did the King of Syria send for help for Naaman? To the King of Israel.

4. When at last Naaman came to Elisha, what did the prophet send him word to do? To wash in Jordan seven times.

5. How did that impress Naaman? He became very angry.

6. Who persuaded him to follow the prophet's advice? His servants.

7. What was the result? He was made clean.

Doctrinal suggestion—The de-filement of sin.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

28. What law was given them (our first parents)? The law of perfect obedience. (Gen. 2, 6, 17.)

29. Did our first parents continue holy and happy? They sinned against God, and fell into misery. (Gen. 3, 6.)

30. What is sin? Any transgression of the law of God. (1 John 3, 4.)

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Texas.....	35	35
St. John's River.....	12	6
Little Rock.....	16	16
Mississippi.....	11	33
Arkansas.....	28	..
Anstlin.....	5	11
Southern German.....	..	27
Alabama.....	22	5
Central Alabama.....	16	30
Georgia.....	11	10
Savannah.....	34	33
West Texas.....	17	30
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South Carolina.....	33	53
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First Round.

First street..... March 20

University Chapel..... " 22

Simpson..... " 23

Honston..... " 24

Cushman..... " 25

Malden..... " 26

William..... " 27

Pontchartraine..... " 28-29

Haven..... " 31

Camp Parapet..... April 12

Shady Grove..... " 5

Kenner..... " 18-19

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First Round.

Corinth and oir..... Mar. 7-8

New Albany..... " 14-15

Pontotoc..... " 21-22

Honston..... " 28-29

Belle..... Apr. 1-2

Lampico..... " 4-5

Starkville et..... " 11-12

Webster..... " 15-16

Stranges..... " 18-19

Akersman..... " 22-23

Louisville..... " 25-26

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Middling fair.....	11 1/2
Fair.....	11 15-16

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Fair.....	4 1/2
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Fully fair.....	4 1/2
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Mixed No. 2.....	26
Oats: Western.....	57
Texas rust proof.....	60
Barley: cwt.....	1.15
Hay: Choice.....	15 50-16 50
Prime.....	15 50-15 50
Ramps.....	11 25-11 50

PROVISIONS.

Pork: Moss (standard).....	10 00-10 00
Prime.....	10 10-10 25
Ramps.....	11 25-11 50
Bacon: Sugar cured breakfast.....	5 1/2
Shoulders.....	5 1/2
Sides, long clear.....	5 1/2
Sides, short ribs.....	5 1/2
Hams: Sugar cured.....	9 1/2
Dry Salt Meat: Shoulders.....	4 1/2-4 20
Sides, long clear.....	5 1/2
Sides, short ribs.....	5 1/2
Lard: Refined.....	5 1/2

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Fair.....	20 1/2
Common.....	17 1/2
Teas: Choice.....	40 00-40 00
Fair.....	20 25-20 25
Butter: Western creamery.....	28 25-28 25
Western dairy.....	18 25-18 25
Oils: Coal, cases.....	13 1/4
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Cotton seed.....	30 25
Lard.....	22 00-22 00
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Florida, per box.....	2 00-2 00
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Chicago, a piece.....	3 25
Louisiana, per crate.....	3 25
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Western.....	3 25-3 50
Sweet.....	1 00-1 50
Kraut: Western.....	55 00-55 00
Louisiana, per bbl.....	55 00-55 00
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We are toilers in the harvest;
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There is much for us to do;
Jesus calls us,
To His call may each be true.

W. F. EDGERTON.

EASTER, March 29th, will soon be here. Have you ordered your Easter program? Why not attend to the matter at once?

SAVE the children, brethren. Save them. No more sacred burden is imposed upon the church and ministry, than to see that the lambs of the flock are rescued and fed.

MRS. Neil Nelson was murdered by the clerk that worked for her husband in their store, in this city, last Saturday night. The crime was a dastardly one. The murderer has been arrested.

THE Canadian elections last week showed very clearly the country to be against the annexation and reciprocity sentiment with the United States. The conservatives carried the election by overwhelming majorities.

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EVERY Methodist church among our people should have connected with it an every day school. The meagre means of education in the South, and the avowed purpose to disfranchise our people, make it absolutely necessary. Let every pastor see to it that the children in his charge have the means and facilities to get a common school education. And let every parent live on bread and water rather than deny his children an education.

A SUNDAY school meeting of considerable interest was held at the Carondelet Street M. E. Church South, to devise ways and means to promote the interest and work of the State Sunday school convention which convenes in this city May 5, 6 and 7, 1891. Let all of our Sunday schools throughout the State prepare to send delegates, and assist to make this convention one of great blessing to our Sunday school work. The Roman Catholic Church is wise in her efforts to capture the young people. Let Protestants profit by their example, and thereby insure the Protestant character of this nation for all the coming future.

What the Ministry of to-day is Doing to Elevate the Freedmen.

[By president Wilbur P. Thirkield, D. D., of Gammon Theological Seminary. An address given before the society for the education of colored youth, and before the late session of the South Carolina Conference, and published in the SOUTHWESTERN by vote of the conference.]

To appreciate the work of to-day among the Freedmen and to properly estimate the demands of the work of to-morrow, we must first glance at the conditions and work of the ministry among the Freedmen of yesterday. Starting with but two positive inheritances from two centuries of slavery—the English language and the Christian religion—without which the achievements here recorded never could have been chronicled, the ministry of the South among the Freedmen has reared the fabric of vigorous and aggressive church organizations, that take their recognized place beside other great Christian bodies of the nation. That this is an achievement without parallel must be granted when we consider it as the work of a people the executive talent of whom had never been developed; a people who never were trained to plan work, or to establish institutions. Though there were models to go by, yet the executive and administrative talent brought into exercise in the organization of the churches among the colored people of the South, furnish an achievement unprecedented so early in the history of any race. At least seventeen thousand church buildings stand as a testimony to the success and permanency of this work. The aggregate value of the church property in churches, parsonages, schools and lands cannot be given, but it reaches according to a very moderate calculation of the value of their church edifices, well along toward fifteen millions of dollars. A membership in the various denominations, has been gathered into the church, aggregating according to the best obtainable statistics, at least two millions, two hundred and thirty-six thousand.

Not the least among the achievements of the ministry among the Freedmen is the conversation of the religious life of the people during this formative period, when through them light was brought to those who were literally sitting in the regions of darkness and of the shadow of death. Though naturally religious, yet without the ministry and the services of public worship conducted in the name of the Christian religion, the innate religious impulses of the people would have found expression in debasing forms of religious devotion, and in some places would have degenerated into mere fetish worship, or the following of false Christ's. Their sensuous natures would have run riot in surrender to the voodoo incantations and debasing worship of King Solomons, and the Queens of Sheba, as was the case in this late day in Liberty County, Georgia. Take it all in all, this religious work in preserving the form and vitality of the Christian religion among a people just emerged from slavery, is one of the miracles of modern Christianity.

Now this work has been done largely by ignorant ministry; by men thrust into the sacred office through the necessity of circumstances; by men with inadequate conceptions of the demands of the ministry; by men with low ideals of life and often false ideas of religion, with crude notions of morality, in the church and family. That this general description of the early ministry admits of exceptions goes without saying. There were scores and hundreds of

thoughtful, intelligent, consecrated men who preached and wrought mightily for God; men worthy a place among the saints and confessor of all ages. Well, do thousands of these devout and Godly people in the ministry and laity, deserve the tribute to their religious life so eloquently given by Dr. Haygood:

"I have seen the Negroes in all their religious moods, in their most death-like trances and in their wildest outbursts of excitement. I have preached to them in town and city and on the plantations. I have been their pastor, have led their class and prayer meetings, conducted their love feasts, baptized their children, and buried their dead. In the reality of religion among them I have most entire confidence, nor can I ever doubt it while religion is a reality to me."

"The hope of the African race in this country is largely in its pulpit. The school house and the newspaper have not substituted the pulpit, as a throne of spiritual power, in any Christian nation. I do not believe that they ever will. But for this race the pulpit is preeminently its teacher. Here they must receive their best counsel and their divinest inspiration. I say its pulpit; I mean this. White preachers have done much and ought to have done more; they can now do much and ought to do a hundred fold more than they do; but the great work must be done by preachers of the Negro race."

"How urgent the need and how sacred the duty of preparing those of this race whom God calls to preach to their people. Heaven bless the men and women who have given money and personal service for their education! Heaven bless their schools of the prophets! May they ever be under the wisest guidance and the holiest influences!"

Amid danger and often privation these early preachers of the race labored on, and they builded better than they knew. Noble men! God honors them. We should reverse them. A race should arise and call them blessed. They have toiled down in the dark places, laying the foundations on which have been reared the splendid superstructure of to-day, made possible alone by their sacrifice. Let us never forget them, but rather venerate and hand down their names to coming generations, written not only in marble, but in grateful hearts.

Their mission however, let it be remembered, was to a people weak, ignorant, degraded in body, mind and spirit; people who in slavery had followed their inborn tendencies to religious worship, often led, we must gratefully add, by Godly ministers and devout women who gave themselves sincerely to their instruction; people who from inherited dispositions and training were easily influenced and led. Set free, they flocked to the church. They had no other place to go. No matter who the minister or what the ministrations at the altars, the church was crowded. They sat patiently under a ministry, in general, rude, ignorant, boisterous. They listened and shouted under preaching that often was a combination of mere sound and fury. They did not care for thought or connected discourse. They had never been trained to think. They gave generously for the support of the ministry and of the church. They had never been taught to save. The church was all in all to them, the center of their social, educational and political, as well as their religious life.

But the ministry of to-day faces new conditions. A changed people confronts them. Freed men from slavery are passing away. Born Free men and their children, trained under our free institutions, educated by an outlay of seventy millions of Northern and Southern money, are to the front. The Negro has been given a chance, never before given to any destitute race

in all history, and he has shown his native worth by taking that chance. Schools have been opened, and he has been to school. Twenty thousand are to day in the higher schools and colleges established by Northern benevolence. Several noble institutions have been opened by denominations of colored people. And we must gratefully recognize the fact that the Southern churches are gradually taking hold also. At Payne and Lane Institutes and at Tusculooa Seminary the noblest talent of the church, inspired by that truly great leader, Bishop Haygood, and now worthily led on among the Methodists, by Dr. Hayes, is giving itself with devotion and awakening enthusiasm in this work. One-third of the race reads. The school teacher is abroad in the land. Thirst for knowledge is quickened. In keen desire and sacrifice for an education the race, so says Dr. Clark, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, surpasses the Southern whites. The school-teacher is becoming the oracle in thousands of centers. The educated physician claims respect because of his skill and learning. The public lecturer is on the platform among the people. The Farmer's Alliance is awakening the farmers to thought. The newspaper comes by daily mail, to his door. Civilization is working tremendous changes. Comfortable homes attract. Places of amusement are open. Money for travel seems plenty. The people read. They think. The world of literature, good and bad, is open to them. The Sunday newspaper is a temptation. The church is no longer the only center of attraction. The voice of the minister is no longer the voice of God. New centres of thought and life are forming.

The fact for the ministry of to-day to face, is this—the church has rivals. It no longer is supreme in the thought and affection of the people merely because it is the church. It must prove by its works, its right to existence as a divine institution. The church of to-day must by its spiritual power and moral leadership establish its claim to the credence and devotion of thoughtful, pure and aspiring men and women.

The ministry of to-day is confronted by problems that it must meet, grapple with them, and provide for, or else go under with utter desolation and entire ruin of many churches and people. Under the limit of time I can only mention these problems.

1. The first problem is, with the ministerial force now available, to hold the rising generation to the church. A ministry such as availed for the religious leadership of the past generation, struggling up from the darkness of slavery, will not answer the demands of a race of free men that has been to school, that reads, that thinks and aspires. The Bible is no longer a sealed book. The day school and Sunday-school have opened the word to them. They have learned. They think. They demand a ministry that knows and thinks, and that by its virtue and intelligence commands their respect.

The forces that lead must work from above downward. The minister must now sustain the pulpit and not depend on the pulpit to sustain him. A pulpit surrounded by a black suit, buttoned up in front, embellished with a white neck-tie, concealing ignorance and sanctioning, by their sacred associations, ranting and religiosity in the name of religion, will no longer command the awe or even the respect of the young free men and free women of to-day. With their thinking minds, their knowledge of the word, their awakening con-

science, their loftier ideals of righteousness, their thirsting after the truth, the question arises to the solemnity of a problem—How are we to hold this rising generation to the church? The answer is clear. Only through a trained and consecrated ministry capable of leadership, can the demands of the church of to-day be met. The true statement of the question is not the ministry and the Freed men of to-day; but the ministry and the Freedmen of to-day and to-morrow.

2. Again, does danger confront the church, arising from the machinations of the Roman Catholics. She has her eye on the South as a promising field for conquest. Listen to the ominous echoes from the Washington congress of colored Roman Catholics. Remember she has her St. Joseph's Institute in Baltimore where priests are being especially trained for the work. St. Joseph's Advocate circulates widely among the colored people. Besides a number of growing church organizations, some Southern cities number their Roman Catholic colored adherents by hundreds.

A graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary returned last June to an appointment at Hot Springs, Ark., that he had left three years ago. In the meantime the Roman Catholics had opened a fine school and won many children from all the churches. Young people openly defended that church. It was with the utmost difficulty that he led back the children of his church to the fold, and then only by opening a day school with competent teachers, and by firm, intelligent work among his people. All honor to Brother Emory, for his wise and successful handling of a difficult task by positive rather than by negative methods.

3. Another the problem that confronts the ministry in its efforts to lead the people, is the need of men who have the qualities of leadership to meet the demands for the civil, moral and social reforms that in state and church are bound to come, and that demand a Christian leadership. This leadership is now largely in the hands of the ministry. To hold this leadership demands a ministry that proves by its masterful grip and its brave treatment of all questions that make for the civil, educational and moral uplift of the people its right to leadership. In social upheavals and reformations,—in the righting of the wrongs of the masses, how often has history witnessed an infidel leadership assuming control and direction. Observe Tom Paine and French infidelity in the American Revolution. The ministry, because it lagged in the beginnings of the anti-slavery movement, is placed in a false position, which it has for a generation been explaining away. The reforms now needed, and that through an aggressive and alert ministry may come in peace, must find origin in the Gospel; but in a Gospel interpreted and enforced by educated, Catholic brain, reaching not the few, but the masses of both races.

History teaches that if the ministry does not grasp its natural right of leadership, infidelity will take up the ideas of reform, vitalized as they are by Christian truth, and lead the clergy in the enforcement of their bearings on social racial questions. The church from its conferences and Christian schools must throw out among the unredeemed and turbulent masses of the South these agencies of redemption. The Negro has ever looked to the ministry, white and colored, for guidance, and to God's word for the principles of redress. Often when he has asked for a fish he has received a scorpion. Many now begin to doubt the Bible and scout the ministry. Infidels often

harangue the ignorant multitudes. A sad day for the church and for humanity when popular liberty and the redemption of a people from wrong falls to the leadership of sceptics.

4. Another problem in the effort of the ministry to elevate the Freedmen is to provide missionaries of ability and worth, men with the enthusiasm of humanity and the devotion to Christ, that will carry them into the darkest places of the South. Stanley has given us a thrilling picture of darkest Africa and the way out. Let us realize that we have a darkest Africa in America, in the Liberty Counties of Georgia, and the Deltas of the Mississippi, and the rice swamps of the coast land. Job describes these regions well.—"A land of darkness as darkness itself, and of the shadow of death; without any order and where the light is darkness." The cry of help has in it the undertone of despair! Who will arise to go? Who shall go? The cry is for strong men,—men of education and devotion to God, who can lift these people out of threatened relapse into barbarism. It takes not the ignorant ministers and local preachers for their work, but men strong of brain and large of heart,—the very best talent that the church can command.

In the light of facts already considered, the question presses itself to the front. Is the ministry rising to meet the demands of the free men of to-day? Is it equal to the splendid opportunity that still opens before it and beckons on to the greater achievements of a to-morrow filled with the brightness of unmeasured possibilities. It is changing along all lines to meet and adequately fulfill the changed condition of the people, as already set forth?

Coming to these questions in soberness and all frankness and honesty we find by general consent two sources of weakness.

The first and most vital, that relating to the morality of the clergy, is now by the logic of events thrust to the front and is receiving wide discussion. It would not be manly or wise to pass it by when it so clearly finds a place in the theme assigned me by your committee. When that able, noble, Godly type of Christian manhood, the Rev. Bishop Payne, with sixty years of a pure life behind him, with face illumined by that celestial "light that never shone on land or sea," utters a wail of despair over the moral degeneracy and intellectual weakness that mark the majority of the ministers of the churches which have come under his observation, we may well pause with bated breath. Thoughtful, observant, sincere is this man who has given his life for his people.

When he is joined by representative men of other churches in laments over the immorality of any ministers, who use "the ivory of the court of heaven to serve the devil in;"—when it is asserted that men of notoriously unclean lives, yet of brilliant talent, are after a brief season of repentance and amendment passed by the imposition of hands into the sacred office of the ministry; when it is openly charged that men guilty of immoralities and crime that ruin lives and blast homes, are hurried from state to state out of the reach of an outraged public sentiment, with ministerial orders retained in their pockets,—when it is affirmed that ministers in various secret societies connected more or less closely with the Church, in sworn secrecy shield each other from punishment for evil doing, exalting secret oaths above the sacred vows of the Church. Even the Southern Christian Re-

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Letters from the Districts.

Program for the Brookhaven District Conference.

To be held in St. Paul M. E. Church, at Pass Christian, Miss., May 28, '91.

To preach the opening sermon, A. C. Lacy.

To preach the missionary sermon, I. L. Pratt.

The good of Sunday schools, I. C. Rucker and O. H. Flowers.

Duty of local preachers, J. H. Cook and P. F. Robinson.

What the M. E. Church is doing, I. L. Pratt and A. Handy.

Duty of class leaders, A. Reed and S. H. Hart.

Duty of stewards, R. Robert and J. B. Smith.

The good of the SOUTHWESTERN, H. L. Kennedy and B. L. Crump, Presiding Elder.

Duty of pastors, J. Ford and A. Davis.

The good of district conferences, H. May and R. P. Threlkeld.

Duty of trustees, S. McDavis and J. B. Brooks.

Committee: H. May, J. C. Hibbler and I. C. Rucker.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

S. M. Bolden, Jefferson, Tex.

We are moving on nicely and with the greatest success. A surprise party brought us many of the choicest groceries.

J. R. Reasonover, Hillsborough, Tenn.

My first quarterly conference was held January 29, 30, by Rev. J. P. Price, Presiding Elder. The reports showed some degree of progress. Elder Price is the right man in the right place, and he is the man for the Nashville district. He is liked by all on the Hillsborough circuit. The SOUTHWESTERN is being looked after. Rev. T. Allen was with us in the quarterly conference.

J. W. Fishburne, Newbury, S. C.

I find it no task to obtain subscribers for your paper. I shall do all I can in the interest of it. The Newberry work is on a grand boom. Lumber is being hauled every day, and the workmen are hard at work. Soon, through the assistance of God, we will be in our new church. Please pray for our success.

[He sends six new yearly subscribers.]

LADIES

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Letters from the Laity.

R. Boone, Pontotoc, Miss.

Last Friday night I had the pleasure of being a happy participant in a church social given by the members of the M. E. Church at Pontotoc in honor of Rev. J. W. Davis, who is now Elder over the Greenville district. The affair was as elegant as the purpose was great.

D. G. Franklin, Brookston, Texas.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. P. Morgan, was with us not long since and preached a stirring sermon. Under the efficient leadership of our Presiding Elder and pastor in charge, Rev. W. P. Perry, I think much good will be accomplished. The SOUTHWESTERN is worthy of any reader's consideration. I like it very much.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from our subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my son. He left me in Greenville about 20 years ago. He was a little boy. He went away with his father. His name is Harry Smith and his father's name is Frank Smith. He lived on a plantation below Greenville. Any one knowing him will please address Mrs. Vina Smith, Greenville, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my three brothers, two of whom joined the army in 1865. These two were Bright Winton and Auce Winton. They joined the regulars at Chattanooga, Tenn. The other one's name is Louis Winton. He left Dechard, Tenn., for Hickman, Ky., in 1872. There he took a steamboat, and I don't know what became of him after that. The last information that I had from Auce was in 1879. He wrote me a letter and he was then in Mississippi; and the last information I had from Bright was in 1865, the year he left Chattanooga; and the last information I had from Louis was in 1872. Now the mother of these boys is named Cressie Winton. Any information will be gladly received by J. R. Reasonover, P. O., Hillsboro, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I wish to find my people. I left my father in Fayette, Howard county, Mo. His name was Peter Saphron, and he belonged to old George Saphron. He was a tin and copper smith by trade. He worked at the trade when I left, and was well known by every one in the county. My mother's name was Jane Saphron, who was sold and sent to Memphis, Tenn., long before me, when I was about 9 years old. I remained there at old George Saphron's until I was grown and the mother of two children. The name of the father of my children was Richard Pierson, who belonged to a merchant in Fayette named Isaac Pierson. After some years I was sold and left one of my children. His name was William Henry. I was taken to Memphis, where my mother was; then I was sold to a stock man in Texas. My brothers were Albert and Poss. My sisters were Maria, Harriet and Sallie. ELVIRA CLAYTON, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my father. My mother died when I was about 3 or 5 years old. My father left this part of the country. He was always free. My mother's name was Snaan Sayles. She married a man by the name of Bluford Smothers. The last time I heard from my father he was in Franklin county, N. C. I am married, and my name is Martha Sanger. My maiden name was Martha A. M. Smothers. Father was a blacksmith. MARTHA SANGER, Wytheville, Pa.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my father. His name is, or was, Lu kins. He left us and was carried to Texas by John Gram, his master. I was about 12 or 14 years old. My mother's name was Caroline. She is dead. There were five children, Tumpy, Henry, Vance, Meah and Joe. We all belonged to a man by the name of Wm. Handy. The last time I heard from him he was still in Texas. Any one knowing him will please address me.

HENRY HARDY, Petersburg, Tenn.

James Jordan, Quitman, Miss., wants to find the whereabouts of his sister, Fanny Moss, and his brother Ed. Their father also is anxious to see them.

A Long Lost Friend Found.

Mr. Editor: In your issue of November 13, 1890, will be found a letter from me inquiring after my mother's brothers and sisters. Your paper has been the instrument of finding one of them, Moses Reed, and through him, we learn that Shelton and Burr are still living. We found them, in the

state of Kansas, after a separation of forty years. We pray for God's blessings on your excellent paper and especially on that department devoted to "Lost Friends."

I would ask that you continue that portion of my letter which refers to Coleman and Moses Green, my brothers.

Respectfully,
GEORGE A. GREEN,
Gonzales, Tex.

Science.

Rational Analysis.

Reason is one of the distinguishing attributes of the human soul. It is the most God-like faculty of our intellectual nature. To reason, analyze investigate and deduce conclusions is just as natural for a thinking man as it is for an animal to breathe. It is a healthy normal exercise of the mind, and a proper use of the mental powers; they were given for this very purpose. Nor can we believe that the earnest and intense application of reason, in any department of thought or scientific enquiry, will do harm, so long as we sincerely desire and seek to know the truth, even the whole truth, from every source of knowledge. All true science must bear the test of rational analysis, and be sustained by the facts of experience.

The science of theology is no exception to this rule. True, the doctrines of the Bible are to be received by faith and proved by experience; but the doctrine, the faith and the experience are all proper subjects of rational analysis. "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." Of course, the answer should be intelligent and comprehensible, and, if possible, it ought to be lucid, logical and conclusive. Such an answer cannot be reached without rational analysis as well as spiritual illumination. Both of these combined may scarcely be adequate to answer some theological questions; but that is no good reason why we should not study and try to understand and also expound "the deep things of God."

We have no sympathy with the hackneyed expression, "Explain as little as possible." What! Is not the religious teacher to be an expounder of the divine oracles? Did not the old-time prophets "read in the book, in the law of God distinctively, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading?" Does not the great apostle enjoin, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth?" Doubtless there is a rational theory of every Bible doctrine, for there can be no conflict between divine relation and right reason. Nor are we at liberty to conclude that in every instance or in any case, where our analysis fails, that the doctrine is above reason. It may be that our theory itself is defective, or that the difficulty with which we are wrestling so heroically does not inhere in the subject at all, but is merely a gratuitous assumption, and without any real force.

It is a great mistake to suppose that the science of theology, in its present form, is complete and final, while all the other sciences are yet in their infancy. There is, perhaps, quite as much for the theological student to learn as for the scholar in any other department of scientific investigation. The world, and especially the church, has a right to demand of us that we should master the difficulties of our creed, and be able to define and defend it. If we cannot do that, the people will hold it with less confidence. But it would seem unwise for us, the defenders of the faith, to magnify the merely speculative difficulties of our theology.

WM. MAJOR.

THE attention of our readers is invited to a letter in our "Lost Friend Column" from Gonzales, Tex., which reports the finding of a long lost friend by advertising in our paper. This is one of many such, received nearly every week.

General News Items.

James Young, appointed Collector of Customs at Wilmington, N. C.

The colored citizens of Jackson, Miss., have organized a joint stock company to purchase a cemetery.

Prof. E. A. Johnson, Raleigh, N. C., has written a "School History of the Negro race in America."

Jno. L. Waller, Topeka, Kan., has been appointed Consul to Tamatave, Madagascar, salary \$2,000.

The colored woman Charlotte Scott who gave the first \$5 toward erecting the monument to Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D. C., and whose name is in letters of bronze on it, is dead.

The signature of the late General Francis E. Spinner, ex-Treasurer of the United States, was one of the worst stumbling blocks for forgers and counterfeiters that ever was devised. He originated it when a harness-maker's apprentice in Amsterdam, N. Y., at seven years, practiced on it in later years when he became a Congressman, and perfected it as Treasurer of the United States. The writing of the signature involved considerable labor; and when General Spinner affixed it to many Treasury notes in a day, it is said that his wrist became so swollen and painful that it had to be swathed in wet cloths.

While Treasurer, Mr. Spinner earned the gratitude of the women of this country by being the first man to admit members of their sex to the Government service. He was eighty-eight years old when he died, in Florida, from the cancer that had been slowly eating away his life. He was born in what is now known as Mohawk, N. Y.; and his father, who had left the Roman Catholic priesthood to become a Protestant clergyman, educated him carefully first, and then had him learn both the trades of a confectioner and harness maker. He followed neither; but became a merchant, and the cashier of a bank, holding various town, county and state offices in the meantime, and winning his military title in the state militia. General Spinner was elected to Congress as an anti-slavery Democrat, and served on the committee that investigated the assault of Preston Brooks on Charles Sumner. He was re-elected as a Republican. President Lincoln called him to the United States Treasury in 1861, and he held the place for fourteen years, when he resigned.

The sale of George I. Seney's collection of pictures realized \$665,550, which, with the exception of the sale of Mrs. Mary J. Morgan's paintings in 1886 for \$885,300, was the largest sum ever received at a similar auction. Mr. Seney is said to have made a good profit on his pictures, although some brought less than the original cost.

Clans Spreckles, the California sugar king, is growing old, and his hair is quite white. He is just as keen and energetic as ever, however, and in looking after his three large refineries on the Pacific coast and one at Philadelphia he manages to keep busy.

A bullet which was shot into the cheek of Judge Calvin E. Pratt, of Brooklyn and the State Supreme Court, at the battle of Gaines Mill, Virginia, on June 27, 1862, has recently been removed. Judge Pratt was a colonel at the time, and his wound was at first supposed to be fatal. For the past twenty-five years he has suffered much pain and inconvenience from the leaden pellet, but not till lately was it considered safe to remove it.

During the past ten years the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland, and Arkansas have suffered from state treasurers who were proved defaulters and embezzlers. The latest scandal of the sort is in South Carolina.

Franklin, La., is about to have a national bank with a capital of \$100,000.

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General Church News.

Tenth National Temperance Convention.

The Ninth National Temperance Convention, held in Saratoga Springs, 1881, requested and empowered the National Temperance Society to call another Convention in the series, when, in their judgment, the exigencies of the case should require.

The Board of Managers of the society, believing the time has fully come for such a convention have issued such a call.

They do, therefore, earnestly and cordially invite all Associations of Ministers and Churches, all General Assemblies, and Synods, all General and Annual Conferences, Classes, Presbyteries, and religious National or State conventions, all National and State Temperance Organizations, all Woman's National and State Unions, Grand Divisions Sons of Temperance, Grand Lodges of Good Templars, Grand Temples of Honor and Temperance, and other State Temperance bodies, to send delegates to a National Temperance Convention, to be held, commencing at ten o'clock a. m. July 15, 1891, in the First Methodist Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Each body to be entitled to send seven delegates, of which the presiding officer and secretary shall be two. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, where the bishops severally are presidents of a number of conferences, this rule may not be binding. The same variation of this rule may apply to other organizations similarly constituted. In case any Presbytery, Association, Conference, or Organization, shall not be in session after the issue of this call and prior to the meeting of the Convention, or shall fail to appoint delegates, the presiding officer, or, in his absence or failure to do so, the secretary, may appoint the same. All delegates must have credentials duly signed by one or both of the officers of their respective bodies. Vacancies in delegations may be filled by the remaining delegates. It is proposed that this Convention shall be composed entirely of delegates from delegative bodies, and not from subordinate organizations.

It is in the highest degree necessary that all friends of temperance, forced by new perils and new opportunities, take council together for a forward movement against this special agent of that vile trinity: the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Arrangements have been made for a reduction of fare on the principal railroads and at the hotels.

For particulars apply to the secretary of the Committee.

Theodore L. Cuyler, president, J. N. Stearns, corresponding secretary, or Albert G. Lawson, Theophilus A. Bronwer, Eugene H. Clapp, Henry B. Metcalf, Louis Wagner, W. C. Steele, W. T. Sabine, Committee.

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Home Mission Notes.

From The General Executive Board.

The presence of our president, Mrs. Davis, was sadly missed at the first quarterly meeting of the General Executive Board, held in Wiley Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, Saturday, January 31, 1891. Sincere sympathy was felt for her in the shadow of sorrow caused by the death of her husband, "the beloved physician," Dr. John Davis. Resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the board were adopted at a previous meeting and a copy of the same sent to Woman's Home Missions.

During the quarter nine candidates furnished satisfactory testimonials and were adopted missionaries, and five of them were assigned as follows: Miss Delia Herron, to Haven Home, Savannah, Ga.; Miss Kate Livingstone, to Simpson Memorial Home, Orangeburg, S. C.; Mrs. E. A. Marsh, to Pawhuska, O. T.; Miss Nora Omen, to Mt. Pleasant, Utah; Miss Lydia F. Richardson, to Unalakaska, Alaska, and Miss Ada Rurch to Alaska or to the Nookachk Indians in Washington, as may be decided by the board for Alaska at a latter date. An Executive Committee consisting of Mesdames Clark, Rust, and Aiken was constituted for this bureau at the request of its secretary, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, of Boston, Mass., who is continuing earnest efforts to complete the amount of money needed for the Jesse Lee Memorial Home, hoping that success will crown her labors in time to send the building material in the early spring by the first vessel that sails from San Francisco to the far away port of Unalakaska.

Mrs. Anna Kent, Bradley Beach, N. J., secretary for the bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, (Spanish), reports that our work among the Spanish in New Mexico is assuming an encouraging outlook. At Las Vegas, Misses Snyder and Tripp are laying broad foundations for a good work, and the increasing numbers in the school demand a larger building. At Albuquerque, Mrs. Norton and Miss Margaret Tripp are full of hope for the work and are patiently waiting the coming of increased facilities for its more vigorous prosecution.

Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Troy, N. Y., secretary of the bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, (Indian), reports encouraging progress with reference to the location of work among the Navajos and securing a grant of land from the Government upon which to build a home as soon as funds are collected for this purpose. Cards for "board offering" at ten cents per board are planned as a popular means of obtaining money. Mrs. Simpson writes, "We are assured that our missionaries will be perfectly safe in any part of the reservation, as the Navajos worship a female deity and will never molest a woman." Misses Moore and Olegg are working faithfully at Dulce, N. M.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, secretary of the Bureau for Indians, gave a most interesting account of the work in the Indian Territory, and was granted permission to build a laundry for the home at Pawhuska, O. T., where sixty pupils are acquiring a christian and industrial education.

The secretary of the Bureau for

Supplies, Mrs. Mary T. Lodge, Detroit, Mich., reports as follows: "The families of nearly 1,000 of our ministers have received substantial aid. From fifty to seventy-five unmarried ministers have also been helped to clothing and books in the course of study. All of our industrial homes and schools have had our help. Two hundred barrels have been sent for distribution among destitute people in the districts affected by the drouth. With the clothing sent, faithful workers have been able to gather the children into the school and Sunday-school. They have been able to reach the hearts of the people and a good work has been wrought. If we would reach the souls of men, we must first make their bodies comfortable." Mrs. Lodge closed her report with a testimony of newly awakened sympathies in behalf of the poor white people in the South, and gave the following touching incident from the letter of Mrs. K., who teaches in one of our church schools: "The people are kindly disposed, but some are more than one hundred years behind the times, living in the most primitive style—in log huts without doors and windows, often with no floors or chimneys. They are uncleanly, never having learned the value of soap and water. They are superstitious, ignorant, degraded and destitute. Their food is corn bread and pork of the greasiest kind. Clothing was needed for a new baby, and the poor girl mother had been pronounced incurable and left to die. Turning the crowd out of the room where she lay, Mrs. K., gave the sufferer a warm bath, while the mother of the girl remonstrated, saying 'it would bring them bad luck.' Mrs. K., prepared some nourishing food and nursed the poor creature back to life. The baby had been given tobacco juice and ammonia for colic. A gash had been cut between its shoulders and a drop of its own blood given it for hives. Think of such ignorance and superstition in this christian land! Can it be worse in Africa and India?"

The contract was let for the building of the Elizabeth Ritter Industrial Home and School at Athens, Tenn., for the education and training of illiterate white girls, and calls for the completion of this home the first of next June. To the New York Conference Society was granted permission to use any moneys received from other sources than membership dues and not otherwise directed by their donors, in the extension of its work in New York City. South of Fourteenth street, as reported by Mrs. Willing, there are tens of thousands of people packed together in the blackest heathendom, 250,000 having been added to that population since the last census, and the churches have died out at the rate of one and a half a year. The gift of a check for the sum of \$100 from Mr. J. C. Wilson, of New York City, was gratefully acknowledged.

Beautiful certificates are in course of preparation by the enterprising secretary of the Bureau for Home Mission Reading Circle, Mrs. H. E. Dond, Norwalk, O., for members of the circle who have completed the required readings.

The location of the William Glenn Industrial Home at Chattanooga, Tenn., was reconsidered and by a unanimous vote it was located at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. W. M. Ampt reported 2,482 mite boxes distributed during the quarter.

An invitation was received from Miss Frances E. Willard to send

fraternal delegates to the first triennial meeting of the Woman's Council of the United States to be convened in Washington, D. C., February 22, 25. Miss Jane M. Bancroft, Mrs. J. F. Willing and Mrs. R. S. Rust were elected to represent our society.

Special attention was called to the late action of the Board of Managers with reference to a poem in memory of Mrs. Hayes, ordered published in the form of a booklet and the revenue derived from its sale to be appropriated to the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Fund. The price of this book is twenty-five cents and can be had by addressing Mrs. M. S. Case, Highland Park, Conn. The recommendation of the New England Southern Conference Society at the late annual meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., that the tea rose be adopted as the national flower of the society was considered, and the choice of a flower referred to the next meeting of the Board of Managers; meanwhile by action of the General Executive Board conference societies are requested to ascertain by vote the sentiments of their members on this subject.

On the recommendation of the Memorial Fund Committee, it was decided that the full price of the Memoirs of Lucy Webb Hayes (\$1 per copy) will be credited to the auxiliary of which the purchaser is a member and that vouchers will be given which will enable auxiliary and conference treasurers to report credits to the General Treasurer as cash equivalents. Orders for the Memoirs sent to Mrs. Rust, 339 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, O., will be promptly filled.

The annual day of humiliation and prayer will be held in connection with the semi-annual meeting of the General Executive Board, April 25th, on which occasion self-denial and thank offerings will be received.

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Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pa. 4. Vincent
Missouri. Brookfield, Mo. 4. Joyce
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Washington. Baltimore, Md. 12. Vincent
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New Hampshire. Newbury, N. H. 15. Hurst
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Poochoo. Poochoo, Ind. Mar. 4. Foster
Gen. China. Miss. Singapore. 26. Thoburn
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N. China. Miss. Peking, China. 13. Foster
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THE Hennessey murder case continues to excite general attention. The outlook now is favorable to the conviction of those on trial for the murder.

Rev. T. G. Montgomery has received a Church Extension draft for the church at Pleasant Hill, which will be cashed and forwarded as soon as the trustees sign the necessary papers.

Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin, has placed the editor under many obligations to him for appreciated service during the editor's absence at the several Southern conferences, for all of which many thanks are extended.

THE Firemen's parade, March 4, was very creditable. The dozen colored bands that played for them elicited many favorable commendations, and impressed themselves quite as creditably as the white bands.

THE strong paper read by Rev. E. Lyon, in vindication of Bishop Newman against Bishop Grant's criticisms, and adopted by the vast congregation last week at Wesley Chapel, is crowded out for lack of space. It will appear next week.

THE special attention of our readers is directed to the able address by President Thirkield touching the kind of ministers now demanded by the times, which appears in another column. The subject is a live and interesting one and should, as it no doubt will, command the attention of our people generally. Read it.

A tremendous rain and thunder storm swept through the lower Mississippi valley last Saturday and Sunday. In consequence many washouts have been reported on the several railroads running into this city, and many streams are reported out of their channels. A rise is reported in all the rivers tributary to the Mississippi, and a general flood such as we had last year is predicted.

SOME weeks ago we requested all the teachers in our territory to write to us, and we would communicate to them something that would be greatly to their advantage. We requested all of our pastors, presiding elders, and readers generally, to call the attention of our school teachers to the notice. In answer to this effort, we have received letters from quite a large number of our teachers; but there are many who have not yet responded. We are anxious to hear from them. Write at once to the editor of this paper, and learn something to your advantage. This has no reference to any canvassing or agency scheme. Write and find out what we desire to tell you.

WHY not provide for the ventilation of your church? It is really disgusting to see how even intelligent ministers among our people will suffer to have their churches so shut up during the services as to admit of no proper ventilation whatever. No more unhealthy practice is so common in our churches than that of crowding hundreds of people into houses wherein they have to breathe each other's breath over and over again during every service. Open every door and window in your church before and after every service, and provide for proper ventilation during the services. This applies to cold as well as to warm weather, for cold air may be quite as vitiated as warm air.

Zion's Herald on the Colored Vote.

Dr. Parkhurst, of *Zion's Herald*, always just and conservative, even in the advocacy of the most radical measures, has this to say on the colored vote on the admission of women to the General Conference:

"That the popular vote in our colored churches was adverse to the admission of women to the General Conference, is a surprise to some. But it ought not to be. Reform in the social body is slow; and it takes a long while for even the most intelligent persons to reach the broader and more advanced questions. Old prejudices blind the eyes; custom dominates for a long while even the well-informed and liberal. The question of admitting women to the General Conference is an advanced one; the colored brethren, and even some of the whites, had not traveled up to it. Time will do something for them as it has done for the whites, whose education has been a long one. We have been reaching toward the goal for a hundred years, and even now the best and most liberal minds only have come into the full light of the great truth for which we are contending. In intellectual and social and moral reforms New England ideas lead the way. The South has always lived in the past; and the great middle region, penetrated by Southern influence and anchored to Dutch passivity, has been conservative. The people of these sections see, day after tomorrow, what New England sees to-day. On this woman question, as on many others in Church and State, the East and the West lead at present, with the assurance that the less advanced sections will, in the not distant future, follow. We feel sure the colored brethren will not be disobedient to the heavenly vision, and they may even come in in advance of 'the undistributed middle.'"

We agree with Dr. Albert in resenting any intimidation or attempts by any undue methods to influence the colored vote. The Negro has mind and is to be reached by logical processes. With this noble endowment, he should be open to truth and light and, like the white man, should aim to follow the trend of the best civilization. What he has reached already is but a stage in the long route. Dr. Albert thinks the woman question has no relation to emancipation or the granting of civil rights. In this we think he is mistaken. Though not intimately related, they are really parts of a wider movement for the advancement of the human race. Civil rights are the first step in the way to other social and political privileges; and no one should be willing to stop at this point, or to allow prescription to debar others from advancing on their chosen course.

We quite agree with Dr. Albert that woman is, in an important sense, man's equal. Differences of organism and adaptations allow equality in rights and privileges. The variations are parts of a higher unity in privilege and duty. In the economy of society there is certainly a divine order which it is quite important for us to find. In all this we should agree. As to what that order is, and the mode of ascertaining it, we should probably differ. It is quite common for conservative writers to assume that the existing relation of the sexes is the divine order. This mere assumption Dr. Albert seems to accept as a finality. Herein, we think, he is mistaken. The relation of the sexes, in many of its details, has been determined by custom. Our law comes down from old time, and in many instances has nothing better to stand on than venerated prejudices. That God has made the sexes to differ is quite true, but whether He has ordered the existing condition, is the point in issue.

But if we do not accept the existing order as the divine, how shall we be sure of the true order?

Why not let each one find it out for himself or herself? What right have you to impose your idea of the divine order on any one else? You may settle it for yourself; you may not settle it for another. If our brethren in the South accept Dr. Albert's assumption, they make a great mistake, and bar the way of progress."

Dr. Parkhurst will perhaps be a little surprised to learn that much the greater proportion of the votes cast against the admission of the women were voted by our women, and the greater proportion in favor of their admission were cast by the men. Our women are of the opinion that they have enough to do, to train the whole race for their future destiny, without taking any additional burdens, of doubtful Scriptural authority and expediency, in the way of law making, upon themselves. At any rate they are quite willing to "make haste slowly" in such radical and revolutionary proceedings.

Secession from the A. M. E. Church.

It is reported that a district conference of the A. M. E. Church in South Carolina has seceded from that church, as a rebuke to the imprudent charge that their senior Bishop Payne has made against the immorality and ignorance of the ministry of his church in the South, and have selected a new bishop of their own. Bishop Arnett has since deposed the usurping bishop. It was charged in the district conference that the charges by Bishop Payne are "an attempt on the part of the Northern wing of the church to dissatisfy colored congregations in the South with their pastors, in order to create demands for ministers educated at Northern colleges. They declare that no man is more guilty of immoral acts than Bishop Payne, because he took the moneys of the people here to educate Northern preachers and transferred such scoundrels here who could not live North." The charges are hurled back to Payne as "base falsehoods instigated by the devil," and the entire South is urged to look upon him as a "personal enemy and poisonous adder."

The *Christian Index*, organ of the C. M. E. Church, commenting upon this unfortunate state of affairs in the A. M. E. Church, says: "If Bishop Payne knew these things to be facts he should have communicated them to his colleagues, and some steps should have been taken to remedy the existing evils. But to know the condition of the ministry of the church, and let it run on for years without remedying it, looks rather bad. The same is applicable to the bishops of any other church where they are known to make such statements. If the bishops know that the moral standing of the ministry of their church is bad, and will allow it to continue without offering to remedy it, and then come out in a secular paper and denounce the whole church, it does not speak well for him."

Well and fitly spoken.

What Does it Mean?

Zion's Herald asks and the *Westerner* echoes the question:

What does it mean, that the M. E. Church South has fixed the episcopal residence of two of its Bishops in California?

It means simply that the M. E. Church South attends to its own business, and never asks whether the M. E. Church or any other is around. How would it do for us to "go and do likewise." We are sorry that it takes our esteemed contemporaries so long, apparently, to find out what some things mean.

THE "House of Bondage," thrilling, charming, and wonderful is out in book form; and is on sale at this office. Every reader of the *SOUTHWESTERN* should send for a copy at once. Price, 75c. The introduction, written by Bishop Mallien, is worth the price of the book.

Political Review.

The Fifty-first Congress died March 4. It accomplished many wholesome things, but failed in the accomplishment of the most necessary measures for the security of the elective franchise in the South. Speaker Reed as the idol of his party received the thanks of his party in the House, for his impartial administration of his office. This however was voted against by the Democrats of that body. Speaker Reed is rather to be complimented by that fact than otherwise.

The appointment of Hon. James Hill as postmaster at Vicksburg, Miss., was not confirmed by the Senate. It is hoped however that the President will reappoint notwithstanding the senseless protestation of the unreconstructed Democracy of Mississippi. Nothing has been brought against his appointment further than that he is a colored man. The camp followers of the Federal army who remained in Vicksburg when it fell and who now call themselves the G. A. R., joined the Democracy in its protest against the appointment.

We hope the President will lend a deaf ear to those hypocrites who are ever on the alert to stab the Negro at the bidding of the erstwhile destroyers of the Union.

Senator Manderson of Nebraska succeeds ex-Senator Ingalls in the Presidency protempore of the Senate.

There is a rumor current to the effect that Judge Taylor Beattie of La Fourche is a candidate for one of the nine U. S. Circuit judgeships that the President is to appoint. Judge Beattie having renounced his Republicanism, and having raised his voice in defense of the murderers of our people in his parish a year or two ago, it is hardly to be expected that President Harrison will appoint him. If he does so it will be in the face of the most resolute and emphatic protest of ninety-nine and nine-tenths per cent of the Republicans and colored citizens that know him in Louisiana.

The senatorial squabble continues in Illinois, and no U. S. Senator has yet been elected. It is now feared that ex-Gov. Palmer, the Democratic Senator, will be selected.

Personal.

The charges by Rev. Dr. T. O. Carter against the Rev. Dr. J. J. Manker, of the Holston Conference, have been investigated and the doctor has been exonerated from all guilt. He has since instituted a civil suit against Dr. Carter for \$20,000 damages. The unfortunate affair is deplored on all sides.

This will inform my correspondents that my post office is Greenville, Miss. J. W. Davis, Presiding Elder of Greenville District.

Mr. C. C. Simms, a leading colored grocer of Baton Rouge, was among our callers last Saturday.

His many friends will rejoice to learn that the Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., Winsted, La., has recovered from his severe illness at the close of conference, and is now vigorously pushing forward his work at Gilbert Academy. Our people have no truer and more devoted friend and benefactor than W. D. Godman. They know it, and they appreciate him as such. Their prayer is that his life and health, and that of his loved ones, may long thus continue to prosecute the divine mission which he is so unselfishly and self-sacrificingly accomplishing for them.

Rev. Reese Thompson, of Franklin, and Rev. T. J. Johnson, of St. Paul, Shreveport, spent a few days in the city last week, and made several appreciated calls. They have entered upon their new charges with high hopes of grand successes.

Bishop Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Chicago, made a pleasant call last

week. The Bishop was quite interested in our work, and took pains to learn of every possible feature of it. He visited the New Orleans University and several of our churches, called on Bishop Mallien, and made himself quite a favorite among our people. Many of our people expressed themselves to the effect that he seemed a great deal more of a Methodist than an Episcopalian. His style of Christianity is of the "earnest" type, hence the logical deduction. Call again, Bishop.

Rev. H. W. Ridgeway, D.D., President of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., is on a visit to this city. Our people are glad to meet him.

Dr. Lanahan, of Baltimore, Md., has our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his daughter, Mrs. Mary M., wife of Judson T. Cull. Six children and a husband mourn her death.

Bishop Haygood, of the M. E. Church South, will be here this week to preside over the district conference of his church, which meets here to-day.

Bishop Mallien left last Monday for a short visit to DeFuniack, Fla. He will return the last of this week. Thence he will visit Alexandria and Shreveport, La., Marshall, Texas, and other points in that section.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

Sunday School Work.

At a large gathering of Sunday school superintendents, teachers, and Sunday school workers, in which nearly every school in the city was represented, in response to a call issued by the Rev. Ernest Lyon, Sunday school agent, for the consideration of means looking towards the development of the Sunday school work in this city, a Sunday School League was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Oglesvie, of Union Chapel; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. H. Hinton of Mt. Zion, and Mrs. Mary Murray of Mallien Chapel; recording secretary, Miss Lizzie Williamson of Mallien Chapel; assistant secretary, Miss B. Howard of Wesley; corresponding secretary, Mr. W. S. Ohion, of Wesley; treasurer, Mr. Henry Parker of Williams Chapel; Mr. I. H. Norwood, city Sunday school visitor; with the following visiting committee: Messrs. Robt. Slade, R. C. Met Kennedy, D. B. Phillips and J. H. Landry.

The following were elected members of the finance committee: Maria Brown, Haven Chapel; Mrs. D. C. Mead, Williams Chapel; Eliza Jefferson, Cushman Chapel; Lizzie Alexander, Simpson Chapel; Mrs. J. G. Lawrence, Mallien Chapel; Miss E. Anderson, First Street; Miss Lizzie Taylor, Mt. Zion; Miss M. J. Simpson, Wesley Chapel; Miss Mary Williams, Union Chapel; Miss Mary Pardo, La Harpe; Miss Hattie Brown, Gretna; Miss Mary E. Holmes, Thomson Chapel; Miss N. J. Nickerson, Pleasant Plains.

The city was also divided up into the following districts, viz:

1st. District. Including Camp Paraper, Carrollton, the White Bridge and Jefferson.

2nd. District. Including all the territory between Valence and Julia streets.

3rd. District. Including all the territory between Julia and Conti streets.

4th. District. Including all between Conti street and the Barracks.

5th. District. Including Gretna, Algiers, Freetown and Asbury Chapel.

At the next meeting a president for each district, with an organizing committee, will be elected. An effort will be made to organize the Epworth League in every charge.

The League has adopted the following motto: Fifteen hundred converts and fifty new Sunday schools this conference year. The city once organized, the next attempt will be to organize the State,

so that every school will be brought into conventional relation; and thus with a thorough organization, we shall be able to develop the Sunday school work in Louisiana as never before. The Agent will be glad to hear from superintendents and pastors all over the State. Address 212 Constantino-ple street, New Orleans, La.

A grand concert and entertainment is to be given at Valence Street Hall, Valence street between Camp and Chestnut, on Saturday night, March 21, 1891, for the purpose of liquidating the indebtedness of Cushman Chapel M. E. Church. Rev. B. G. Ankrum, pastor. Tickets, 10c.

Pastor J. W. Hudson is starting off nicely at Union Chapel. At the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, last Sunday night, 180 persons partook of the sacred emblems. Dr. Albert assisted in the administration of the same.

A grand entertainment will be given by the Union Chapel Choir on Wednesday, March 25, 1891, at Union Chapel M. E. Church, on Bienville between Villere and Marais streets, for the benefit of repairing the organ. Admission, 10c.

Bishop Mallien preached at the New Orleans University last Sunday. At the conclusion of his sermon, three persons came forward and united with the church.

The Wesley Memorial Service at Wesley Chapel, Monday, March 2, was well attended and profitable. The addresses by Bishop Mallien, Bishop Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Chicago, and by Rev. E. Lyon, were received with marked appreciation; and much good was accomplished.

Prof. Collett, of New Orleans University, preached a sermon of great power at Williams' Chapel, last Sunday night. A beautiful Sunday school banner was dedicated there at 11 a. m.

The 100th anniversary of the death of John Wesley was commemorated last Sunday at the Ames M. E. Church, by an address from Bishop Mallien, at which the German and Italian congregations attended. The address was one of great interest.

There is considerable revival interest manifested at the Ames Church. On Sunday night last the Bishop preached, and at the close when the invitation was given, the altar was speedily filled with seekers, and ten were converted. The pastor, Bro. Crawford, is quite unwell from his hard work and study, so that he has been ordered by his physician to take a rest for two or three weeks. His pulpit will be filled by able preachers during his absence.

New Orleans University is crowded to overflowing, and a new building is imperatively needed for next session. The enrollment has been trebled during the past three years. This unprecedented prosperity is due to the dignified, firm, but kindly administration of its popular and thoroughly equipped President, Dr. L. G. Adkinson, the affectionate disposition of Mrs. Adkinson to the girls under her care, and to the full co-operation of his excellent faculty, which he has at all times commanded. Back of all these stands Bishop Mallien, as a tower of strength, whose whole soul, purse and all, is ever ready to make this institution the grandest and best equipped in all the South. The Lord bless and abundantly multiply their success.

Wonder why so many persons suffer from catarrh when with Old Saul's Catarrh Cure they would be cured at once.

LET every pastor and member now gird themselves for a glorious revival. "The field is white for the harvest."

No church is accomplishing its mission unless it brings in souls to Christ. A whitened sepulchre full of dead men's bones is preferable to such a church.

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corder confessing with indignation that "Men are afraid to speak out their sentiments in some conferences (i. e., of the A. M. E. Church). Riots and secret signs control some conferences, instead of God and the Bible." When it is beyond dispute that a colored paper, edited by a Christian editor, bent on the reformation of existing evils in Church and State, is made the target of abuse and is denounced by the minister's meeting of a leading Southern city, because he exposed the notoriously corrupt practices of a preacher whose character was stained by drunkenness and blackened by licentiousness—is it not time to join Bishop Payne and others in their cry for reform?

It is said that young men high purpose and undoubted talents refuse to go into the ministry, and are entering other professions, and they give as their excuse the low estimate placed by the more refined and cultured people of the race upon the ministry. Can it be that the ministry of to-day is measuring up to its sacred responsibility of moral and spiritual leadership, when one of the ablest and best edited colored papers of the South thus speaks out in its columns:

"Colored churches are almost universally tabooed by the cultured and advanced. The work of religion is paralyzed. Those of the ministry who are earnest and competent are grown disheartened, those of the laity who are sincere are groaning in despair."

This seems to mean exaggerated statement, but the same paper shows its sincerity when it cries out, "Our hope is in our ministers. If they fail we lose hope in the ability of Christianity. That gone, no hope is left."

Wholesale assertions it seems to me are not wise. They are apt to do harm instead of good, by discouraging the army of pure and devoted men among the colored people who are now ministering at God's altars. But instead of heaping anathemas on the head of that devoted and courageous Bishop Payne, let the facts as they exist be made known, and the statements of observant ministers and editors of the race be examined with care. That reformation of morals in some churches is the demand of the hour, no candid man can deny. Reformation is better than revolution, and one or the other must come. Let the light be turned on. Good men do not fear the light. While this condition of things may be charged upon some localities, it certainly is not true of all. I personally know scores of men in all the churches who are pure, aspiring, consecrated to God, and to the work of redeeming humanity. I count it a privilege to be associated with them. In the conference in which I am in the providence of God a member, whenever one is charged with crime, investigation is made, and if found guilty the evil member is cast out, as he should be. This is true in some other church organizations among the colored people in the South. The standard is lifting up. There is no reason for despair. The improvement has been vast, when we compare the present with past history, and recognize the influences and habits and conditions that obtained in the pit of slavery from which the people were digged. The standard has been raised; it must still be raised. There is yet great room for improvement. The membership begins to demand a pure and intelligent ministry. Churches must sink if this demand is ignored. So long as one immoral man is known to be in the sacred office let the reform go on. The immorality of one casts a shadow over the whole body of ministers. In our war for reform, however, instead of using the gatling gun by which we strike down bad and good together, let us use the rifle of ecclesiastical law, which shall hit the individual sinner. This seems to be the Biblical plan, Nathan singled out the guilty one,—"Thou art the man." So in our



"A RACE WITH DEATH!"

Among the nameless heroes, none are more worthy of martyrdom than he who rode down the valley of the Conemaugh, warning the people ahead of the Johnstown flood. Mounted on a powerful horse, faster and faster went the rider, but the flood was swiftly gaining, until it caught the unlucky horseman and swept on, grinding, crushing, annihilating both weak and strong.

In the same way is disease lurking near, like unto the sword of Damocles, ready to fall, without warning, on its victim, who allows his system to become clogged up, and his blood poisoned, and thereby his health endangered. To eradicate these poisons from the system, no matter what their name or nature, and save yourself a spell of malarial, typhoid or bilious fever, or eruptions, swellings, tumors and kindred disfigurements, keep the liver and kidneys healthy and vigorous, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It's the only blood-purifier sold on trial. Your money is returned if it doesn't do exactly as recommended. A concentrated vegetable extract. Sold by druggists, in large bottles, at \$1.00.

conferences may the war cry of reform be "Let no guilty man escape." The voice of the reverend Bishop Payne should be heard and heeded, lest a worse calamity befall both preachers and people than overtook the recreant and sinful priests and people of Israel in the olden time. God endured, but in the end the inevitable doom of violated law overwhelmed them. It is a sign of hope when the *Southern Christian Recorder* which has roundly abused the bishop for his utterance, is led to say editorially, in a late issue:

"Bishop Payne, Prof. Washington and Dr. Albert have brought the offence. Now if this offence will force to us to examine our foundation and walls, and take out all rotten timber and stones and put in sound ones, we can turn it into blessing." This indicates a right attitude. To cover up and conceal evils that colored ministers by the score have acknowledged, will only multiply abuses. To scatter darkness let in the light!

The other element of weakness—ignorance in the ministry—I cannot fully discuss. There has been marked advance. There must be rapid advance if the rising generation, now in our schools, is to be held to the church.

It has been given me as the sober conviction of many cultured and observant colored men, that the ministry in culture and intellectual progress, is not keeping pace with the rank and file of the generation born since the war. I have not the data to guarantee the trustworthiness of such an alarming statement. To say the least, however, the conditions are such as to bring all friends of the race to serious thought.

Compared with the thousands in the ministry, only a bare handful are now in our theological seminaries. Those in our higher colleges, making adequate preparations for the ministry, are numbered by the score, instead of by hundreds.

Two things are necessary in order to raise the intellectual character of the ministry. First, to elevate the standard of admission into our conferences and synods, thus forcing candidates back into our schools. Second, to secure the active cooperation of the officials of the churches in the interests of higher preparation for the ministry. Now I have spoken plainly, yet out of a heart the last drop of whose blood is gratefully consecrated to the redemption of a race through the sending forth of a trained and consecrated ministry.

It would be a more grateful task for me to view simply the bright side, and to join you in congratulation over the evident and really inspiring achievements of the ministry of to-day. Of necessity this would consist in an array of glitter

ing generalities, as the record is not yet open to clear view. I speak, however, to a convention of educators of the race, and the occasion is not one merely for congratulation. We are here to face the problems of to-day that confront us in our work.

The achievements of the ministry of to-day among the colored people are marked, and even glorious. They constitute a record of which any ministry might be proud.

1. Under the ministry of to-day the church organizations are being unified and strengthened and their missionary operations widened. A spirit of greater unity and more helpful cooperation is growing up with their increase of knowledge and their devotion to Christ.

2. They are building church edifices to correspond with the advance of the people in wealth and intelligence.

3. Educational institutions are now being opened and conducted by colored men, the ministers of to-day; and in this capacity they are exhibiting educational and executive talent of no mean order.

4. Publishing houses are being established and a literature to adequately meet the demands of the people is being provided. Reviews and weekly papers of ability and of high moral tone are being edited by the ministry of to-day and they are widely circulated.

5. The young people are being cared for in the Sunday-school as never before. Teachers and Sunday-school supplies and comfortable churches yearly render this important part of the work more effective.

6. Under their intelligent direction the church services are more orderly and less marked by the purely emotional element.

7. The regard of the people for the church is still shown in the fact that they give as no other church, hardly excepting the Catholics. Is there not however some danger that this eternal cry for money may drive some sensitive and even sensible people from the church? In some denominations the amount of money raised has come even to be the measures of a church and its minister. This sad and indignant lament from the *Southern Christian Recorder* of Feb. 12, in regard to the church it represents, is startling: "Our Conferences," writes the editor, "are not religious assemblies as in the days gone by. Dollar money is made the standard of a minister's standing and character."

8. There is certainly an advance in the character and quality of the preaching of the ministry of to-day. Ethical truth is gaining a larger place and the sermons are in many localities more biblical and more practical than in the older days.

9. Best of all, glorious revivals still come to the church and thousands are being brought to Christ.

10. From observations reaching over a period of eight years and that extend over most of the South-

ern states, I give it as my deliberate conviction, that the people of our churches are rising,—rising financially, intellectually morally,—rising in the image of Christ to a nobler type of womanhood and manhood;—and it must be said that this advance is largely due to the leadership of the ministry, supplemented by the labors of the educators of the youth in our Christian institutions of learning.

In this picture of the ministry and the church of to-day which I have so inadequately drawn the lights and shadows rest side by side. Thank God there is more light than darkness;—great reasons for hope and no reasons for a Christian to despair.

I am a Christian optimist. My face is turned towards the morning. I see the light of a better day, through the spread of the gospel of Christ, breaking over this Southland. I am glad with hope and full of enthusiasm as I look to the future of this people. I think more of the sun risings, piercing the clouds with light and bathing the earth in a splendor fresh from heaven, than I do of sun settings with their somber hues, drawing the mantle over all. In nature as in human life however, the true view takes in both. Christian educators, let us, then, with faces turned toward the rising sun of righteousness, — with shadows thrown behind us, and with the light and leadership of Christ guiding us onward—go forth, with Whittier's song of hope and courage filling our souls:

I feel the earth move onward,
I join the great march onward,
And take by faith while living
My freehold of thanksgiving.

Ring bells in unrequited steeples,
The joy of unborn peoples;
Shout triumphs far off blown,
Your triumph is my own.

A pretty picture—A sunny-haired child curing the Newfoundland's cut foot with Salvation Oil.

Schools and Colleges.

A note from Bro. J. R. Howard, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., says: "School moves on nicely with the largest number enrolled in its history. The *SOUTHWESTERN* is eagerly read every week. You are giving us a good paper. We are watching you and praying for you."

In our note commendatory of the work done at the Medical School of New Orleans University, in last week's issue, we erroneously classed Prof. H. J. Clement among the M. D.s, and failed to name Drs. Felton and Newman among the professors that had given such faithful and efficient service in the school during the past year. They deserve all the good things that can be said of their service.

The present is the most prosperous year that New Orleans University has ever witnessed. It has an enrollment of 543 students. It might have been considerably over 600, but for the fact that many had to be denied admittance for lack of room. The plan now is to put up an additional, plain, but commodious building to accommodate the additional three or four hundred students expected next school year. Three thousand dollars will put up the building. It must be put up by October 1 of this year. To do this we must have the money. The inadequacy of our public school system, as well as the tremendous possibilities involved make this demand upon us irresistible. Will not some of God's stewards, who read these lines, furnish the money?

Mr. M. Weems, a student of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, has written us in condemnation of the "Students' letter," which appeared in this paper a couple of weeks ago, wherein Mr. Richardson's lecture was criticised. He does so in a respectable and manly spirit, which we appreciate. Had we any reason to suspect that there would have been any division of opinion in respect to the matter we certainly would not have admitted the first letter at all; but when an honorable member of Wiley

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

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University vouched for its genuineness, saying, "I am only too sorry to say that all that they say is true, and a great deal more could be said," we felt that by publishing the same we were thereby giving publicity to that which fully represented the unanimous opinion of all connected with the institution. As we said in a previous issue, we regret this controversy, and would not do Mr. Richardson or any one else any intentional wrong, but that we published the Student's letter on the Professor's word as an intelligent and respectable Christian gentleman. The question of veracity raised is not with us, but between the Professor and those of the students and other professors who deny the correctness of the Student's letter. Both sides to the controversy have had their say in the premises now, and we shall here dismiss it, with the hope that we shall not have any other repetition of its like.

Did you know that the medical school of the New Orleans University was an established fact? Its doors are extended wide open to any and all our worthy young people who are otherwise prepared to enter upon a regular course in medicine. Get ready to enter at the beginning of the next annual session, Sept. 28. Write to President L. G. Adkinson, who will give you every necessary information.

To ministers, candidates for the ministry, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers of all denominations: You are invited to attend a Biblical institute, to be held at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., commencing April 1 and closing April 5, 1891, conducted by the Gammon Theological Seminary, under the direction of James O. Murray, B. D., Professor of Exegetical Theology. The program will consist of methods of Bible study, Bible geography, chronology, manners and customs, lectures on the Bible, the life of Christ, and kindred subjects. During the institute there will be given by Professor Murray popular lectures, illustrated by large and splendid stereopticon views, on "The Passion Play at Oberammergau" and "Palestine." Special rates will be secured over the S. C. R. R. We expect to be able to provide free entertainment for all who come from a distance. Please notify me in advance of your coming and write for further information if needed. Fraternal yours, L. M. DUNTON, President of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C.

Dr. Whitaker Exonerates Mr. Richardson.

DEAR DR. ALBERT: I was more afflicted than I could possibly express on reading in your issue of Feb. 26 a letter signed "The Students of Wiley University."

Mr. W. M. Richardson is a member, or probationer, in our church here and well known as a Christian gentleman of highest probity. He is not an educated man, but he has been a keen observer of human nature.

The lecture referred to was his second before our university. The former lecture was full of good, sound practical points of great value to the young people in training here. This time he was here by invitation of the faculty by unanimous vote.

He did not make the wholesale denunciations of the colored race attributed to him. Perhaps the principal feature of the address was his division of the race into two classes—three millions of aspiring, upright and prosperous people,

and seven millions, more or less, ignorant and degraded.

He was too denunciatory, it seems, of the lowness and the villainous among the 7,000,000 class for those who cannot bear to hear anything but good of colored people. Those who were attentive might have thought the speaker erred most in the size of his excellent class, rather than in the delineation of either.

I regretted that the speaker gave so much prominence in this lecture to the subject of courtship and marriage, especially in this place. But it is in the highest sense untrue and unjust to the speaker to attribute to him on that occasion either immoral topics or an immoral treatment of any topic.

He is charged with attributing to all negroes what he found some to possess, in his 7,000,000 class. Some negro preachers even were humbly, but not all—a sentiment never found with Mr. Richardson, who finds in the clergy some of his warmest friends.

I do not know who wrote the unfortunate article, but I am very sure it was so highly colored as to misrepresent a Christian gentleman, who, if not a cultivated man, or always the happiest in his selection and treatment of topics, did say many excellent things and always feels the kindest sympathy for the 3,000,000 class, for which he earnestly pleads. His style was very entertaining to his audience. At the close he received a nearly, or quite a unanimous rising vote of thanks for his lecture.

GEO. WHITAKER,
President Wiley University.
MARSHALL, TEXAS, March 3, 1891.

The surprise of Rip Van Winkle when awaking from his long slumber could not have been greater than the consumptive upon finding himself entirely relieved by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. 25c.

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

Take Notice!

We cannot make all the transfers on our list because the name of the charge is not a postoffice in many instances. Then those who are on a circuit ought to tell us at which place they get their mail. All changes desired should be requested, and always mention former address. Don't forget that. It is important! The list is about to be put in type for a mailing machine, when we hope there will be no more complaints of not getting the paper. Let requests for all changes that have not been sent in be sent at once! All pastors of charges in the patronizing conferences can have the paper, and pay when Conference meets. All such not receiving the paper, please notify us. Read this notice again.

We make but one request of every preacher within the bounds of our territory, and that is, that he signalize the beginning of the new year by sending us at least two new cash subscribers each. Will you do it?

"The Blood is the Life."

Runs the old saying, and everything that ever makes part of any organ of the body must reach its place therein through the blood. Therefore, if the blood is purified and kept in good condition by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, it necessarily follows that the benefit of the medicine is imparted to every organ of the body. Can anything be simpler than the method by which this excellent medicine gives good health to all who will try it fairly and patiently?

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A LOOK IN THE FUTURE.

By a Medical Student.

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To heal all the ills they meet.

Now want you take a course
In this fine school, young man?
You will be benefited by
Preparing the best you can.

Some think the study of medicine
To be quite a royal road;
Reading of diseases, their symptoms,
And how easy they are cured.

But when we study Physiology,
We have to sit and read.
Of organs, cells and tissues,
And the nutriment they need.

And when we study Anatomy,
We read of muscles, bones and veins;
That we all may get a knowledge
Of forms and the structure of man.

In studying drp pages of Anatomy,
Some think—almost useless to try;
But each makes this his own motto:
Others have learned them—so can I.

In the book of Chemistry,
We study the elements;
Those that form our bodies,
Our bread and all we eat.

But I think, when we are through
Anatomy, Chemistry and Physiology,
Much better we'll enjoy to read
On Surgery and Gynecology.

We'll learn the science Diagnosis
In all its different stages,
From the slightest of diseases
To where Hydrophobia rages.

We'll learn to give the different drugs
Just as they are needed,
And tell just how each dose we give
Should always be succeeded.

We'll learn to cure diseases,
Of any kind whatever,
From simplest stages of vertigo
To those of yellow fever.

We ask all those who wish
A fair medical knowledge,
To make it known by coming
To Mallalieu Medical College.

And when the next session opens,
We hope that may see
Young men with intentions
Of making themselves M. D's.

Here you will meet Rev. Emperor Wil-
liams;
He's just the very man
Who'll welcome and encourage you
To do the best you can.

T. L. J.

The Household.

Facts Worth Knowing.

Screws that are too small for
separate treatment may be cleaned
from rust as follows: Take a pound
of screws and place them in a small
box, a cigar box will do; put a
small quantity of oil on them and
shake for a minute; finally put a
handful of sawdust in the box, and
shake for another minute or so,
and remove the sawdust by sifting
it from the screws in a fine sieve.
The screws will come out well
cleaned.

Cracks of a room may be neatly
and permanently filled by thor-
oughly soaking newspapers in
paste made of one pound of flour,
three quarts of water and a table-
spoonful of alum, thoroughly boiled
and mixed. The mixture will be
about as thick as putty, and may
be forced into the cracks with a
case knife. It will harden like
papier mache.

A very good cement to fasten on
lamp tops is melted alum. Use as
soon as melted, and the lamp is
ready for use as soon as the cement
is cold.

Rubber rings such as are used
on the fruit cans often become
hard and brittle. They can be re-
stored by letting them lie in water
in which you have put a little am-
monia. Mix in this proportion:
One part ammonia and two parts
water. Sometimes they do not
need to lie in this more than five
minutes, but frequently a half hour
is needed to restore their elasticity.

A quick cure for burns is to
apply a layer of common salt and
saturate it with lanadanum. Hold
it in place an hour or so by a simple
bandage. The smarting sensation
disappears rapidly, and the burn
gets well.

Our Symposium.

The Logic of Miracles.

Nicodemus hit the point exactly
alike as to the facts and the argu-
ments therefrom, when he said to
Christ: "Rabbi, we know that thou
art a teacher come from God, for
no man can do these miracles that
thou doest, except God be with
him." (John iii, 2). John tells us
that when Jesus was in Jerusalem
at his first passover, "many be-
lieved in his name, when they saw
the miracles which he did." (John
ii, 23). Nicodemus seems to have
been of this number; and no one
ever reasoned more soundly, or
stated the argument from miracles
more incisively, than did this Jewish
ruler. Christian logic in all ensu-
ing ages has adopted and repeated
his syllogism. Let any being with
the power of such supernatural
wonders as the Gospel narrative assigns to Christ in
his life on earth, and the proof is
complete that God is "with him"
in the sense of speaking through
him, authenticating his words, and
in the element of authority making
them the word of God himself.

Reason, the truest and best that
man can possibly exercise, declares
that such a being is and must be a
messenger from God.

Peter on the day of Pentecost,
submitted to his Jewish hearers
the following statement:
"Ye men of Israel, hear these
words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man
approved of God among you by mi-
racles and wonders and signs,
which God did by him in the midst
of you, as ye yourselves also know;
him, being delivered by the deter-
minate counsel and foreknowledge
of God, ye have taken, and by
wicked hands have crucified and
slain." (Acts ii, 22, 23).—N. Y.
Independent.

The Southern Democrats who
denounce the Federal Election bill
as being sectional, virtually admit
that they are committing, and
mean to commit, the election
frauds which it is the purpose of
this bill to prevent. There is not
a line or sentence in the bill that
makes it sectional. It is equally
applicable to all parts of the coun-
try, and is alike a just and consti-
tutional measure.—N. Y. Indepen-
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cured by it of Scrofula, Ec-
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Dr. W. P. Wright, Paw Paw Ford, Tenn.,
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eases of the blood."
Dr. R. R. Boyte, Third and Oxford sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "For two years
I have prescribed Ayer's Sarsaparilla in
numerous instances, and I find it highly
efficacious in the treatment of all disorders
of the blood."
L. M. Robinson, Pharmacist, Sabina, O.,
certifies: "Ayer's Sarsaparilla has always
been a great seller. My customers think
there is no blood-purifier equal to it."
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scrofulous running sores, which, at last be-
came so bad the doctors advised amputating
one of my legs to save my life. I began
taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla and soon saw an
improvement. After using about two dozen
bottles the sores were healed. I continue to
take a few bottles of this medicine each
year, for my blood, and am no longer trou-
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blood-purifiers, but none does so much good
as Ayer's Sarsaparilla."—D. A. Robinson,
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(Abridged edition).

Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal

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Compendium of Meth. disc.—Porter.

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To be studied:

Biblical Theology. Introduction to the Holy

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Chapters XXXV.

Systematic Theology—Compendium of Chris-

tian Theology—Pope. (Vol. I.) 3 vols.

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Christian History—Fletcher.

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ters I-XVIII.—Harnam.

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BY UNCLE CEPHAS.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 8 years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday.

Your Niece,
ANNIE BLY.
Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 11 years of age. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I have three sisters and one brother. My mother is a member of the M. E. Church. Our father is Rev. W. Ellison. I am a member of the M. E. Church also. My mother takes the SOUTHWESTERN and I delight in reading it.

Your Niece,
ETHEL GRANT.
Farmington.

Dear Uncle Cephas: It has been quite a while since I wrote you. The last time I wrote I did not be long to the church, but now I can say for myself that Jesus is mine. My dear cousins, I think that too many of our letters are alike. Let us try and quit writing the same old thing all the time. Now, I have a question, dear Uncle, for you to answer: From what did the river Jordan derive its name?

Your Nephew,
BEVERLY SHAW.
Vaiden, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a member of the M. E. Church. My uncle takes the SOUTHWESTERN and I read it weekly. I am anxious to correspond with the little cousins of such a good paper.

Your Nephew,
OLIVER PERRY.
Lucknow, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 13 years old. I go to Sunday school every day, and to Sunday school. I have three sisters and three brothers. My mama belongs to the Baptist Church. I am not a member, but I long to be. One of my sisters and one brother belong to the M. E. Church. My sister's name is Martha Lincoln. She is married. My papa is dead. My sister Hettie takes the SOUTHWESTERN and the Ladies' World. She is 15 years old. Our school is about to close. My teacher's name is F. A. Hall. Our pastor is Rev. Clayton. Our teacher is very kind and I love her. She has been teacher here three seasons, but she is going away. She is not coming any more, and I am very sorry. I have a most loving friend by the name of Mary A. Norris. She is going to Waco school. Her sister, Florence Morris, is also a friend of mine.

Your Niece,
MARY S. EURION.
Sneec Town, Texas.

Dear Uncle Cephas: Every week I read my nieces' and cousins' letters, and now it encourages me to write also. My father takes the SOUTHWESTERN and I take great pleasure in reading it, especially Mrs. Albert's "House of Bondage." It was so very nice and interesting to read. Our pastor and people here gave a missionary entertainment in order to raise the missionary money, last Saturday night. We had a pleasant time. I attend the Sunday school and church. I am also a member. We like our pastor very well. His name is Rev. S. Gates.

Your Niece,
MATTHEW J. GATES.
Bremont, Tex.

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every Sunday, and love to go. I am a member of the M. E. Church and so is my mama.

Your Niece,
CALLIE ANDERSON.
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HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 5, 15-19. Tu. 2 Kings 5, 20-27. W. Josh. 7, 20-26. Th. 1st Cor. 13, 1-11. F. Prov. 21, 1-8. S. 1 Tim. 6, 6-12. S. Matt. 6, 19-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Remember your sins will find you out. (Num. 32:23).

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

And must I be to judgment brought,
And answer in that day
For every vain and idle thought,
And every word I say?

Yes, every secret of my heart
Shall shortly be made known,
And I receive my just desert
For all that I have done.

How careful, then, ought I to live,
With what religious fear?
Who such a strict account must give
For my behavior here.

Time—Same as before; probably B. C. 894.

Places—Same as before.

Rulers—Same as before.

Connecting links—This incident follows immediately that narrated in our last lesson.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The grateful Syrian, v. 15-19. Where did Naaman go as soon as he was cured?

What did he say to Elisha?

What was Elisha's answer?

What request did Naaman then make?

Whom only did he say he would worship?

Yet for what act did he ask pardon?

What did Elisha reply?

2. The greedy servant, v. 20-27. What said Gehazi about Elisha's refusing gifts?

What did he resolve to do?

What did Naaman do when he saw the servant?

What excuse did the servant give for following?

What gift did he ask?

What did Naaman urge him to take?

By whom did he send back the gifts?

Where did Gehazi hide his treasure?

What question did Elisha ask on his return?

What was the servant's answer?

What question did Elisha then ask?

What punishment did he pronounce?

What sorrow came on the servant?

Of what may every sinner be sure? (Golden Text).

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson may we find:

1. A warning against greed?

2. A proof that man cannot deceive God?

3. An assurance that sin will be punished?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG MEN.

Read the story of the man who wanted to buy the power of working miracles for money.

What did Jesus say about helping afflicted people freely? You will find it in the tenth chapter of Matthew.

What does Paul say about the love of money?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What did the grateful Naaman ask Elisha to accept? A costly present.

2. For what did Naaman ask Elisha's pardon? For bowing to a false God.

3. How did Gehazi secure part of the present that Elisha had refused? By telling a lie.

4. How did Elisha see things done in his absence? By God's power.

5. How was Gehazi punished? He was made a leper.

EXPLANATIONS.

He returned—With gladness, for the tides of health again flowed through his body. A blessing—

The word was used for a gift which was supposed to carry with it a blessing. The house of Rimmon—The temple of the idol of the Syrians. The Lord pardon thy servant—Naaman felt that this conduct was sufficiently inconsistent to require a special permit. Take somewhat of him—The Jews were apt to regard Gentiles as legitimate prey. That Elisha should allow a Syrian to go out of the land without paying dearly for whatever he had received seemed to Gehazi's narrow mind an outrage. Leprosy . . . shall cleave unto thee—This was not Elisha's revenge; he was talking for God. The reasons for this peculiarly severe punishment of Gehazi at this juncture were evident. Elisha's words were spoken by God's direction.

Doctrinal suggestion—Sin in the heart.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

31. What was the sin of our first parents? Their eating of the forbidden fruit.

32. By whom were they tempted to sin? By the devil in the form of a serpent. (Gen. 3, 13, Rev. 20, 2.)

33. What evil did their sin bring upon them? They lost the image of God, were driven out of Eden, and became subject to pain and death.

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H. Taylor, P. C.

[Received Feb. 28—Ed.]

We, the members and friends of the M. E. Church, sympathize with Rev. H. P. Coulter in his bereavement. On the 7th of July, 1890, he lost his darling boy. On the 24th of October, 1890, he lost his dear companion, Mrs. Maria Coulter. On the 16th of February, 1891, he lost his little daughter, Harriet Coulter, aged 6 years. Sister Coulter was married to Rev. H. P. Coulter Nov. 18, 1888. She lived an affectionate wife for 7 years, 1 month and 6 days. Our losses are heaven's gain.

B. J. Thornton and wife.

Carrollton, Miss.—Malissa Bell Porter, daughter of Sister Lucy Ann and Bro. Hines Porter, departed this life Feb. 15, 1891, aged 3 years and 4 days.

D. A. Bragg, P. C.

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On the 21st of February, 1891, Bro. Clem Bohanan passed from labor to reward. He was speechless more than 48 hours. Before his tongue and memory failed he was asked by Bro. Matthews how stood the case between him and his God. His answer was, "I am just waiting on Jesus. I have resigned my all to Him." Bro. Bohanan was 73 years old, and had been a member of the Mt. Vernon Church, Richmond, Texas, many years. He leaves an aged wife, children and grandchildren to mourn. William Matthews officiating.

G. J. Izard, P. C.

Macon, Miss.—Rev. Wesley Jones, one of the old pioneer preachers of the Mississippi Conference until its division, and then a member of the Upper Mississippi Conference, fell a victim to death on the evening of Feb. 13, leaving a wife and nine children to mourn his loss. He has passed from labor to reward. His funeral was attended by the writer and L. P. Brown. His remains were carefully and neatly deposited in the cemetery here by the Macon Lodge. The M. E. Church has lost a faithful friend.

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Bishop Newman Vindicated by a Large Concourse of Grateful and Admiring Friends, in the Attack of Bishop Grant of the A. M. E. Church.

Rev. Ernest Lyon spoke as follows, and then introduced the following resolution signed by the committee and unanimously adopted by the large gathering.

Mr. Chairman and friends:—

Assembled as we are, on this the 2nd, day of March, to join with the multitude, all over this broad land, to offer tribute of respect and gratitude to the honored and undying memory of John Wesley, the venerable father and founder of our Holy Methodism, which, for more than a century, has contributed largely to the solidity of human government, to the universal spread of the highest type of christian civilization, and to the final abolition of human slavery in this country, as well as in others afflicted with this, the most diabolical evil of any age, this occasion is deemed by us, fittingly suggestive for the expression of gratitude; first, to Almighty God, the Father of all, for his wonderful care and Providence; and second, to that portion of his servants, who have shown kindness and friendship, at the expense of happiness and life, to his weaker Israel's during their dreadful experience, through their wilderness of oppression, of bondage and injustice. We recognize the fact, that as a people, if not all over the country, yet in certain sections of the country, by force of circumstances, as well as by an unjust public sentiment, we have been prevented from preaching that standard in national and ecclesiastical economies, which exempts us from proscription and injustice. As there seems to be a majority of that class who is so disposed to treat us, wisdom declares, that in our present helpless condition, we should make friends with every man, who is willing to show himself friendly to our race, in the face of alarming opposition. Especially with that class of men, whose sincerity has been tried in more instances than one. Gratitude is a quality which when seen among animals is admired, and when found in man, is not only pleasing to his fellow man, but also to his maker; therefore, we add to the credit of the race when we show ourselves grateful to our benefactors. While we have had much to regret from the action of not only wicked men of the world, but also by the action of narrow minded men in religion; yet we have had infinitely more, for which to be thankful, resulting from the labors and services of good and great men; some of whom have sacrificed their noble lives, in de-

fense of our liberty and rights. Among this mighty cavalcade of good and great men, we recognize the venerable Wesley, who nine days prior to his death—numbered among the very last of his public acts, was a stirring exhortation to young Wilberforce, the English champion of human liberty;—arguing him not to give up the fight for the emancipation of the slaves in the British Dominions, till the shackles of a degrading serfdom should fall from the limb of every Negro thus enslaved. This same spirit of noble-mindedness and of universal fatherhood and brotherhood of all the races still characterizes his successors, and the bishops of the church of our choice, this fact was exemplified in the memorable expression of President Lincoln, who publically declared that the M. E. Church had placed more men on the battlefield, and had sent up to heaven more prayers for the salvation of the Union and the emancipation of the American slaves, than any other christian denomination on the continent. Therefore, we have abundant cause whereby to be grateful to the M. E. Church for her care and concern for us; which care and concern did not merely begin with our emancipation; but extends back into the very darkest and severest period of our trials and humiliation. At a time too, when our sufferings and our condition drew forth but very little pity from many, who are now bidding for our influence and our support by the most artful designs. And since God frowns upon the encouragement of caste, and the existence of prejudice which proscribes any portion of humanity from the blessedness of his holy religion. As his followers cannot but regard those, whether white or black, who would countenance such in religion, as bringing sinfulness, wicked, and unchristian, and unworthy the respect of good men.

Whereas, We are as capable of knowing the difference between a compliment and an insult, and whereas we, on the 13th day of January 1891, listened to the oration delivered on the occasion of the Quarter-Centennial of our Methodism in this state by Bishop John P. Newman, whose christian adherence and fidelity to the cause of human rights, justly entitled him to the respect and confidence of President Lincoln who entrusted him with the religious affairs of this section of the country, at a period in the church's history as critical as any; for he found a newly humiliated people gorged with prejudice and hatred and clinging tenaciously to an imaginary right, which was taken away from them by force; in contrast with a newly emancipated people pampered with liberty and imaginary hopes of national protection; and it was at this period that this same John P. Newman came; a period when smiles were sought, and when favors might have been lavished; but by his strict adherence to right and justice he remained faithful, among the faithless; and whereas, there were also present such representative members of the race as John T. Newman, M. D., a physician of more than ordinary skill, Prof. Fayerweather a man of recognized ability, Hon. T. B. Stamps, proprietor of the *Standard Pelican* a representative journal, Hon. J. F. Patry naval officer of the port of N. O., Rev. John Marks a leading Baptist minister, Rev. David Young a Baptist minister of national reputation, Rev. O. A. Le Boen a leading minister of the A. M. E. Church and I. E. Mullen, M. D., acting Dean of the Medical Department of the N. O. University, and scores of others whose names cannot be mentioned on account of time and space, but who singly

and mildly declared that the oration was a masterly defense of the race; and that the orator was certainly entitled to the respect and gratitude of the race.

Therefore, Be it resolved that we regard the noble remarks, credited to Bishop Abraham Grant in the daily *Picayune* of the issue of the 9th of February of the present year against Bishop John P. Newman, before a large crowd of excited people, worked up to such a pitch, by frequent appeals to race prejudice, a condition of affairs condemned by all good people black and white, as being, not only, unjust, ungrateful, and sinful and deserving of the severest reprobation; but as being a sample of a first class demagogue, fitter for the back ages than for an enlightened period in American civilization.

Resolved, Further that it is the judgment of the masses, that Bishop Payne, the colleague of Bishop Grant, and the so called Prof. Washington, are more deserving of the righteous condemnation and indignant censure of Bishop Grant, since he himself as a Southern preacher, might possibly have been included in the two-thirds of Southern immoral ministers, branded in this unfortunate episode.

Resolved, Further that we consider the course of Bishop Grant as inconsistent, and also as out of harmony with the exalted station of a bishop, who a year ago in his Baton Rouge Conference, advised unity and concord with the whites in secular affairs; while at this conference he overthrew indirectly that wholesome and commendable advice by exciting the people to discord and dissension in religious affairs and practically asking them to turn their backs upon their friends who have done so much for them in the past, and who are still doing as are evidenced in the establishment of the New Orleans University, with the Peck Memorial Home, for training of the girls of the race; with the medical department for the matriculation of physicians; with the Gilbert Seminary and Agricultural College at Winsted, La., with the orphan's home at Baldwin, affording them shelter, and the academy at Alexandria in which institutions the boys and girls irrespective of denominations are being educated to fill intelligently their stations in life.

Resolved, Further that the concluding remarks of Bishop Grant's effusion were more deserving of censure than anything that was said by Bishop Newman, who according to the quotation of Bishop Grant himself, only condemned in mild terms Bishop Payne and his satellite Prof. Washington (!) for casting a stigma of reproach upon the race; and who were if not for the high and exalted position of Bishop Payne, we might have been made to believe that he was recompensed for the course he took as is too often the case in such matters.

Resolved, Further that we are inclined to believe the statement made by a whole district of African Methodists who have recently seceded from the connection on account of this affair, that Bishop Payne made this remark in order to make the way clear for him to transfer Northern preachers into fat Southern pulpits, which is a thing of frequent occurrence.

Resolved, Further that our confidence in such men as W. F. Mallalieu is well founded; who has been unflinching in his efforts to benefit our people far and near; and by whose herculean efforts and national influence we owe our present position on Canal street, the principal business avenue in the city, in a three story brick building dedicated to the disciples of Escalapins, whereby our young men

are being trained to help their people in their moments of suffering and affliction.

Resolved, Further that we take this stand not as Methodists merely but as members of the Southern ministerial family and laity who have been unjustly abused and misrepresented by the palace car brigade, who like some of the Northern white people undertake to know a good deal about the colored man and his condition in the South from a palace car window without having stayed on the ground long enough to intelligently acquaint themselves with our condition and affairs.

Committee: Ernest Lyon, F. T. Chinn, J. W. Hudson, J. F. Marshall, Thos. McCary, Henry Taylor, W. P. Forrest, E. Williams, A. J. Picket, H. Wilson, A. E. P. Albert.

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Bishop Thomas Bowman.
I think Mr. Wesley's entire consecration to his work, was the great element in his marvelous success.

Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.
Pastor Emeritus of Lafayette Ave. Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn.
Methodism is the glorious and imperishable monument of both the Wesleys. John was system, and Charles was song. The one hewed out the stones; and the other sent up the walls to the music of his heaven-inspired hymns. Behind both of them stood the Almighty Architect.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr.
Pastor Twenty-third St. Baptist Church, New York.

I love the memory of John Wesley, because he stood for a free salvation.

Rev. John Lanahan, D. D.
Baltimore Conference.

Said Sir William Jones: "If I am asked who is the greatest man, I answer the best; if I am asked who is the best, I answer the man who has done the most for his race." Measure Wesley by these tests, and where will you place his monument? The waves of religious influence which, under God, he started in the year 1739, are to-day renewing themselves in strength like the mountain billows of the ocean, and in freshness like the bow in the sky. He always sought the best, not the easiest, way to success; hence he built to stand.

Bishop Frederick D. Huntington.
Protestant Episcopal Church.

The secret of Wesley's extraordinary power over men seems to me to be found in his intuitive understanding—at once penetrating and comprehensive—of the religious needs of his time.

President B. P. Raymond.

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.
The most remarkable characteristic of John Wesley was his indomitable will. But will is "reason energizing," and with him its energy was displayed in power to organize and rule. Through the first half-century of Methodism he was a whole board of bishops in and of himself.

Bishop John F. Hurst.

Wesley was one of those men who was so many-sided, so evenly balanced, that I do not believe he had any single prominent trait. As to achievements, he was much the same. One is hardly safe, amid so many triumphs of the man, in fixing on any one as greater than the rest. I should say, then, that his greatest trait was his many-sidedness, and his greatest achievement was the multitude of them.

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The most remarkable trait in John Wesley was his love of souls. It was this that made his preaching so direct and searching.

Bishop S. M. Merrill.

One of the remarkable traits in the make-up of John Wesley was his power of concentration, and his resultant power of continued effort.

Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., LL. D.
Professor in Union Theological Seminary, New York.

I regard John Wesley as the most apostolic man that England has produced, and equal to any in the abundance of his labors.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu.

John Wesley had in his veins the best blood of England. Physically and mentally he was thoroughbred. His scholarship was wonderfully comprehensive, exact and exhaustive. His spiritual life was settled strong, joyous and sympathetic. There, burned in his soul a quenchless zeal, an absorbing ambition, an indomitable purpose to lift all humanity out of the depths of ignorance, poverty and sin up to the possession of all earthly good, to the fellowship of the saints, and to the heirship of heaven. To accomplish this he absolutely gave all that he ever called "my" or "mine" to the service of God and his fellow-men. To-day all nations feel the uplift of his faith, his words, his works.

Edward Everett Hale.

As the dust of the time passes, I should say that the real power of John Wesley reveals itself as it was scarcely known in his time. It is the power of genuine Christianity—a man who believes that Jesus Christ is the Leader and Saviour of mankind, and who really wishes to follow Him in the establishment of God's kingdom.

Bishop Isaac W. Joyce.

In answer to the first, I think it was: His never failing faith in God and in the plan of redemption, and his abiding conviction that God called him to do a special work. In answer to the second, I think it was: In preparing the way for the founding of a great church.

Professor Charles J. Little.
Syracuse University, New York.

Wesley's character, like his face, was strong and beautiful for its perfect blending of traits: Intense feeling; incessant thinking; native resolution; great physical and moral courage; a sense of the unseen with a sense of the actual which the diviner vision never obscured by its excess of light; a love of power tempered and transfigured by his love for men and for God; a genius for self improvement, for the improvement of his generation, a genius too for organization and for command; a passion for righteousness; a hunger for holiness and a profound distrust of phrases and opinions—in short, John Wesley was not only twice born, but born gloriously both times.

Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D.

Pastor Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, and editor of *Christian Union*.

I am sorry not to comply with your request; but I really could not do so without taking some time to re-study the life and character of John Wesley, for whom and his work I have a profound respect. I believe him to have been one of the great prophets of Anglo-Saxon christianity.

Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D.

Pastor Saratoga St. M. E. Church, East Boston.

The "most remarkable traits" in John Wesley were what Milton

called "amplitude of mind," and what Luther called "religion of the heart." His motto, "The world is my parish," illustrate the one; "If thy heart is as my heart, give me thy hand," illustrates the other. His most remarkable achievement was Methodism.

Bishop W. X. Ninde.

John Wesley's working principle was the vitalizing of old and faded Scripture truths into a glowing personal experience, with a profound conviction that he was providentially called to inaugurate, on the basis of these truths, a revival of apostolic christianity.

Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D.

Professor in Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

The trait in John Wesley's character which impresses me, was his self-abnegation.

Chancellor C. N. Sims.

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

In my opinion, the greatest elements in Wesley's character were his clear apprehension of the privilege and importance of definite christian experience, his devotion to the work of spreading christian holiness, and the organizing power by which he utilized the services of his followers, so as to secure the largest and most enduring results.

Bishop John John H. Vincent.

The most admirable feature in the natural make-up of that marvelous and many-sided man, John Wesley, was his ready susceptibility to a new putting of the truth, from whatever source it might come. Notwithstanding his ritualistic training, and the tenacity with which for a time he clung to the ceremonial, sacramental and sacerdotal ideas, he abandoned it for the larger New Testament thought.

Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D.

Missionary Secretary.

Put John Wesley into commercial scales and weigh him, and there is not gold enough in the bank of England to measure his value. He saved England a bloody revolution; he awakened the national conscience; he aroused a dying church; he stirred into activity a despairing ministry, and set in motion a religious movement which will never lose its power until the world is converted to God.

Bishop C. H. Fowler.

"What constituted the most remarkable trait in the great founder of Methodism, or his most remarkable achievement?" Ability to organize, patience to wait, and a monopoly of salvation.

Rev. C. N. Grandison.

President of Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C.

He who confutes an error is great; he who gives the world a new idea is greater; he who concretizes ideas and principles into effective systems or institutions benefitting mankind and glorifying God, is greatest, because though dead he yet speaks. This last constitutes the chief glory of Wesley.

Bishop D. A. Goodsell.

Three things seems to me especially noteworthy in John Wesley besides his spiritual fervor: His amazing patience under domestic trials, slander and misrepresentation; his marvelous energy; and, as much if not more than either, the voluntary poverty in which he died. He was in his saying, "I have given all I could, even all I had," the real originator of Cardinal Manning's words, "A priest of God ought to die without money and without debts."

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Letters from the Districts.

Nashville District, Tennessee Conference

J. P. PRICE, P. E.

The good Lord has enabled me to meet all my points and nearly all of my preaching places, and I closed my first round, the 14th and 15th of February, at the Central Tennessee College, with reasonable health and fair success.

I found all my preachers at their posts, working like beavers to build up the work for the Master. I have held one district conference, visited the public schools and encouraged the educational work everywhere I have been. The Sunday school works are growing. I have organized one new point and sent Bro. G. Davidson as pastor. I also have organized the Epworth League on my district.

None of my preachers have died this quarter, though several have been sick, and also their families. The La Grippe has been severe all over my district. My first charge is Nolensville circuit, G. C. Harden pastor. This is Bro. Harden's first year on this charge, and the people seemed to receive him cheerfully. He had not been here long before the quarterly conference, but had everything ready. During his quarter Bro. Harden received a letter that his wife was lying at the point of death, which greatly embarrassed him; yet this quarter proved a success to the church. I preached three sermons here. I think Bro. Harden will do well on this charge.

Murfreesboro Station, C. B. Wilson, pastor. This is Bro. Wilson's third year and he is much loved by all his people. He is a good pastor and one of the graduates of the Central Tennessee College. I found him busily engaged in repairing the front of his church. This was a pleasant and prosperous quarter, and I found the people in a high spirit, which was cheering to the writer, this being my old home. Nineteen years ago I was an official member at this place. I preached two sermons here and lectured to the Sunday school. This quarter will be long remembered.

Murfreesboro circuit, James Pickett, pastor. Bro. Pickett is one of our old heroes. He had everything in a high Methodist style and paid out all of his assessments. This quarter was a success every way. I preached twice here.

Lumsden Hill Mission, James Price pastor. This is Bro. Price's first year. He has a good Sunday school and starts off well.

Seay's Chapel (Nashville), W. H. Vaughn pastor. This is Bro. Vaughn's first year. He was cheerfully received by his people. Bro. Vaughn is one of our ablest pulpit orators. He was sick a week or so just after conference, but had everything ready for our conference. Our district conference was in connection with the quarterly conference, and both proved a success. Nearly all of the members of the conference were present with good written reports and cheerful hearts. I preached four sermons here. This session of these conferences will not be forgotten. This charge paid the Elder's assessment for the first time in the history of the church.

Stone River Circuit, Wesley Lillard pastor. Bro. Lillard is a good worker and pastor. He had all his loaders out on time and made this a prosperous quarter.

Farmington circuit, W. E. Ellison pastor. Bro. Ellison is a good pastor and a good worker, and knows how to lead his people to success. He lives in the hearts of all the people; paid his assessment. His committees all had good reports. This conference was a success every way. I preached two sermons here.

Shelbyville station, A. P. Blake more pastor. Bro. Blakemore is a good pastor and is loved by all his people. I preached four sermons here and lectured to the Sunday school, and also to the high school in the city. Miss

Josie Price, my daughter, was with me and gave music for the occasion, which was life to the young people. This was a successful quarter.

Fox Camp circuit, Samuel Knight pastor. Bro. Knight is a good man and pastor. I found him hard at work with but little fruit. I preached three sermons here with some good results.

Spencer circuit, P. R. Woodson, pastor. Bro. Woodson is a good pastor and is doing good work. I preached three sermons here, and it was a pleasant and successful quarter.

Tallahoma station, J. Kenser pastor. I found Bro. Kenser in a revival, this being the week of prayer. Though the weather was rainy and stormy, this was a successful quarter. I preached four sermons here and the revival was continued until seventeen souls were converted, and nearly all were added to our church. Bro. Woodson is trying to build a new church, and his wife stands by his side for the old church.

McMinnville station, J. W. Richmond pastor. This is Bro. Richmond's first year here, and he was received with much joy. His people's hearts are open to build a new church. They say, "Though we were burned, in the name of God we will build again." Bro. Richmond proves to be the right man.

McMinnville circuit, J. C. Wade pastor. Bro. Wade is a good pastor and a studious preacher. Though it snowed and rained, we had a successful quarter.

Hillsboro circuit, J. R. Reasonover pastor. Bro. Reasonover is a fair scholar and a good pastor, and has an earnest wife to help him. I preached two sermons and had a pleasant quarter.

Sparta circuit, Thomas Allen pastor. Bro. Allen is a good pastor and is loved by all his people. I preached two sermons here. This work looks up.

Stuart station, D. Scott pastor. Bro. Scott is a good pastor and is doing good work at this place, and is loved by all his people. This place is the first circuit I ever held in charge. Eighteen years ago I was pastor and school teacher at this place for three years and four months; by this I was well known, and they know I have their future betterment to memory. The Sunday school then, is the church now. This was a glorious time. Since then I have been all around parts of this and other States, and have come back to reap the harvest of the fruits that were sown. I preached three sermons here.

Flat Rock, J. F. R. Summerhill pastor. Bro. Summerhill had to be away from his work for some time on account of family affairs. This somewhat made this quarter weak, but his work shows a success for the future.

Thompson Chapel, Central Tennessee College, J. Braden pastor. Dr. Braden is a good pastor and a good teacher and manager, who will be known better in the future than now, for the seed he is sowing will be greatly seen in the future. This charge has been blessed with a wonderfully good revival, and many of the students have been converted to the love of Christ. Nearly all of the scholars that are in school this session are Christians. The Meharry Medical Department commencement was held in connection with my quarter, which was a great occasion. There were seventeen graduates. This quarter was a success every way. Dr. Braden has a good corps of teachers; all belong to the church and are doing good work in the college. The new Mechanical Department, led by Prof. Sedgwick, has proven to be a great success. We have a good Theological class, which many of the city preachers attend, and sometimes read papers. I found on my district many of the preachers' wives who are doing all they can to help their husbands in this grand work. My people are improving much in their morals and intellect.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

Tenola Edwards, Sloan Street, Houston. Dr. I. B. Scott held my first quarter Mar. 1, 2. He preached an arousing sermon on prevailing prayer, after which six connected themselves with the church, and many came forward for prayer. Communicants, 46.

J. K. Comfort, Brandon, Miss. I was received here with much love. I found a good people. The work is getting along very well. Our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. J. Campbell, was on time, Feb. 28, and held our first quarter. Collection, \$15.45.

Chas. Hart, Smithville, Tex. My first quarterly conference convened Feb. 21, 22. Elder Henson is the right man in the right place. He preached twice on Sunday his sermons will be long remembered.

Rev. J. T. Fisher, Leesville, La., writes of his work, in which he reports many discouraging features. He is hard at work, however, and hopes to be able to report a more favorable outlook in the near future.

Rev. A. Quinn, DeSoto, Miss., informs us that he is about to build a parsonage on his work.

Geo. W. Beaman, Jackson Circuit, Miss. I met a warm reception all over this circuit. My salary was fixed at \$350. The Presiding Elder's and Bishop's at \$33.50. My first quarterly conference was held Feb. 21, 22, Rev. J. Campbell, Presiding Elder, in the chair. We have some as fine people on this circuit as can be found anywhere in Mississippi.

A great many of our people own their homes and plantations. But one thing the people need to learn, that is to pay their pastor's salary according to their ability. The Sacrament was administered by the Presiding Elder, assisted by the writer, Rev. R. B. Anderson of Chunkey circuit, and ex-pastor Thomas. Collection for Presiding Elder, \$5.25. I'll do all I can for the SOUTHWESTERN, and assure you of my hearty support.

Rev. J. H. Barnett, Hearne, Texas, writes in praise of his hours of solitude and meditation with Almighty God. There is no greater source of spiritual power than may be drawn in such meditation. Let Israel thus repair to his tent, and divine power will come upon the church such as the world, the flesh, or the devil shall not be able to withstand.

Rev. H. S. Priestley, Bull's Gap, Tenn., requests the church to pray for the secretary of his Sunday school, who, although a devoted attendant and worker in the Sunday school, is not converted.

R. H. Ponton, Mann, Texas. Rev. Mack Henson, Presiding Elder, was with us on the 28th of February and 1st of March, and held our first quarterly conference. He preached a wonderful sermon. Collection for Presiding Elder, \$12.05; for pastor, \$43.10. We are moving on grandly. I shall do all in my power for the SOUTHWESTERN in getting cash subscribers. The La Grippe and measles have been raging in Anstin.

P. R. Woodson, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Rev. J. P. Price, Presiding Elder of the Nashville District, Tennessee Conference, is a real Methodist. May the Lord give him health and strength and a long life, to do much good for his church and people.

E. B. Richards, Winsted, La. Last Sunday night we had 82 to partake of the Lord's Supper. We have had 33 conversions since conference. We are moving on. We want to build the new church this year.

J. P. Gregg, Lebanon, Tenn. I have just closed a very successful protracted meeting, resulting in saving 33 souls. The church is greatly revived. We had a creditable quarterly meeting the

fourth Sunday in February. We were favored with the presence of our Presiding Elder, Rev. A. Phillips, who preached for us three nights. \$22 were raised and paid him. In this conference year the Lord has visited the church and taken away four of our members. Quite a number of our converts were Sunday-school scholars.

A. H. Banks, Eola, La.

Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 28, by our new Presiding Elder, Rev. S. E. H. Morant. The Elder preached one of his soul-stirring sermons, after which five persons joined the church. Collection, \$18.35. Bro. Morant is the right man in the right place.

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Letters from the Laity.

John Woods and J. R. Pickett, Columbus, Ga.

We desire to let the many readers know of the progress of this part of the Lord's vineyard since the arrival of our new pastor. We have been in the background for the last three years or more, but since he has been in our midst we feel uplifted, and like we have a shepherd that will take care of the sheep. Since he has been here a goodly number of members have been added to the church, and we feel that we are going to the front. Thanks to the Savannah Annual Conference for such a man as Rev. E. S. Hicks.

A. J. Evans, Donaldsonville, La.

The first quarterly conference was held at St. Peter M. E. Church, Rev. Pierre Landry, Presiding Elder, in the chair. We had the largest crowd out this quarter that was ever seen at a quarterly conference. Rev. H. J. Wright is taking hold, and our people are following in line for a good year's work. Resolutions offered by Bro. Henry Jones were adopted, expressing gratitude to the conference for the appointment of Rev. Pierre Landry as Presiding Elder, and also requesting him to publish in the SOUTHWESTERN the able address which he delivered to the Sunday school last Sunday.

Fletcher Ellison, Abingdon, Va.

Our pastor, Rev. P. P. Brooks, is well beloved by all. He preaches nothing but the truth. He has done more towards bringing souls to Christ than any other man in our town. Our meeting of two weeks resulted in 97 conversions. Out of that number 74 joined the M. E. Church. The wonderful work has moved us to remodel our church. I receive my paper and am very much pleased with it.

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Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my uncle and brother. My uncle was named Oato English. He had a brother named Anthony English, but he was called Tony for a short name. Their mother was named Aria. He went from Campbell county, East Tennessee, near Fincastle. They were made free by their master before the war, and then Cato went North. He married a woman named Sarah Wheeler. She belonged to a man near Jacksboro, Tenn., named Tom Wheeler. My brother was stolen and carried away by Slaughter and Mark Richardson. Our mother was named Elizabeth Richardson. Our father was named Anthony English. My brother was named Sas. Richardson. My name was Mary Jane Richardson. We went by our mother's name. We were born free in Campbell county, Tenn. Any information

will be gladly received. Address, MARY J. FIELD, Mason, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my people. They used to belong to a man named Charley Long. I left them in 1865 with Dr. McDowell and an old man named Lees, to come to Big Oane, St. Landry parish, La. My mother was sold before the war to a man named Ben Pulling. Father's name was Robert. He belonged to a man named Charley Butler. He had fits and fell in the fire and burned up. There were eight children of us, Mark, Henriette, Jack, Bob, Sidney, Mary Ann and Harvey. Pastors please read this letter to the Houston District. Rev. I. B. Scott, please see to it. Address, ELEK LONG, Stony Point, La., care M. E. Church.

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BY W. A. SPENCER.

The Church Extension work of the church in the South is emphatically building for the future. The great surplus of missionary money which accumulated at the close of the war made it possible for the Methodist Church to go into the South and plant itself through the Southern States in hundreds of places that otherwise would have been unoccupied. The result is a half a million members to our church in the old slave states which could not have been gathered in but for the large amount of missionary money that accumulated in the years at the close of the war. The Church Extension Society was born in debt. The bishop believing that the church would respond drew drafts for two or three hundred thousand dollars before there was any money in the treasury of the Board of Church Extension. This brought disaster to the society at its very beginning and the first two years of Dr. Kynett's secretaryship were occupied in overcoming this disaster. He was compelled to go to the bank on his personal note and that of his friends to borrow large sums of money to take up drafts that had already gone to protest. By appealing to the churches through the South, he succeeded in preventing other drafts from being used which had been issued in this wholesale way by the bishops when there was nothing to draw for. The society has been crippled ever since by this preliminary debt and the church has grown more rapidly than the Board of Church Extension could provide for it.

Other corporations operate differently. The Pennsylvania Railway has a bonded indebtedness of \$700,000,000. Its income this year is \$133,000,000, of which \$41,000,000 is clear profit. They are able to set aside \$20,000,000 for bettering of the road and increasing the tracks and car facilities. The result is that sweeping through the country in every direction, are the finest of railway trains and splendid dining and sleeping cars giving passengers every facility for travel that is known to American life. The great lines to the South and Southwest from New York largely pass over this road. The Richmond and Danville System, Atlantic Coast Line System, East Tennessee Virginia and Georgia, connect with this remarkable road, so that through sleepers from New Orleans and from Florida and from Atlanta by many different routes converge at this one centre and all of them are helping to pour wealth into the treasury of this company.

Meanwhile, it is able to provide for third and fourth tracks over much of its system to widen the scope of its traffic for freight and passengers to a remarkable degree. \$133,000,000 receipts in a single year, with \$41,000,000 net earnings is a very remarkable testimonial to the value of building for the future. When the World's Exposition at Chicago assembles in 1893 a very large part of the passengers and freight from the East are likely to pass over this wonderful net work.

The Central and Southern Pacific Railways have done great good to the country in the development of Louisiana, Texas, and the country farther west, having invested hundreds of millions of dollars which, thus far, no adequate return has come to the investors. But for the support of the national credit, this road must long since have gone into bankruptcy. Like many other great lines, undoubtedly they would surrender thousands of miles of track as utterly unprofitable, if they were allowed to do so without forfeiting their charters. One of the great missionary agencies of the country in making possible the

subjugation of the Pacific Coast has been this great network of Pacific Railways. When these were building, the terminal camp was always a pandemonium. It was the burning end of a live electrical wire where civilization came in contact with the cowboy and gambler elements of the frontier life, now happily exterminated by the Gospel and good schools. These roads built for the future and it is doubtful if they will receive their full reward in half a century to come for the enormous outlay that has been made for the improvement and unification of our nation.

From our treasury at Philadelphia, however, the little streams that we are able to send forth scarcely save multitudes of communities from disaster without enriching to any considerable degree any portion of the country. We need an income of one million dollars a year to do the work the church has called us to do. Tens of thousands of dollars a year are to be given away in the South in addition to all that is collected in the South for Church Extension, and this wonderful premium is paid for the collection of the Southern Conferences in order to stimulate them to do their best to take care of the territory. The Louisiana Conference is to receive five dollars for every one it contributes; the Actin \$7 for one; the Alabama \$10 for one; Central Alabama \$13 for one. These enormous offers the board can with difficulty pay as it has no surplus in the treasury but is practically \$100,000 over drawn. We need the immediate and cordial co-operation of every pastor in all the Southern States to raise the collection before the hard times of the spring come, if possible. We need to call upon every loyal Methodist preacher in all the Southland to help us now. There are so many emergencies of extreme difficulty to be met that we need to ask the churches that have loans from our board to do their utmost to pay these loans that we may use the money in aiding other churches that now are deeply involved and compelled to pay on mechanical liens two and three per cent, per month. May we not urge upon the entire constituency of the Southwest an immediate response to the utmost of their ability.

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General News Items.

Captain M. E. Dunlap has purchased, for a company formed at Niagara Falls, the old mansion at Appomattox, known as "Surrender House," in which Lee's surrender to Grant was concluded. It is proposed to make it a museum for war relics.

Southern railway circles have been greatly excited over the reported alliance of the Richmond and Terminal and Jay Gould lines in the South, and over the resignation of ex-Norton as president of the Louisville and Nashville.

Among the laws enacted by the Arkansas Legislature is one providing for the abolishment of pools, trusts, and combines, and another to prohibit the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers in the state.

A dispatch to the New York Times from Cleveland, Ohio, says Senator elect Brice contemplates resigning the seat in the Senate in order to devote all his time to his financial affairs, which have suffered recently.

James Redpath, the famous Irish nationalist, journalist, and lecturer, vice president of the anti-poverty society, died in New York a few days ago, from being injured by a street car.

The school attendance in the South has increased from an average of 16.4 per cent of the population of 1880 to an average of 18.7 per cent of it in 1890.

The Alabama Legislature passed a redistricting bill that makes Democratic the only Republican Congressional district in the state.

Gen. Longstreet's health is failing, and his friends are very anxious. His recent tour in Texas failed to do him any good.

Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, Secretary of the Interior under President Fillmore, died in Staunton, Va. February 14.

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General Church News.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the American Bible Society, to be celebrated in May, 1891.

The managers of this society have voted to observe the seventy-fifth anniversary in May, 1891, with appropriate public exercises. It is greatly desired that the auxiliary Bible Societies throughout the land, should mark this year, either at their respective anniversaries, or by holding special meetings for the purpose.

Also, all the pastors of churches are respectfully and earnestly requested to deliver discourses, in their own pulpits, on successive Sabbath's in April and May, 1891, concerning the value of the Holy Scriptures and the importance of their wide-spread circulation.

I respectfully ask all the pastors in Texas who will consent to do so, to inform me by postal card, or give their names to their respective church newspapers, that a list may be published. "They were all with one accord in one place."—Acts. 2d. W. B. RANKIN, Dist. Supt. Austin, Texas.

I HAVE been a great sufferer from catarrh for over ten years; had it very bad, could hardly breathe. Some nights I could not sleep and had to walk the floor. I purchased Ely's Cream Balm and am using it freely, it is working a cure surely. I have advised several friends to use it, and with happy results in every case. It is the medicine above all others for catarrh, and it is worth its weight in gold. I thank God I have found a remedy I can use with safety and that does all that is claimed for it. It is curing my deafness. —B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

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Science.

Non-conductors of Heat.

Ground cork and some other barks, and the sawdust of the soft woods, as well as the charcoal made of these substances, are very good retainers of heat. Lampblack also works well. When the thing to be kept hot is at a very high temperature, some light, incombustible powders are very suitable. Among the best of these are fossil meal and the calcined magnesias and magnesium carbonate of the druggists. Fossil meal consists of the silicious skeletons of microscopic vegetables, called diatoms, exceedingly various in shape and size, the very largest of them hardly reaching the length of the hundredth of an inch. It is found abundantly in peat meadows and in the bottoms of ponds. Both fossil meal and magnesium carbonate have been largely used in covering steam pipes.

Obviously, when the same light substance is tried in both the first and second apparatus above mentioned, and the results differ, it must be owing to the inability of the substance to hold the included air still in the first arrangement. So powdered plumbago, or black lead, which is very slippery, shows nearly twice as much transmissive power in one case as in the other. Loosened asbestos fibre also lets through about twice as much heat in the vertical arrangement as in the horizontal. Yet this fibre may be split up exceedingly fine; but the great difference in its behavior as compared with cotton or wool must be owing much less to its own greater specific conducting power than to the smoothness and inelasticity of its fibres.—Prof. John M. Ordway, in *The popular Science Monthly* for March.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conference, 1891.

[CHRONOLOGICAL]

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Kansas.	Washington, Kan.	Mar. 4.	Merrill
Philadelphia.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mar. 4.	Fowler
Missouri.	Brookfield, Mo.	Mar. 4.	Vincent
Baltimore.	Washington, D. C.	Mar. 4.	Joyce
South Kansas.	Lawrence, Kan.	Mar. 4.	Merrill
Central Pa.	Sunbury, Pa.	Mar. 4.	Fowler
Central Missouri.	Marshall, Mo.	Mar. 4.	Vincent
Washington.	Baltimore, Md.	Mar. 4.	FitzGerald
S. W. Kansas.	Newton, Kan.	Mar. 4.	Merrill
St. Louis.	Springfield, Mo.	Mar. 4.	Vincent
New Jersey.	Trenton, N. J.	Mar. 4.	FitzGerald
East German.	Baltimore, Md.	Mar. 4.	Hurst
Delaware.	Cambridge, Md.	Mar. 4.	Fowler
New York.	Yonkers, N. Y.	Mar. 4.	FitzGerald
North Indiana.	Huntington, Ind.	Mar. 4.	Joyce
New York East.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Mar. 4.	Goodell
New England.	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 4.	Rowman
Newark.	Washington, N. J.	Mar. 4.	Mallin
New England.	New London, Conn.	Mar. 4.	Rowman
N. New York.	Watervliet, N. Y.	Mar. 4.	Goodell
New Hampshire.	Newport, N. H.	Mar. 4.	Goodell
Troy.	Johnstown, N. Y.	Mar. 4.	Hurst
Maine.	Portland, Me.	Mar. 4.	Goodell
Vermont.	Norwich, Vt.	Mar. 4.	Goodell
East Maine.	Damariscott, Me.	Mar. 4.	Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India.	Moradabad, India.	Jan. 7.	Thoburn
Africa.	Victoria, N. B.	Jan. 7.	Taylor
Bengal.	Calcutta, India.	Jan. 7.	Thoburn
Mexico.	Pachuca, Mexico.	Jan. 7.	Ninde
South India.	Bangalore, India.	Jan. 7.	Thoburn
Formosa.	Formosa, India.	Jan. 7.	Thoburn
Malayasia.	Singapore, S. E. Asia.	Jan. 7.	Thoburn
China.	Nanking, China.	Apr. 15.	Foster
Bulgaria.	Russak, Bulgaria.	Apr. 15.	Walden
Italy.	Florence, Italy.	Apr. 15.	Walden
N. China.	Peking, China.	Apr. 15.	Foster
W. China.	Chung King, China.	Apr. 15.	Foster
Korea.	Seoul, Korea.	Apr. 15.	Foster
Switzerland.	Zurich, Switzerland.	June 10.	Foster
Germany.	Hilbronn, Germany.	June 10.	Foster
Denmark.	Copenhagen, Denmark.	July 1.	Walden
Japan.	Tokyo, Japan.	July 1.	Walden
Norway.	Bergen, Norway.	July 1.	Walden
Sweden.	Uppsala, Sweden.	July 1.	Walden

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1891.

A TERRIBLE revolution is in progress in Chili.

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PARNELL, the Irish leader, has issued a manifesto to friends of the Irish cause in America in which he pleads for their continued support.

THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE.—The House of Bondage is now out in book form. Send to this office for copies. Price 75c.

THE river continues to rise and crevasses are threatened at several points. The Coochoma, Miss., crevasse is over 300 feet wide. It will overflow a vast region of the country.

MARCH 29th is Easter. Don't fail to properly observe it, and raise your missionary money on that day and forward it at once to the treasurer, Rev. Dr. S. Hunt, 150 Fifth Avenue New York.

THE Methodist Social Union of Chicago observed a Centennial Commemoration of the death of John Wesley, Thursday evening, March 19. Bishop Warren, Rev. Drs. J. M. Buckley and Henry W. Rogers were among the speakers.

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THE visit of ex-Empress Frederic of Germany to Paris, was the cause of considerable commotion in European circles. The French populace were quite unfriendly and turbulent in their demonstration toward the ex-Empress. Their action will no doubt further strain the existing attitude of the two countries.

The decision of the State Supreme Court in confirming the decision of the lower court in the East Baton Rouge Regulators' case, condemning them to twenty years in the penitentiary is the most righteous decision ever reached by that court. It gives hope and encouragement to all law-abiding citizens and to our defenseless people in particular.

THOSE of our white brethren who are inclined to think that we have been too severe upon the Rev. Dr. Spence for his unprovoked and unrighteous attack upon our people in the *Methodist Review*, will profit by reading the following lines from one of our most intelligent, cultivated and influential colored ministers in Methodism. Says he: "What you have said editorially respecting the Chancellor's strange deliverance has not been without effect. Your protest against his being given a conspicuous place in the society's meetings ought to be regarded by the managers. John F. Spence, D. D., deserves just such a rebuke as was administered to Prof. Canlkins. Such men can be spared. We need only true men, sound in the faith, to instruct the rising generation of Methodists. Not even a chancellor that is an heretic, or a traitor or a fool, and will not be admonished should be contemned by the church."

Whites and Blacks.

The attention of our readers is called to the following remarkable exhibition of the relative increase of the whites and blacks in the South, as given by the recent census. Read and ponder well these figures; for they certainly show that some great wrong has been done our people. Whatever may be the motive, it is quite evident that these figures do not, and in the very nature of things, can not represent the truth:

The total for the six States, concerning which we have these statistics, are as follows:

	White.	Col'd.	White.	Col'd.
Alabama (official figures United States Census)	830,796	681,431	662,185	600,103
Arkansas (official figures United States Census)	816,517	311,227	591,531	210,666
Florida (official figures United States Census)	220,461	166,678	142,605	126,690
Louisiana (State Census)	562,113	550,122	458,954	483,655
South Carolina (rough figures United States Census)	512,369	634,788	391,105	604,332
Tennessee (official figures United States Census)	1,335,971	434,300	1,128,881	463,151
Total	4,279,227	2,788,586	3,381,212	2,428,587

White majority 1880..... 952,624
White majority 1890..... 1,620,681
Increase of white majority..... 568,059

The increase per cent is as follows:

	Whites.	Colored.
Alabama.....	24.3	13.5
Arkansas.....	33.1	47.6
Florida.....	58.5	31.5
Louisiana.....	23.6	13.8
South Carolina.....	31.0	7.7
Tennessee.....	18.5	7.0
Average.....	26.6	13.5
Average previous decade.....	31.7	35.2

The *Times-Democrat*, commenting upon these figures, says:

"It will be seen that there is but little change in the increase of white population in the present decade as compared with the last, whereas the Negro growth is barely one-third of what it was then, and less than half of what it ever was before, either in slavery or freedom. Mr. Porter has never given the slightest explanation of this remarkable decline in the rate of Negro increase. The only explanation that could be given would be a disastrous epidemic, a great exodus, or frauds in the Census Bureau. As neither of the former have occurred, it is evident that the census officers have indulged, from political motives, in the same wholesale frauds in the South as disgraced and discredited the census of 1870."

We care not to enter into any special charges of intentional frauds in this matter, but it must be evident to every sane man that these figures are not correct. There are nearly eight millions of our people in this country, and they are interested in this matter, and should not permit these figures to remain as a part of the eleventh census of the United States without protest. There is something wrong somewhere, and our people throughout the length and breadth of this country should demand their revision. Let the Negro press of the country take up the matter, and call the attention of their Senators and Representatives in Congress to the matter, and let a universal demand be made for a recount of the race. The figures thus far given out are certainly incorrect. The absurdity of the present figures is too patent to admit of even a serious discussion. No one whose eyes are open will admit that the race is thus dying out. The thing is absurd.

The Hennessey Murder Trial and its Dreadful Consequences.

Saturday, March 14, 1891, will ever be memorable as bloody Saturday in the annals of this city. On that day, at 11 a. m., a company of men, numbering not less than 5000, met at Clay's Statue, on Canal street, marched down to the Parish Prison and surged around the prison, while a select number of defiant and determined men battered down one side of the gates, entered the building and visited summary punishment upon nearly all of the Italians there confined and charged with the assassination of Chief D. C. Hennessey of the police force of this city. The following were shot and killed outright in the prison: James Carno,

Loretto Comitez, Chas. Trabina, Antonio Scoffidi, Rocco Geraci, Frank Romero, Joseph P. Maobeca, Peter Monasterio, and old man Marchesi. Antonio Bagnetto was hung to a tree, and Mannel Politez to a lamp-post, on the outside; eleven in all. This city never was so stirred and given up entirely to the indignation of its populace as it was last Saturday. For a time it seemed as if the settled order of society had been wholly abandoned, law and order debased, and the primeval method of avenging wrongs had been settled in the powers of Judge Lynch. One could not help but expect every moment that those thousands now moved to frenzy, and having tasted blood, would run riot throughout the city and butcher innocent as well as guilty Italians, without mercy and without limit; but thanks to high Heaven, better judgment prevailed, and a merciful Providence interposed, and beyond the wholesale slaughter of those charged with the murder of Chief Hennessey, no one else was molested. Besides these that were thus massacred, violent threats were made against D. C. O'Malley, who was said to have been deeply implicated in the conspiracy to murder the Chief; and the jury, and especially against Mr. Seligman, the foreman, that acquitted six of the parties and found a mistrial in the cases of Scoffidi, Monasterio and Politez. The circumstances culminating in this terrible finale originated in the assassination of Chief Hennessey on the night of Oct. 15 last. Hennessey had made himself quite active in amassing testimony in the Provenzano-Matrango case. A new trial had been secured. The testimony he had obtained was considered damaging to certain ones of the parties involved in the case. The result was he was killed. Evidence of the most direct and circumstantial character fixed the guilt upon the "Dagoes," as Chief Hennessey declared amid his dying groans. At the time, secret and mass meetings were held to determine what to do with the accused. It finally resulted in the determination to let the law take its course. After a month's trial, however, the jury acquitted six of the nine that were then on trial and found a mistrial in the case of three. The verdict fell as a bombshell in this city; the result of which culminated in the terrible and bloody tragedy of last Saturday. The circumstances attending the whole case, from beginning to end, are most unfortunate, and will be deplored wherever justice and humanity exist. Scarcely an effort was made by city or State authorities to protect the victims; and now the subject has become an international one between our National and the Italian governments.

Political Review.

As we predicted last week, the long struggle over the election of a U. S. Senator in Illinois has resulted in the election of Gen. Palmer, the Democratic candidate. Two of the Farmers' Alliance members gave him their votes, thus securing his election.

U. S. Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, has announced his purpose not to be a candidate for re-election. Ex-Gov. Lowry is prominently mentioned for the succession.

Judges Billings and Beattie, of this State, are both seeking appointments as U. S. States Circuit judges. Neither of them could command the confidence of true hearted Republicans for the position, while our people protest against their selection. Judge Billings has disqualified himself by refusing to allow a colored man, Johnson, the \$10,000 damage awarded him by a Democratic jury for the loss of his sight while employed by the Cromwell Steamship Line, because that was more than a Negro was worth to his master before the war; and Judge Beattie has disqualified himself by renouncing his Republicanism, and by his defense of the helpless Ne-

groes massacred in Lafonche parish a year or two ago. Our people protest against their selection.

Personal.

—Address Rev. Green N. Johnson 1021 Gains street, Little Rock, Ark.

—Rev. H. B. Gladney, of Tampa circuit, may be addressed at Columbus, Miss.

—Mr. Cornelius Smith, of Baton Rouge, in company with Mr. Jos. Thompson, of this city, made a pleasant call last week.

—Owing to circumstances over which he had no control, Bishop Mallalieu has had to cancel, for the present, his intended trip to points in Northwest Louisiana and Eastern Texas.

—The Rev. W. H. Crawford, B. D., of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., after a visit to DeFuniack, Fla., visited the city last week. He called at this office, at the editor's residence, at the New Orleans University and took in many interesting sights in our city. He delivered a fine lecture at New Orleans University and expressed himself as highly pleased with what he saw and heard.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Pleasant Plains, Rev. D. J. Price, pastor, has had a revival of twelve days which resulted in one conversion and three added to the church. Sunday night, March 8, Revs. T. Johnson and Henry Taylor assisted the administration of the Holy Communion. Seventy-five partook of the elements.

The first quarter at Thompson Chapel, Rev. W. P. Forest pastor, shows that the Lord has been blessing that part of Zion since conference. Thirty have been received on probation and five backsliders reclaimed. Rev. E. Williams presided with his usual dignity.

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

Take Notice!

We cannot make all the transfers on our list because the name of the charge is not a postoffice in many instances. Then those who are on a circuit ought to tell us at which place they get their mail. All changes desired should be requested, and always mention former address. Don't forget that. It is important! The list is about to be put in type for a mailing machine, when we hope there will be no more complaints of not getting the paper. Let requests for all changes that have not been sent in be sent at once! All pastors of charges in the patrouizing conferences can have the paper, and pay when Conference meets. All such not receiving the paper, please notify us. Read this notice again.

Schools and Colleges.

Meeting Board Directors, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

A special meeting of the Directors of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was held in Wiley Hall, Cincinnati, Feb. 17, 1891, to consider, among other things, the offer of the trustees of Grant Memorial University, to convey by deed, all its buildings and lands in Athens, Tenn., to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society upon certain stipulated conditions.

The following directors were present, viz: J. M. Walden, R. S. Ruet, F. S. Hoyt, H. Leibhart, A. Martin, J. M. Shimpert, T. O. Carter, A. Shinkle, E. Cranston, J. C. Hartzell, W. H. Hickman, J. Courtney, W. L. Hypes, E. W. S. Hammond, T. H. Pearne and D. W. Hays.

After full discussion continued through two sessions the following resolutions were adopted, on that and other important subjects:

1. By Drs. Hartzell and Hypes:

Resolved, That this Board hereby directs its Executive Committee to accept the transfer to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, by the trustees of the Grant Memorial University, of the lands, buildings and improvements, school furniture and appurtenances, etc., belonging to said Grant Memorial University, in such legal form as may be satisfactory to the Executive Committee; and we advise the said Executive Committee to be careful that the conveyance shall contain such legal guarantees as to title, cancellation of debts, as will fully protect this society.

2. By Amos Shinkle: Resolved, That Earl Cranston, R. S. Ruet, A. Martin, W. H. Hickman and J. C. Hartzell shall be a commission who shall prepare and report to the next annual meeting of this society, a plan by which its expenditures shall be kept within its receipts, and by which alone the indebtedness shall be reduced.

3. By Dr. Martin, amended by Dr. Cranston: Resolved, That in view of the demand upon our treasury for monies to carry forward our schools and discharge existing liabilities and in consideration of the hindrances already, for years, checking important enterprises, that our Executive Committee be instructed to take immediate steps to dispose of such properties as may be available and as may be necessary to discharge our indebtedness and carry forward the work of the society.

4. By Drs. Pearne, Ruet and Hoyt, and adopted by a unanimous rising vote: Whereas, Our beloved bishop, Rev. John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., is about to leave this country, accompanied by his wife and daughter, for an extended absence in Europe, upon official service as one of our general superintendents, we hereby record our earnest prayers, for their comfort, safety, health and usefulness while abroad, and also for their safe, prosperous and seasonable return.

5. By Drs. Hickman and Hoyt: Resolved, That the commission already appointed bring in also a re-apportionment of the collections for this society in all the conferences covered by the work of this society, and that the secretaries be instructed to secure pledges of larger contributions from all the annual conferences.

6. On motion of Dr. Hoyt: The Executive Committee were requested to early fix the date of the annual meeting and to give timely notice thereof.

The administration of the society is conservative and painstaking, fully entitled to the confidence of the Church. The sessions were full of interest. The conclusions reached were unanimous. The spirit of the brethren was earnest and hopeful. The work of this society is surpassed by that of no other in our Church in importance and in grand, far-reaching results upon the Nation, the Church and the kingdom of the Redeemer.

J. M. WALDEN, President,
THOMAS H. PEARNE,
Recording Secretary.

The Chicago Jubilee Convention.

In a private note to the editor Dr. Hartzell writes:

Our second Quarter Centennial Jubilee Convention at Chicago was a great success. I had the pleasure of presenting our cause at Evanston, my old school home, and the people gave \$700. As several of the largest givers were absent, the amount will be increased. At night I spoke at Centenary Church, Chicago, and raised \$100, which will be made \$200 by the noble pastor, Dr. Bolton.

Monday morning we had a convention with the preachers and people of Chicago in Clark Street Church, and it fell to my lot to speak on "The Problems of 1866 and 1891." The people of the North were never more interested in all the great problems that confront in the South than now.

Dr. Hammond, of Covington, Ky., followed in an excellent paper on "Association with the white race necessary to the solution of the Negro Problem." It was a strong plea for fair and square dealing upon the part of every body toward the Negro, and was well received.

Dr. Gray, whose headquarters is Chicago, planned the details of the convention and did it well. He spoke on Sunday morning at Oak Park, his suburban home, and raised \$600, and at another church at night and raised \$100 more.

Dr. Chadwick did a grand day's work at Grace Church in the morning and at Wabash Avenue at night, raising \$500.

Dr. Spence spoke at Milwaukee Wis., and raised \$500, besides getting a subscription of a thousand dollars on Monday.

Dr. Hickman, Prof. Sedgwick and Prof. Hill, of Morristown, and others did noble work. The collection was taken in 150 different churches in Chicago and neighboring sections. The increase in collections as far as reported was very large. Our people in the South will rejoice that through these conventions we are awakening increased interest in our glorious work. One of the strongest points which we can make in the North is that our people in the South have wonderfully improved considering the advantages they have had and are now beginning gloriously to help themselves.

Let us all unite in making this our jubilee year a historic one in the Church, and especially in our educational work in the South.

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If to the right or left I stray,
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And let me weep my life away,
For having grieved Thy love.
O may the last omission pain
My well instructed soul,
And drive me to the blood again.
That makes the wounded whole.
—Charles Wesley.

Any mind that is capable of real
sorrow is capable of good.—Mrs.
Stoiche.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled
by any outward touch as the
sunbeam.—Milton.

On Scriptures and common sense
I build all my principles. Just so
far as it agrees with these I regard
human authority.—John Wesley.

The most popular name in the
world to-day is Jesus; next to his
comes that of Paul; and next to
Paul is that of John Wesley.—Rev.
John L. Erickson.

If Christ had not died then the
world would have had no sweet
visions of a love unto death. His
love was unto death that life might
come to all.—Selected.

Life is a crucible. We are thrown
into it and tried. The actual weight
and value of a man are expressed
in the spiritual substance of the
man. All else is dross.—Selected.

As soon as you had your armor
on, it was fit that it should be
proved; so God prepared for you
the occasion of fighting, that you
might conquer, and might know
both your own weakness and His
strength.—John Wesley.

God instituted the home at the
beginning of the race, and christi-
anity preserves and beautifies it.
The most unfortunate state in this
world is to be homeless.—Rev. Wil-
liam Graham.

Our daily life should be sancti-
fied by doing common things in a
religious way. There is no action
so slight or humble but it may be
done to a great purpose and enob-
led thereby.—George McDonald.

When our thoughts are heavy
with questions of the mysterious
ways of God, it keeps reason from
reeling from its throne to see even
a glimpse of any light.—Prof. Hen-
ry Drummond.

It is not strange that those who
love the world should not love to
continue with us. Our road is too
straight.

Down the stream of nature driven
They seek a broader path to heaven.
However, let us keep in the good
old way; and we know it will bring
us peace at last.—John Wesley

The Lord never builds a bridge
of faith except under the feet of
the faith-filled traveler. If he built
the bridge a rod ahead it wouldn't
be a bridge of faith. That which
is of sight is not of faith.—H. Clay
Trumbull.

What good does it do to pray?
Ask the man who hath by its pow-
er been lifted above earth's sorrows,
who hath received strength to over-
come, and who hath the evidence
in his own heart that God hears
and answers prayer.

One of the best things which
you can give your minister is to
give him your attention in the
house of God. It will warm his
heart, brighten his hopes, quicken
his efforts, give fervency to his
prayers, and bring a blessing to
yourself.—Selected.

How many thousands are among
us who never partook of the Lord's
Supper. How many thousands
there are that live and die in this
unrepented disobedience. What
multitudes, do not attend any pub-
lic worship at all; no, nor spend a
single hour from one year to another,
in privately pouring out their
hearts to God.—John Wesley.

Christ's humiliation.—It is said
that when the story of West India
slavery was told to the Moravians,
and it was impossible to reach the
slave population because they were

Don't read! Don't think!
Don't believe! Now, are you
better?

You women who think that
patent medicines are a hum-
bug, and Dr. Pierce's Favor-
ite Prescription the biggest
humbug of the whole (because
it's best known of all)—does
your lack-of-faith cure come?

It's very easy to "don't" in
this world. Suspicion always
comes more easily than confi-
dence. But doubt—little
faith—never made a sick
woman well—and the "Fav-
orite Prescription" has cured
thousands of delicate, weak
women; which makes us think
that our "Prescription" is
better than your don't believe.

We're both honest. Let us
come together. You try Dr.
Pierce's Favorite Prescription.
If it doesn't do as represented,
you get your money again.

Where proof's so easy, can
you afford to doubt?

Little but active—are Dr.
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Best Liver Pills made; gen-
tle, yet thorough. They regu-
late and invigorate the liver,
stomach and bowels.

so separated from the ruling class-
es, two Moravian missionaries
offered themselves, and said, "We
will go and be slaves on the plan-
tations, and work and toil under
the barbarous lash, to get right be-
side the poor slaves and instruct
them." And they left their homes,
and went to the West Indies as
slaves, and lived in the company
of slaves, to get close to the hearts
of slaves. And the slaves heard
them because they had humbled
themselves to their condition. That
was grand; it was glorious; and
yet Christ's example was more
glorious, for he stepped from Heav-
en to earth to get by our side; He
laid Himself down beside us that
we might feel the throbbings of
His bosom and be drawn so close
as to hear him whisper, "God is
love."—Bishop Simpson.

Deep down in the hearts of chil-
dren and of men there are nobler
and truer standards of living
than their outward lives are wont
to exhibit. Many persons wait for
their fellows to recognize their
higher and better aspirations be-
fore they are willing to act up to
those aspirations. He whose higher
motives and deeper longings are
unknown may have his best acts
misinterpreted; but he whose best
spirit is appreciated is more likely
to have his acts interpreted by the
spirit. A school-teacher, on seeing
a young scholar misbehave, said to
him: "I'm sorry you did this, be-
cause I had formed a very good
opinion of you." The boy went
home and confessed to his mother
that if he had known what a good
opinion his teacher had held of
him, he would not have done wrong.
Had this teacher said, "I've had
my eye on you for some time, and
now I've caught you," the boy
would simply have been confirmed
in his suspicion that no one expects
a boy to do anything but the wrong
thing. It ought to be a simple
matter to show a child or a man
that our first impulse toward him
is that of trust, rather than dis-
trust. And when one has gone
wrong, he will be better helped by
our showing that we appreciate
the fact that he has gone wrong in
spite of the good we believed him
capable of; rather than in accord-
ance with our suspicions of him.—
Sunday-school Times.

(Hymns indicated are found in the
Methodist Hymnal.)

Hymns 1, 161, 679. Scripture
Lesson, Ps. 46. Text Exodus 15, 26.
If thou wilt diligently hearken
to the voice of the Lord thy God,
and wilt do that which is right in
his sight, and will give ear to his
commandments, and keep all his
statutes, I will put none of these
diseases, which I have brought
upon the Egyptians, for I am the
Lord that healeth thee.

Introduction; The children of Is-

rael had just escaped from their
hard bondage in Egypt.

The first part of the chapter
gives us the grand and glorious
song and deliverance which Moses
wrote for his people when they had
passed through the Red sea dry
shod, and all their enemies had
been swallowed up and destroyed.
From the Red sea they started on
their long journey through the
wilderness.

They went three days and found
no water—the people and the cattle
were in distress. They still jour-
neyed on and came to Marah, and
there they found water but it was
bitter.

The people murmured against
Moses for they knew they must die
in the wilderness if they could have
no water.

Moses cried to God. This is
always the best thing to do in time
of trouble.

The Lord showed him a tree of
which Moses took a branch and
cast it in the waters and the waters
were made sweet.

It often happens that help is
very near at hand, even when we
are in great trouble, but we must
call on God to know what will help
us.

When all the people had quenched
their thirst, Moses the man of
God uttered the words of the text.

The text shows that the Israel-
ites had to do certain things, and
we must do the same things to en-
joy the favor and protection of God.

1. We must hearken diligently
to the voice of God.

God speaks to all of us, He spoke
to Adam in the Garden, He spoke
to Cain, He spoke to the prophets
and holy men, He speaks to every-
body.

He speaks to us in his word.
The Bible which is God's book tells
us what we must do.

God speaks to our hearts by his
Holy Spirit. The Spirit tells us
what is right and what is wrong,
and tells us to do right.

God speaks to us in his provid-
ential dealings.

He sends seed time and harvest
to tell of his goodness.

He cares for all his creatures.

He sometimes punishes the wick-
ed in this world as he did the
Egyptians.

If we would have the favor and
protection of God we must diligent-
ly hearken to his voice, whenever,
and however he speaks.

2. If we want the favor and pro-
tection of God we must do right,
we must keep and obey all his laws
and commandments.

The hypocrite pretends to do this
but God knows the heart, and no
one can deceive him.

It is not enough to make a pro-
fession of religion and join the
church.

To do right is what God requires.
Everyone knows the difference
between right and wrong.

The little child knows the differ-
ence.

The Egyptians did wrong, and
God punished them.

He sent plagues upon them.

He destroyed their cattle.

He sent his angel and smote the
first born of every household.

He overwhelmed Pharaoh and
his host in the Red sea.

If sinners will not do right, if
they will not obey God he will
punish them, in this world or the
next world he will destroy them.

Sinners cannot escape from God.

If sinners will repent and turn
from their sins and do right and
obey God, and keep his command-
ments they will be saved, and God
will care for them and protect them.

Everybody Knows

That at this season the blood is filled
with impurities, the accumulation of
months of close confinement in poorly
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All these impurities and every
trace of scrofula, salt rheum, or other
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preacher within the bounds of
our territory, and that is, that he
signalize the beginning of the new
year by sending us at least two
new cash subscribers each. Will
you do it?

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Rev. J. W. Mendenhall, D. D.
Editor of Methodist Review.

John Wesley did more than to
introduce a new emotion into the
religious life of England. He sug-
gested a new system of religious
ideas that has resulted in the intel-
lectual deliverance and spiritual
development of the church, than
which no more important work has
been done since the days of the
apostles.

Whatever the influence of Kant,
or German philosophy, through Col-
eridge and others, on English ideal-
ism and progressive criticism, John
Wesley must be viewed as the in-
strument of England's restoration
to moral consciousness through
which a broader and richer philo-
sophical and theological develop-
ment was made possible. Philo-
sophically, he delivered the church
from idealism and rationalism.

Without him, or the revival as
the product of his initiation, the
latter history of theology, as well
as the invigoration of the national
moral sense, had not occurred.
Theologically, therefore, he check-
ed the advance of Calvinism in
the world, and gave to thought no
limitation except those prescribed
by Divine relation. His work, his
achievements, were ethical, philo-
sophical, theological. No moral
teacher, or founder of a church,
undertook more, or so nearly ac-
complished his ideal. In his pres-
ence the majority of the world's
great men are in eclipse.—Zion's
Herald.

No one can develop the grace of meek-
ness by listening to a crying baby. Stop
its fretfulness by curing the colic with
Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup.

How foolish to sit and wait and suffer
with catarrh, when Old Saul's Catarrh
Cure will cure you readily and radically.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.
A word from Rev. R. H. Harbert.

Great indeed has been the sur-
prise of the thousands of my friends
and acquaintances of the part, I
regret I was forced to take in an
unfortunate episode a few months
ago—so strange and different from
what they have always known of
me; as also their sympathy and
regret expressed to me in many
letters at the results in both state
and church—the former for two
years in the penitentiary, the lat-
ter expulsion from the ministry
and membership of the church of
my natural and spiritual birth and
for which I have so zealously and
successfully labored all my life.
Without any desire whatever
through this medium, to vindicate
myself—this will be done through
other channels. I wish only to say
a few things as to my surround-
ings and prospects. Appeals in
both cases—state and church, are
now pending, notwithstanding the
familiar expression stares me in the
face; "He who follows two hares
is sure to catch neither; but you
know as long as the sick man lives he
may hope to recover." As the latter
is contingent upon the former right
or wrong I am reliably informed

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Many peculiar points make Hood's Sar-
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dom.
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and economy—
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saparilla is
the only medi-
cine of which
can be truly
said, "One
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of larger and smaller bottles
require larger doses, and do not
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erto unknown, and has won for itself
the title of "The greatest blood
purifier ever discovered."

Peculiar in its "good name"
at home—there is now
more of Hood's Sarsaparilla
sold in Lowell, where
than of all other blood
purifiers.
Peculiar in its
phenomeno-
nally large record of sales
abroad, no other preparation
has ever attained such popu-
larity in so short a time,
and retained its popularity
and confidence among all classes
of people so steadfastly.

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by a high church authority—I have
what is considered good grounds
for thinking the above unqualified
expression to become qualified and
read; "He who follows two hares
sometimes catches one or both
when they enter the same or ap-
proachable hollow," yet my hope
may turn apt to mock me, in which
case I am prepared for the worst.

Those who have known the mo-
tives ebullient to the surface and
taking visible form into actions and
deeds which have characterized me
through all my life and public ser-
vices both educational and ecclesi-
astical spheres,—though strange
and unnatural appears this last
act, will suspend their judgment
and pass sentence upon me only
when they are in possession of the
facts as they exist.

"Stone walls do not a prison
make, nor iron bars a cage" when
one is, and is surrounded as I am
here. By the great kindness and
courtesy of Sheriff Ellis, and the
marked attentions of the same of
Messrs. Anderson and Sinton,
jailers, not only I but also my many
friends will feel honored in return-
ing if possible, at every opportuni-
ty. I live in a large corner room
up stairs, with four large windows
two facing each street along one of
which a double line of street cars
constantly run with graceful mules
drawing them with their chiming
bells, into which (windows) from
without the gentle beams of elec-
tric lights, and of which the cheer-
ful gas lights, meeting, chase away
the dreariness by night as the glo-
rious sun does by day; a nice dress-
ing room attached with abundance
of pure artesian water ever ready
to do its sundry missions; good
beds, fire, and other things for my
external comforts. Many, many
have been the attentions to what
is necessary to my inward man,
by numbers of the best ladies and
gentlemen—not all of one race—
of Houston and Galveston. Added
to the above, are plenty of reading
matter, and an interesting com-
panion—a conductor and a good
singer—whose travels and obser-
vations over the U. S., and the
countries of the orient are related
to me in his inimitable manner.

My little "baby" (organ) whose
voice has thrilled thousands of
children, young people and fathers
and mothers over the district and
elsewhere, cries as soothingly and
sweetly "caged" as it did free.
Visitors exclaim "This does not
sound like a prison"—for its little
voice penetrates the entire build-
ing. The jailor's sweet little chil-
dren and our benignant keepers
frequently join our evening and
Sunday "concerts" as they call
them. The prisoners are cheered
and delighted and though they
may forget the singer, they will
not forget the "baby" and the song.

My wife—sometimes children and
other kind friends—visits me fort-
nightly from Galveston, our home,
and spends the day. Above all,
the constant visitations of the ever
gracious Spirit, who needs no
passes or keys from without to
gain admittance to my room, is my
spiritual companion and comforter.

"Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Saviour too;
Human heart's and looks deceive me,
Thou art not like man—untrue.
And while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun
me,
Show thy face and all is bright."

My working hours are so occu-
pied with constant literary work,
correspondence, attention to visit-
ors, etc., that the days steal by too
swiftly. Never before did I realize
the depth of Shakespeare's immor-

tal words: "Sweet are the uses o
adversity, which, like the toad,
ugly and venomous, wears yet a
precious jewel in its head, and this
our life exempt from public hannt
finds tongue in trees, books in
brooks, sermons in stone and good
in everything."

As to my future prospects, how-
ever strong against me runs the
tide, I have adopted the following
lines, if I remember them correctly,
as my sentiments, and which I
give in the hope that many, who
are unfortunate in life and would
"waste their sweetness on the des-
ert air" but for their inciting, may
Robert Bruce-like, spring from their
gloomy misfortunes and bless the
world by their triumphs:

Has your life a bitter sorrow?
Live it down.
Think about a bright to-morrow
Live it down.
You will find it never pays,
Just to sit wet-eyed and gaze,
On the glare of vanished days,
Live it down.

Is disgrace your galling burden?
Live it down.
You can win a brave heart's guerdon,
Live it down.
Make your life so free from blame,
That the lustre of your name,
Shall bid all the olden shame,
Live it down.

Has your heart a secret trouble?
Live it down.
For your griefs will make it double,
Live it down.
Do not water it with tears,
Do not feed it with your fears,
Do not nurse it through the years,
Live it down.

Have you made some awful blunder?
Live it down.
Do not hide your face in terror,
Live it down.
Look the world square in the face,
Go ahead as one who tries,
To be honored ere he dies,
Live it down.

Yours in brotherly affection,
R. H. HARBERT.

Conference Notices.

Notice.

Presiding Elders, pastors and others
concerned will please take notice that
the Louisiana Conference Board of Church
Extension will meet on the second Wed-
nesday in May, at the SOUTHWESTERN
office at 1 p. m., and every quarter there-
after.
A. E. P. ALBERT,
Secretary.

To the Preachers of the Columbus Dis-
trict, West Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren: My address is P. O.
Box 131, Columbus, Texas. Write me
often. I have given you all notices of
your conference by postal card. If you
have not gotten it let me know at once.
C. L. MADISON, P. E.

District Conference.

Brethren of the Brookhaven District:
Our conference will convene here May
28, 1891, at 9 o'clock a. m. and not May
30, 4 o'clock p. m. I will have homes for
all the preachers and members of this
conference, and hope you will come to
our homes May 27, as there is no train
to get you here by 9 o'clock May 28. Be
on time. Opening sermon will be preach-
ed Wednesday night, May 27, by Rev.
A. C. Lacy. H. MAY, P. C.
Pass Christian, Miss.

Nashville District, Tennessee Conference
To pastors, local preachers, superinten-
dents and members: Will you please
send at once for Easter programs, and ar-
range for Easter services, the 29th of
March, which is Easter Sunday. Make
earnest efforts to raise your assessments
for the Missionary cause. By so doing
success will be yours.

You are requested to purchase your
books prescribed by the Bishops, and pre-
pare papers and give an outline of your
knowledge of each of them. And be
ready to meet our first theological insti-
tute, as per resolution of the last annual
conference. The institute will be at Shel-
byville, Tenn. The date will be given
soon. JESSE F. PRICE, P. E.

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THE ONE TALENT.

In a napkin smooth and white,
Hidden from all mortal sight,
My one talent lies to-night.

Mine to hoard or mine to use,
Mine to keep or mine to lose;
May I not do what I choose?

Ah! the gift was only lent
With the Giver's known intent
That it should be wisely spent;

And I know He will demand
Every farthing at my hand
When I in His presence stand.

What will be my grief and shame
When I hear my humble name,
And cannot repay His claim!

One poor talent—nothing more!
All the years that have gone o'er
Have not added to the store.

Some will doubt what they hold;
Others add to it ten fold,
And pay back the shining gold.

Would that I had toiled like them!
All my sloth I now condemn;
Guilty fears my soul o'erwhelm.

Lord, oh, teach me what to do!
Make me faithful, make me true,
And the sacred trust renew.

Help me, ere too late it be,
Something yet to do for thee,
Thou who hast done all for me.

—E.

The Household.

BREAKFAST STEW.—Cut three-fourths pound of a cold roast in small pieces; heat slowly, with half a pint of water, one tablespoon chili-sauce, teaspoon salt, half teaspoonful pepper. Rub two table spoonful of flour with one of butter and a little of the hot gravy; add to the beef, and let cook until the flour is done. Serve with bits of toast.

PUMPKIN CUSTARD.—Omit a pumpkin into inch square pieces, stew slowly until thoroughly cooked, then press through a calendar or sieve. To every pint of pumpkin add a piece of butter about twice the size of a walnut, half a teaspoon of salt (scant), one pint of good milk, half a teaspoon each of mace and cinnamon, one teaspoon of ginger, one cup of sugar and four well-beaten eggs. Bake in a pudding dish, without crust, or in pie tins with a light crust.

WHIPPED CREAM PIES.—One pint of thick cream is sufficient for two full pies. The cream should be twenty-four hours old, and there should not be a drop of milk in it. Stand on ice at least an hour before whipping; beat with an egg whip, or one of the new patent beaters. Do not sweeten till partially whipped; two and a half tablespoons of sugar and a few drops of vanilla will be found sufficient. Have the shells baked and cold, fill with the cream and ornament with slices of bright jelly. Send to table very soon after preparing.

BREAKFAST ROLLS.—These rolls are set to rise over night. To make them, mash fine one medium sized boiled potato, let it cool a little, but while still warm stir in three-quarters of a tablespoonful of unmelted butter. Add two pints and a half of flour with a teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of flour sifted in. Rub in one teaspoonful of lard, then add one-third of a yeast-cake dissolved in half a cupful of lukewarm milk or water, and knead all well for twenty minutes. Cover closely and leave till morning. Then make up into rolls three or four inches long, and place them in two rows in a buttered pan. Let them rise as long as possible before baking. Two hours is not too long. In very cold weather, mix them in the afternoon before.

MOCK LEMON PIE.—One pint of water, two tablespoonfuls of corn starch, one cup of sugar, one fourth tablespoonful citric acid; season with extract of lemon; boil in a double boiler, cool and pour in nice crusts baked down.—*The Household.*

PASTOR'S throughout our territory will confer a great favor if they send us their present and former addresses so we can send their papers to their present address and not to their former.

Our Symposium.

A Cheerful Christian.

The centenary of John Wesley's death, which is just now here, has turned the attention of the Christian world to perhaps the most notable personal influence the Protestant Church has enjoyed since the reformation. What was the secret of the man's power? The first suggestion which will occur to us is that it lay in his intense earnestness. He was a man—as Carlyle says of one of the early bishops of Germany—on whom a transcendent message laid its hold in a transcendent way. Chalmers suggested this explanation when he defined Methodism as "Christianity in earnest." But the explanation is not quite adequate. Men who are in earnest quite as much as John Wesley are not rare in the history of the church; and yet men of his reach of influence are rare indeed. Combined with his earnestness there were other qualities, such as his English practicalness, his common sense, and his capacity for reckless activity, which went to make up the founder of Methodism. And above all these, as a spiritual force which moulded his whole career, we may put his Christian cheerfulness.—*S. S. Times.*

Prayer is the mightiest agent to advance God's work. Praying hearts and hands only can do God's work. Prayer succeeds when all else fails. Prayer has won great victories, and rescued, with notable triumph, God's saints when every other hope was gone. Men who know how to pray are the greatest boon God can give to earth—they are the richest gift earth can offer heaven. Men who know how to use this weapon of prayer are God's best soldiers, his mightiest leaders.

Praying men are God's chosen leaders. The distinction between the leaders that God brings to the front to lead and bless his people, and those leaders who owe their position of leadership to a worldly, selfish, unsanctified selection, is this, God's leaders are preeminently men of prayer. This distinguishes them as the simple, divine attestation of their call, the seal of their separation by God. Whatever of other graces or gifts they may have, the gift and grace of prayer towers above them all. In whatever else they may share or differ, in the gift of prayer they are one.—*Christian Advocate*, Nashville, Tenn.

BRONCHITIS

Is an inflammation of the bronchial tubes—the air-passages leading into the lungs. Few other complaints are so prevalent, or call for more prompt and energetic action. As neglect or delay may result seriously, effective remedies should always be at hand. Apply at once a mustard poultice to the upper part of the chest, and for internal treatment, take frequent doses of

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C. O. Lepper, Druggist, Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "My little sister, four years of age, was afflicted with bronchitis that we had almost given up hope of her recovery. Our family physician, a skillful man and of large experience, pronounced it useless to give her any more medicine, saying he had done all it was possible to do, and we must prepare for the worst. As a last resort, we determined to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and I can truly say, with most happy results. After taking a few doses she seemed to breathe easier, and within a week, was out of danger. We continued giving the Pectoral until satisfied she was entirely well. This indisputable evidence of the great merit of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has given me unbounded confidence in the preparation, and I recommend it to my customers, knowing it cannot disappoint them."

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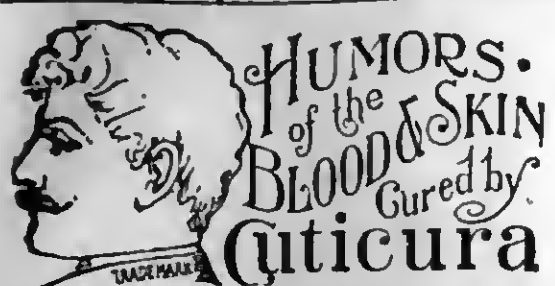
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FIRST QUARTER.—LESSON XII. Elisha's Defenders. 2 Kings 6, 8-18. Mar. 22, 1891. Commit to memory verses 15-17. B. C. 893.

HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 6, 8-18. Tu. Dent. 34, 24-29. W. Psa. 27, 1-8. Th. Isa. 43, 1-7. F. Psa. 91, 1-12. S. Psa. 125. S. Psa. 46.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. (2 Kings 6, 16.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

Which of the monarchs of the earth Can boast a guard like ours, Encircled from our second birth With all the heavenly powers?

Myriads of bright, cherubic bands, Sent by the King of kings, Rejoice to bear us in their hands, And shade us with their wings.

Angels, where'er we go, attend Our steps, whate'er betide; With watchful care their charge defend, And evil turn aside.

Time—B. C. 893.

Place—Dothan, a city north of Samaria.

Rulers—Probably Jehoram, king of Israel, and the king of Syria, probably Ben hadad II.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Elisha's enemies, v. 8, 15. Who waged war against Israel? Who warned the King of Israel of the enemy's plans? What was his warning? What did the King of Israel do when warned? How was the Syrian king affected by these results? Who did he think had revealed his plans? What did a servant say about Elisha? What command did the Syrian give? What was he told? What preparation did he make for taking the prophet? What did Elisha's servant see in the morning? What did he say to his master? Who protects God's people from their enemies? (Psa. 34, 7.)

2. Elisha's defenders, v. 16, 18. What assurance of safety did Elisha give his servant? (Golden Text). What prayer did he offer for the servant? How was the prayer answered? What did Elisha ask for his enemies? What answer to this prayer came? To whom should we commit punishment? (Rom. 12, 19.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON. Where in this lesson are we taught: 1. That God knows men's thoughts? 2. That God can defeat wicked men's plans? 3. That God can protect us from all our foes?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS. Find the story of an angel that a donkey saw but a man could not see. What prophet saw a splendid vision of four chariots with horses? Find a text in one of the psalms about the encampment of the angel of the Lord?

THE LESSON CATECHISM. [For the entire school] 1. Who told the King of Israel the plans of the King of Syria? Elisha. 2. What did the Syrian king send to capture Elisha? A great host with horses and chariots.

3. What did Elisha's servant discover early in the morning? That they were surrounded by an army of enemies. 4. What did Elisha pray? That the Lord would open the young man's eyes. 5. What did the young man then discover? That they were surrounded by a great army of angels. 6. What is the Golden Text? "Fear not," etc.

EXPLANATIONS.

Warred—This war seems to have been carried on by rapid incursions on the part of the Syrian king. Took counsel—The old despot seems to have taken counsel the way some people we know do: he asked advice while telling his advisers what he was going to do. My camp—Not that he would stay in any place, but that he would make that the headquarters for the next incursion. Sent to the place—Sent spies there. Which of us is for the king of Israel—This question shows the arrogance of the Syrian king. The words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber—How profound was the faith of this heathen in the Jewish prophet? Go and spy—A very silly errand, but not more so than many a modern effort to circumvent the plans of Providence. God sees and hears all that is said and done in the most secluded places; and some men who admit that as a theological statement will nevertheless plan and laboriously work to offset the divine determination. A great host—Not a large army, but a large company for the purpose. Compassed the city—Stayed outside the gates and watched it. Fear not—The man who is sure God is on his side need not fear. Horses and chariots of fire—Angelic ministers. Smite with blindness—Utterly confuse. Doctrinal Suggestion—The ministry of angels.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

34. Did their sin [Adam and Eve's] harm any besides themselves? "By the offense of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation." (Rom. 5, 18) 35. In what state are mankind born? In the image of fallen Adam, destitute of original righteousness. (Gen. 5, 3.) 36. What are the miseries of this condition? All mankind being born in sin, are by nature under the wrath of God.

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Winsted, La.—On the 29th of February, Mr. Abraham Williams to Miss Anna DeClouet. Rev. E. B. Richard officiating.

March 1, 1891, at the M. E. Church in Hattiesburg, Mr. Ollie Sanders to Miss Emma Dean. Rev. R. P. Threlkeld officiating.

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St Martinsville—Feb. 16, Mr. Moses Charles to Miss Philamon Hackles. On the 26th, Mr. W. G. Drake to Miss Anna Lablanc. On March 3, Mr. Alfred Pattison to Miss Virginia Fusey. M. P. Franklin officiating. Slaughter La.—Wednesday, Mar. 4, 1891, Mr. Elie Wood Fork to Miss Sallie Smith. Rev. A. A. Lacey officiating. Butaw, Ala.—Feb. 11, Mr. W. H. Strayhurn to Miss Rosa Hunter. Rev. F. J. Brown officiating.

Obituary.

West Point, Texas.—Bro. Alfred Jackson, a member of Mt. Olive M. E. Church, departed this life Feb. 27, 1891, aged about 83 years. He was a faithful member of the church for 65 years, and was also an exhorter licensed by Rev. Murray C. Bro. Jackson was the father of the M. E. Church here. He will be greatly missed. He was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, five children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Wm. Reed.

Millican, Texas.—Sister Cardilla Foster died Feb. 5, aged 51 years. Also, her husband, Frank Foster, died Feb. 11, aged 47 years. Sister Foster was converted last year, and had been in the church ten months and five days. She lived a faithful member. She leaves twelve children to mourn. W. McKenzie, P. C.

Shubuta, Miss.—March 2, 1891, death came in our midst and has taken from us Sister Fannie Parker. She professed religion on her death bed, and joined the M. E. Church and was baptized, and as long as she lived her conversation was of heaven. She asked her mother and relatives to not grieve after her, for she was going to rest. Her funeral was attended by Rev. A. J. McNair, pastor, and Rev. A. B. Logan.

Conway, Ark.—Sister Mintie Saxton, a faithful member of the M. E. Church for nine months, departed this life Feb. 4, aged 18 years. Her last words were, "Save me, Lord." Her funeral was preached at the graveyard by the writer, assisted by Revs. W. M. Smith and R. E. Wall, of the Baptist Church. W. J. Cunningham, P. C.

Palestine, Tex.—Feb. 15, Bro. Harry Strain died in full triumph of faith. He was born in Freestone county in 1864. Age, 27. He was a class leader of class No. 4. Bro. Strain was a good, consistent christian. He died of small-pox, so that his friends could not see after his remains. He leaves a wife and child very low with the small-pox to mourn his loss. T. Moore, P. C.

DeSard, La.—Miss Jeffria McClain was born in Farmersville, La., in the year 1863, and died Feb. 22, 1891. She was one of our best young ladies of the Mt. Sinai Church. F. M. Lashington, visited her and prayed with her until the last hour. She leaves a mother, father, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. F. M. Lashington, P. C.

Winchester, Texas.—March 3, 1891, Brother Peter Worlds departed this life. He was a faithful and a useful member of the Shiloh M. E. Church. He departed this life in full triumph of faith. He leaves a son, daughter, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Wm. Reed, P. C.

Bellwood, Tenn.—Sister Mollie Smith, wife of Silas Smith; departed this life March 27. Friday morning about 7 o'clock, death, the black camel that kneels at every man's door, came by, and Sister Smith rode triumphant into the city of our Lord. R. H. Johnson.

Sister Aggie Woods departed this life March 1, aged 42 years. She had been a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church 18 years and 6 months. She said that she



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Death of Sister Kitty Mills, Member of St. Paul M. E. Church, Galveston, Texas.

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true leader to me; he always told me what was right." She called all her friends and shook their hands and said, "I expect to leave you soon." She asked them to sing, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" and "Here is rest for the weary." After that she asked all to leave the room, as she wanted to talk to the Lord a little. Next she asked where was her Elder. "He had been here and gave me Sacrament. He is a blessed man; I like him so much. It was the best Sacrament I had ever taken, and his prayer helped me over Jordan." She said to Sister Smith, "Tell Ann Brown I am about to cross over, and she must meet me in heaven. Tell Millie Brown to meet me in heaven." She said many other interesting words, which time and space will not permit. She was sick for seven weeks. Joined the church in 1876. H. S. McMillan.

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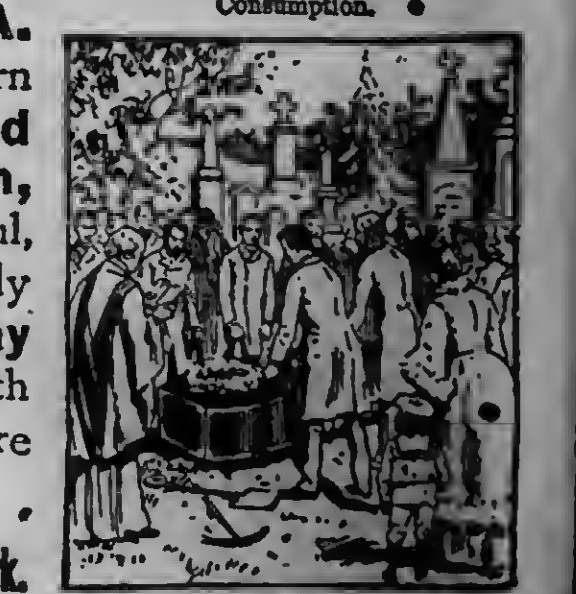
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Break brightly, glorious Easter morn,
Now that the wintry days are sped;
And so deny, with splendid scorn,
That Earth is haggard, old and dead!

A million-million emerald spears
Rise to proclaim her ever young;
And hark! her ever youthful years
On lily bells are sweetly rung.

O freely swing and grandly swell,
Ye church-tower bells, with merry din;
The shadows from our souls expel,
And let the light of love come in!

Break brightly, glorious Easter morn,
Into these gloomy hearts of ours!
That they, too, may this day adorn,
And shed a perfume like the flowers.

CHARLES H. CRANDALL.

HE IS RISEN.

If ye be risen with Christ, seek
those things which are above,
where Christ sitteth on the right
hand of God.

FRANK Waters, was killed by
Arthur Dunn, in this city March 18.
The result was the outcome of factional
political fights between them.

I AM he that liveth, and was
dead; and, behold, I am alive for
evermore, amen; and have the
keys of hell and of death.

THERE is an awakening in Belgium
of the masses against the
aristocratic classes which has provoked
a very unsettled state of
affairs. It is now feared that a
revolution is inevitable.

THE Chilean revolution has turned
into a Kilkenny fight of extermination.
The people are in arms
against their tyrannical rulers. The
conditions are such that humanity
demands that the powers should
interfere to restore peace to the
afflicted country.

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they are regularly employed as
nurses or servants to some white
person or other who may be aboard
the same train. White men will,
in the future as in the past, ride
just where they please, and impose
their presence and abuses on the
helpless and inoffensive colored
passengers. Can it be possible
that our people will suffer this injustice
without raising a dollar to
test these obnoxious measures
through the courts? Send contributions
for this purpose to J. F.
Newman, M. D., corner Marais and
Canal streets, New Orleans.

Unwarranted Imputation Upon Our Colored Brethren.

Our members of African descent
have generally voted by a large
majority against the admission of
women to the General Conference.
At this some express surprise, and
The Independent of Jan. 1 says:
"Why the colored members should
be so strongly against the ecclesiastical
enfranchisement of women is
not clear—the strength of their
prejudice, perhaps."

It is not alone, however, in disparaging
our colored brethren for their attitude.
Expressions of astonishment have been seen in
several papers that persons so recently
emancipated from the chains of
slavery should vote this way. During
the late General Conference the
Rev. Dr. Albert, editor of the
SOUTHWESTERN, was practically,
though not intentionally, insulted
by a reference of this kind.

The reason our brethren so vote
is a prepossession, not a prejudice;
a prepossession in favor of the
word of God as a rule of action.
They are sound in the faith upon
all the doctrines in the Gospel.
They take the word of God as they
find it; believing in the depravity
of men, the need of regeneration,
atonement, and future punishment.
They are not sophisticated by theories;
and in the same way, when they
found the apostles Peter and
Paul giving man a kind of headship
in the church and the family,
which is explicitly withheld from
women, they believe it. It would
be as reasonable to say that they
are actuated by prejudice in adhering
to the simple Gospel, as to say
that prejudice is the cause of
their action on this subject.

To express wonder that an enslaved
class lately set free should
not vote for the admission of women
into the General Conference is to
imply that women are now enslaved,
and that the slavery in which
women are now held is analogous
to that in which the Negroes were kept.
If our colored brethren are to be accused
of prejudice in following the Scriptures,
will those who thus accuse them
say that Peter and Paul wrote under
the influence of prejudice? If
prejudice is stronger than inspiration,
there is no guarantee that
inspiration coming through human
instrumentality has brought to us
any truth from God.

Our colored brethren know what
Methodism was when they became
connected with it; they know what
the general teaching and practice
of Methodism have been on the
holding of ruling positions by women.
Any prejudice that they have
upon this subject they imbibed
from the Bible, from the
preaching and example of the fathers.
If by their votes they should
preserve Methodism as it is, they
would do as much to make a return
for all the gifts and labors of Methodism
in their behalf, as they can do
in any other way.

It is necessary to preserve Methodism
as it is upon this point to give
vigor, coherence, and success
to their work in the South, where
they are obliged to contend with
organizations consisting exclusively
of Negroes and of persons of
Negro descent. To identify the
church with radical ideas on the
subject of women will furnish a
tremendous weapon to be used
against them, a weapon far more
powerful than any advantage they
can derive from the admission of a
few of their women into the General
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, and sending them
traveling all over the United States
to spend a month there, once
in four years, attended as it
must be by a constant agitation
of the entire question of the relation
of women to the family, the church, and
the state.

We are well aware that the introduction
of this subject will expose us
to the charge of attempting to
appeal to the prejudices of our
brethren of African descent; but
we have not introduced it. Before
and during the entire lay vote *The
Christian Advocate* never so much
as mentioned it. Those who have
accused them of prejudice, and
have referred to their former condition
of servitude;—they have
introduced it, and we repel it.

During the late vote a widely-
circulated Methodist paper made a
pointed allusion to the fact that
Dr. Albert belongs to a race that
had enjoyed about a quarter of a
century of freedom. To this he
replied with dignity and unanswerable
logic:

"What has the fact that the Editor
of the SOUTHWESTERN belongs
to a race that has been in
slavery to do with the pending
question? ... Has the doctor forgotten
that his Anglo Saxon fathers,
yellow haired, ignorant, and
degraded, once wore their master's
names on their necks and felt their
stripes on their backs equally with
the race to which this Editor belongs?
... And is not the race to
which he belongs seriously divided
on this question, and may not
this more lately emancipated
race be equally divided on this and
on any and all questions? Are we
to flock in herds and run away
with the idea that the women are
fearfully oppressed by the men,
and because our race was once in
slavery, just as the white race was
once, and vote pell-mell for their
admission into the supreme legislative
body of the church? ...

"This is not the first attempt to
bulldoze us on the part of those
favoring the admission of women.
Our desk was filled with letters of
that character from the same class
of men and women during our attendance
at the General Conference in
New York. ... The Negro is a
man. He has mind, and is not to
be trifled with as a thing. We
may be convinced out of error by
logical argument, but by a system
of open or covert intimidation never.
... Frankly, our view is, woman
is in every respect man's equal;
they may and do differ in their
physical, mental, and moral make-
up as do the stars in the firmament.
... Man has his and woman has
her sphere; to attempt to inter-
change it is to invite the direst
consequences. ... There must be
order in God's economy, and this is
the order that He has established."

The Women's Suffrage Society
of the state of Connecticut devoted
an entire session to a discussion,
much of it an attack upon the proceedings
of the last General Conference;
and one of the speakers, Frances
Ellen Burr, delivered an address
which occupied several columns
of fine print in the Hartford
papers, in which she spoke of
"a colored man, Dr. Albert of Louisiana,
whose mind seems to be as
cloudy as his skin." (Let it be noted
that this reference is not made by
a "coarse man," but by an authorized
and honored representative of
"advanced" womanhood.) At the
close of her address, doubtless fancying
that this would be a humiliation
to us, she moved a resolution:

"That the twin arguments of
those exponents of justice for women—
Dr. Buckley, of New York, and
Dr. Albert, of Louisiana—should be
preserved and handed down to future
generations and framed. ... [with some
other colored man's saying], which has
taken its place at the head of the colored
classics of the day."

Never having been conscious of
any color prejudice, we should be
as willing to have our name associated
with that of Dr. Albert as with
that of any other minister of
the Gospel among us.

But had the editor of this paper
been saturated with colorphobia,
we should be better pleased to go
down to posterity associated with
a man who had the courage, believing
himself to be upon a Scriptural
foundation, to state his views,
than to be associated with any man
or number of men whose rule of
action is to ascertain how a temporary
majority may go, and then
declare the same sentiments.—
Christian Advocate.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Philadelphia Letter.

Sabbath January 11th was celebrated
in Philadelphia as the centennial
of the founding of Sabbath schools
in our city. Quite a number of
the preachers spoke in regard
to the importance of the Sabbath
school in regard to national home
and social life. Statistics of our
city recently issued shows that we
have 616 Sabbath schools; 16,937
officers and teachers, and 178,865
scholars, and the total shows more
than one-fifth of our population to
be in attendance on our Sabbath
schools. This is a hopeful sign
and yet an incentive to seek to
accomplish even greater things.
Quite a number of charges in Philadelphia
and outside our city limits
have been enjoying revival influences,
and while the extent has not
been as sweeping as in other years,
there are at least 600 recruits
already gathered for the Master's
service—a sure indication that
Methodism is not yet dead. The
Historical Society of the Philadelphia
Conference has issued an appeal
requesting the pastors to arrange
for the appropriate and proper
recognition, and observance of
the centennial of the death of Rev.
John Wesley, March the 2nd 1891.
Dr. Neely of Philadelphia, has been
invited by them to deliver an address
on the life, character and work
of John Wesley on the evening
of March 3rd, 1891, when our
Conference Historical Society will
hold its anniversary. We may be
sure the subject will receive proper
treatment at the hands of so able a
person as Dr. Neely, and the occasion
will not soon be forgotten. It
is to be hoped that pastors and
conferences in other parts might
take suitable action to commemorate
the life and death of the
founder of our world-wide Methodism.
Rev. Dr. "Sam" Small, recently
elected president of Utah
University, is hard at work in this
section of the country in behalf
of the institution under his care, and
is meeting with a considerable degree
of success. His sermons and
addresses are drawing large crowds
and his management of the Endowment
Scheme, proves him a practical
man of affairs, which is not
lessened by the fact he is a renowned
orator and a distinguished Evangelist.
Dr. Small gives promise of
large usefulness in the new position
to which he has been elected.

Our conference convenes March
4th. There was an attempt to have
the date changed, but this has been
abandoned and the original date
stands. Bishop Fowler is to preside,
and, as this was the city where he
was elected and consecrated to the
Episcopacy, we await his coming
with much interest, and on the
part of some with not a little solicitude
to know what kind of a
presiding officer he will prove himself
to be. Let us hope the session of
conference will be pleasant and
harmonizing and the disappointments
but few.

J. P. DUFFY.

Philadelphia, Pa.

The Grand Jury has not yet reported
any finding in the slaughter
of the Italians by the popular
rising of Saturday, March 14.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

Sunday School Work.

The Sunday School League met
at Mallalieu Chapel last Sunday
and perfected its organization. The
city was divided into five districts,
and an excellent working committee
appointed on each district. The third
Sabbath evening in April, at 3 o'clock
p. m., at Union Chapel, on Bienville street,
the officers of the League will be
installed. A committee consisting
of J. Gordon Taylor, R. O. Metoyer,
E. Williamson, W. S. Chinn, A. H.
Hinton, N. J. Nickerson, Kennedy,
Isaac Morgan, L. D. Thomson and
H. Weber, have been appointed to
arrange a program for the occasion.

It is hoped that every Sabbath
school superintendent will do his
best to prepare his school for that
day. The parlors of the Medical
building, situated at the corner of
Canal and Robertson streets, have
been placed at our disposal, by the
kindness of President Adkinson
and Elder Williams, for our monthly
meetings. With a place centrally
located for conference with the
superintendents of the city, it is
to be hoped that the League will
push forward its work in all its
departments, till there shall not be
a place left in all the districts where
a Methodist Sunday School does
not flourish. Mrs. Oggilvie, the
president of the League, and I. H.
Norwood, city superintendent, are
both energetic, and for years known
to be earnest Sabbath school workers.
Their election to these positions
indicate the future success of the
movement. The support of the
ministers of the city and a word
of encouragement from their
pulpits will help the success of this
grand undertaking. The effort is
worthy your kind consideration.
It is an effort to save the young
people.

The officers and members of the
League will notice that the future
meetings will be at 3 o'clock p. m.,
every first Sabbath of the month,
at the Medical College, corner of
Canal and Robertson streets. At
most of these meetings it is hoped
to have the presence of the Sunday
School Agent, who is making a
vigorous effort to revive the work
in the State. He will also speak
at the installation service on some
live Sunday school topic. Let
everybody be present at that meeting.

Pleasant Plain M. E. Church's
Tribe Rally Day is the first Sunday
in April, 1891, each tribe to
raise \$10 for church debts and
improvements. Rev. D. J. Price
pastor. Revs. F. T. Chinn, J. W.
Hendson, Henry Taylor, W. S. Harris,
A. J. Pickett, A. E. P. Albert,
Victor Joichim, and other ministers,
are expected to assist in the
exercises. All are invited.

St. Matthew M. E. Church, Rev.
F. Walker pastor, is moving on
nicely. Presiding Elder Emperor
Williams held his first quarter and
preached an edifying sermon there
recently.

LaHarpe Street Church, Rev. A.
J. Pickett pastor, reports an interesting
revival, and seven accessions.

A union meeting last Sunday at
Simpson Chapel, Rev. J. W. Hilt-
on pastor, resulted in a collection
of over \$50 toward the church
debts. Revs. T. G. Montgomery,
Henry Taylor and G. W. Walker,
and David Young of the Baptist
Church, assisted the pastor.

Rev. Nelson Burton, of Waxia,
preached at Williams Chapel last
Sunday night.

Special Easter services will be
held in all of our churches next
Sunday. Let a good missionary
rally be made in every church on
the occasion, and forward the collection
at once to Rev. Dr. S. Hunt,
treasurer, 150 Fifth Ave.,
New York. Your receipt will be
your voucher, as cash at conference.

Church Polity.

Q. 1. In the preacher in charge's
Report to the quarterly conference,
under the question "The following
pastoral labor has been bestowed,"
does the Discipline require the
preacher in charge to say, "I have
visited so many times this quarter
by figures, say 50 or 100, that is to
say, must he report the number of
visits made by himself as does the
class leaders?"

Will not the following words
answer as well under this question
as the telling of the number of
visits made, in figures, "I have
visited from house to house among
the members this quarter conversing
with, and catechising the children
as well as the grown up people of
the charge, praying with the sick,
and also with the families when
practicable?"

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A. 1. The Disciplinary requirements
it seems would be met equally
under the second or under the
first method of answering. There
is no law requiring the exact
number of visits made, in the pastors
quarterly report. By analogy however,
we would argue that the spirit
of the Discipline, favors the
report of the exact number of visits
made. This we would infer from
the purpose of the report, which is
intended to impart information
showing, to what extent the pastor
had carried out the plan of visitation
and second from the fact that
exact figures are required, on the
subject from class leaders, and that
in the pastor's own report exact
figures are required in the form of
the report given for preacher's report,
on every other item that is
directly specified. For instance,
he is required to give number of
Sunday schools; average attendance,
I have preached—times to
the children, and catechised them—
times etc.

Q. What is the pastor's relation
to the Methodist Book Concern?

A. He is the agent of the concern
on his charge. He is an agent for
the people to supply them, and the
agent of the publishing house of
the church to spread their publications
among the people. As he is a
joint owner of the Book Concern,
and shares directly or indirectly
in their profits, he is bound
in honor as a man and minister to
do all he can to promote their
interests, and to prefer their publication
over all others.—Merrill's Digest.

THE white editors in the M. E.
Church have dealt very kindly with
what were evidently unwise utterances
of our senior bishop; only our
good friend the colored editor of
an M. E. paper, Dr. Albert, seems
inclined to take an unholly
advantage of it.—*Christian Recorder*.

Dr. Albert pleads ignorance of
any such "unholly" purpose. "The
white editors of the M. E. Church"
have, as they always do "deal
kindly with" our African brethren,
but do our African brethren always
act in the same manner toward the
colored brethren of the M. E. Church?
Isn't it a fact that they are constantly
branding our people as being the
"mercenary slaves to white folks"?
This is the reason why the "colored
editor of an M. E. paper, Dr. Albert,"
is always ready to take the position
that it does in this as on other
discussions that arise. It is done
purely in self defense.

Letters from the Districts.

Jackson District, Mississippi Conference.

JOSE CAMPBELL, P. E.

The preachers in the Jackson District are all settled down at work, and the indications are very bright for a happy and prosperous future. The continual rain during the year has been quite a drawback, but all have faith. A spirit of revival is at work in the district. Already some charges have been blessed with from eighteen to twenty conversions. Pray for us.

The only vegetable substitute for Calomel, which acts on the liver, blood, kidneys and stomach, and best anti-bilious purgative, is Maguire's Compound. Indorsed by Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Rev. McNally, of St. Louis, and a host of prominent people.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

E. S. Hicks, Columbus, Ga.

When I arrived here I found seven members and church property worth \$2500, but our congregation is not in possession. The property was sold subject to the mortgage of the Church Extension. The parties to whom the church was sold claim that if they can get the money back that they have paid out they will give it up freely. The amount is \$200, and if we can raise it and take possession we can easily satisfy the Church Extension. If we be destitute of this church, and lose what we have done here, it will be hurtful to us in this city. Since I have been here I have added ten members to the church, but since the church has got in the present state they have scattered. We appeal to the brethren and friends for help, and any amount that you give will be thankfully received, and the name and amount will be published in the SOUTHWESTERN. Please help us.

[This is a very painful case, and deserves the sympathy and help of every member and friend of our Methodism. Help them, brethren. Help them.—Ed.]

A. A. Lacey, Slaughter, La.

Our members are few in number, but faithful and true. Loyal Methodists, pray for us.

At the new church at Yarbrough, Texas, on the Anderson circuit, after the dedication of the church, the members and friends gave the pastor a nice pound party. Forty pounds of good things were brought to Rev. J. Jones, the pastor.

Green N. Johnson, Little Rock, Ark.

The Lord is blessing us in our work. We have raised nearly \$200 with which to build our new church. As yet we have not a member, but several friends. Simpson Chapel is only in name, but we hope to make it a reality and increase its membership from nothing to one hundred. Our school is moving on grandly. Over 300 students are enrolled. We will resume work on our new building this week. Bro. J. E. Toombs is taking well at Wesley. We hope

to show up grandly for the Lord this year. We have ten students in our medical class.

S. H. Veal, Warrior, Ala., writes a strong and manly defense in answer to the senseless insinuations of the A. M. E. Church people that our people in the M. E. Church are under white masters because we have white Bishops.

John W. Hall, Memphis, Tenn.

My second quarterly conference was held Feb. 28. Condition of church is fair. We have a good Sunday school, being kept up by Rev. James Beaver, superintendent. A good set of sisters have formed themselves into a committee to work for the church. They have succeeded in raising money and have furnished the church with a nice set of chandeliers, which cost \$19. Rev. B. F. Anderson, Presiding Elder, was at his post and urged the church's duties. Sunday was a grand time. The Presiding Elder took for his text Gen. 35, 1. The sermon made a grand impression upon the church. Fifty-four persons partook of the Lord's Supper. Paid to Presiding Elder, \$9.40; and to the pastor, \$32.60. One subscriber for the paper.

T. Moore, Palestine, Tex.

My first quarterly conference convened Feb. 21, with Rev. W. M. Wesley, Presiding Elder, in the chair. There had not been much done up to this quarter on account of the small-pox being so close to the church. We had eight cases among our members and could not get any one out to church. The Elder was not very well from his vaccination. Paid pastor's traveling expenses, \$22.50; and Presiding Elder, \$13. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$675, and the Bishop's, \$500. We took up \$2 for Wiley University and \$2.50 for missions. Collected \$1 for the Bishop. All the brethren of the quarterly conference subscribed \$1 each, which will be paid by the second quarterly conference, for Wiley University. Also, there was \$100 subscribed, to be paid by the 14th or 15th of March, for the debts on the church. I met a hearty welcome from all the officers and members, and they fixed up the parsonage nicely for us. They also gave me a grand storm party, which consisted of nearly 100 persons. They brought many nice things.

Ben Goff, McKinney, Texas.

I arrived at my work Feb. 10, to do more for the Lord. Then I went to Sherman, one of my points, and found a few members there, but no church except a little shanty. I received one in the church on my first visit there. I was made welcome. I commenced a protracted meeting and in one week added ten to the church. We must have a church at Sherman this year.

J. W. Jackson, Van Buren, Ark.

A revival started on my charge Feb. 8, and up to date 41 souls have been converted and 9 backsliders reclaimed. We have neither seating nor standing room. The people stand at the windows in the night air and cold. The members say that it is the grand-

est revival that ever was in this church. How I wish we were in our new church. We hold these meetings every day. Young sinners and old hardened sinners are returning home to God. Praise God, for the glory is all his.

(We rejoice to hear of such revivals. Let every church seek for the holy baptism.—Ed.)

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Letters from the Laity.

J. F. Taylor, Calvert, Tex.

I have been reading your paper for some time. The more I read it the better I like it. I think all the class leaders ought to take it, and try to get all their class-mates to take it too. On the fourth Sunday in February Rev. W. H. Davis, our beloved pastor, met his people at Mt. Zion. We have a good pastor and are going to do all we can for the good old SOUTHWESTERN. I think by the first of April I will be able to send in several cash subscribers.

R. H. Johnson, Bellwood, Tenn.

Our third quarterly conference was held March 1. Rev. A. Phillips was with us and preached an excellent sermon from Psal. 48, 14. The sermon was simple and impressive. The weather was inclement and the audience small, but those present were made to rejoice in a Savior's love. Paid pastor this quarter, \$50.50; paid Presiding Elder, \$3.05.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my father. I left him in Louisiana when I was a boy. When I came to Mississippi I was 1 year old. At the beginning of the war I was 16 years old. My father is named Prosper Degoo or Degee, I don't know which. My mother's sisters are named Tyer and Beckey. My uncles are named Tytns, Hammon, Adam, Pepper and Prince. My mother is named Minder. We belonged to a man named Pitman. Any one knowing them will address J. R. P. McDaniel, Good Hope, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my people. My mother's name is Sallie Scott. My father was dead before I left home. Mother married again to a man named Mose Ishman. My mother had six children. Three boys, namely: Daniel, William and Monroe. And three girls: Grannan, Sindy and Elizabeth. They all belonged to Jefferson Scott. She was sold to a man named Hingerd. I want to find Mary Jane Hingerd. She is my mother's people. Any one having information concerning them will

please address J. M. Moore, Marthaville, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my brothers through your paper. My brothers' names were Sam, John and George Mandlin. I have three sisters, Harriet, Mary Jane and Martha Mandlin. Our mother's name is Cynthia Mandlin. My mother and I were brought to Mississippi in 1857, by Hiram Subar. My brother Sam was carried to Shreveport, La., and sold to a man by the name of Dr. Vance. My brothers John and George left with the Federal troops when they passed through Williamston, S. O. The last account I heard of them they were in Knoxville, Tenn. My sister Harriet married Diok Mlwee, and Mary Jane married Shed Wyette. My name when I came to Mississippi was Perry Mandlin, but now it is Perry Howard. Any information will be gladly received. To any reader who will take an interest in looking up these parties I would be willing to contribute a handsome compensation. Address Perry Howard, Ebenezer, Holmes county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my son, Van Robinson. He used to belong to a man named Jerry Robinson. We lived one mile from the McDaniel place. He had one sister named Mary Robinson. She had one son named James Robinson, and one daughter named Martha. I am his mother. When I last heard of him he was living in Arkansas. When set free we lived in Sabine county. Address Johana Robinson, Orange, Texas.

Science.

Franklin's Practicality.

In his new discovery, Franklin immediately saw the means for producing something "of use to mankind," which, as he had written to Collinson in April, 1794, he was "ohagrined a little" that he had hitherto been unable to do. His speedy invention of the lightning-rod gave to the world the only apparatus directly applicable to the service of man that has ever yet been devised for utilizing or controlling any of the forms of electricity known to Franklin and his contemporaries. In this haste of the philosopher to make his discovery serve a practical end, we recognize the man, Franklin,—the man who exhibited in so many ways the characteristics of a latter time,—the nineteenth century American. Scientist and engineer, literary man and journalist, philosopher and man of affairs, Franklin was by nature what society and the growth of the great newspapers, and the stimulating rewards of the patent system make so many of his successors. Franklin's disquisitions of the single fluid theory of electricity and his whole writing upon the subject of his electrical labors shows that he possessed in a large degree the scientific mind. But he also had the inventive faculty and the will to exercise it. The natural union of these attributes is not so common as might seem to one of our generation. The modern way of life tempts every scientific searcher to turn his laboratory into a workshop, just as the allurement of journalism tempt the majority of the poets and historians away from their natural callings.—From "The Early History of Electricity in America," by George Herbert Stookbridge, in *New England Magazine* for March.

The underground system of telegraphs of the German empire has a total length of 3,600 miles, and has cost \$10,219,000.

It is recorded in a local newspaper that recently, on the occasion of a particularly dense fog in Dundee and its neighborhood, a chemist attached to the University College took the opportunity of investigating the amount of carbonic acid in the atmosphere within the college grounds. The test was taken at 8 a. m., when the fog appeared to be at its thickest. At this time the proportion of carbonic

acid in the air was 8 volumes in 10,000, or more than double the normal amount in the locality. It is remarked in the report of this experiment that, although the air in fog has often been analyzed before, the circumstances of the high proportion of carbonic acid present in the atmosphere under such conditions appears to be of peculiar interest, and the question is asked whether attention has been called to it.

M. Comille Gonzy, the proprietor of numerous small farms in the commune of Milas (Western Pyrenees), having an area altogether of nearly 1,500 acres, has for some time past been utilizing a neighboring stream for electric lighting purposes. He has now applied electric power to the working of a wine-pressing plant. Beside providing the power for lifting and driving purposes, electricity is made to work the pumps for irrigating the vines. The 180 16-candle power lamps employed are distributed over all the farms, and the area which they cover may be judged from the fact that the length of telephone wire connecting the buildings is sixty-two miles.

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The stated meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Bible House on Thursday, March 5, 1891. Theophilus A. Bronner, Esq., vice-president, in the chair.

The religious exercises were conducted by Bishop Andrews, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Among communications from foreign lands were letters from Mr. Penzotti, who on the 9th of February was still a prisoner in Oallao, for the alleged offense of violating the constitution of Peru by holding religious services not approved by the Roman Catholic priesthood; from Mr. McKim, of Cuba, who also had a taste of prison life, as a man on whom suspicion was cast because he was selling the Scriptures in Bahia Honda, a confinement which soon ended with apologies; and from various missionaries and agents.

Upon the application of the Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D., a grant of one thousand English Testaments and two thousand Gospels was made to him for use in connection with his preaching services in California.

A letter was received from the Rev. A. P. Happer, D.D., of Canton, and other missionaries, commending a new movement organized by native Chinese to promote christian evangelization on a wide scale by the loan of approved books of various kinds. The Board voted to supply a number of volumes of Scripture for this purpose.

Grants of books were made to the value of about \$5,000. Funds were also granted to the amount of \$13,694, including appropriations for the Agencies in Mexico and Cuba, for Bible work in connection with missions in Sweden, Austria, and Italy, and for the Bible Society of France.

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Pictures of our Bishops.

Many of our readers would gladly possess the pictures of our bishops if they only knew where to get them. In order to accommodate them, we have arranged to supply them with a beautiful cabinet group photograph of all our bishops, for the small sum of 25 cents. Ten per cent of the proceeds will be devoted to the cause of missions. Send at once accompanying every order with the cash. Address

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THE alliance effected between Russia and France has stirred up considerable anxiety in Germany.

STANLEY, the great African explorer, will lecture in this city next Monday night.

IN his great speech at the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in Cincinnati, recently, President Hickman, of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., said: "The white men come in to share money raised on the black man's condition. I tell you on my knees God does not like that very well." Another very pertinent and truthful expression was: "The men who trouble us most are those who ride through Dixie in palace cars and then write up a solution."

THE special attention of our readers is called to the article from the *Christian Advocate* in another column, entitled "unwarranted imputation upon our colored brethren." In that article Dr. Buckley does credit to his head and heart, and ranks himself among the bravest defenders of our people in the exercise of their divine right and manhood, in their espousal or opposition of any and every question submitted to their vote in the church. Read every word of it, and thank the Doctor for it.

EVERY mail brings in some additional orders for "The House of Bondage." Our sales amount to twenty and more some days. A brother in Alabama who had ordered a half-dozen a few days ago, sold them so rapidly that he immediately sent an additional order for two dozens, with the request that we send them by return mail. The demand for the books is multiplying daily everywhere. Send for a copy for yourself, and if you want an agency for the book in your town, send for terms at once.

THE objections which the *Cru-sader* offers to the constant raising of the color line by our people, are the same ones upon which we advocate the spread of our Methodism among our people. Our confere complains and protests against the organization of the "Colored State Bar Association," recently organized in Mississippi, against the National Colored Press Association, recently held at Cincinnati. It very appropriately remarks: "This constant drawing of lines by the colored people themselves, is injurious in the extreme in perpetuating race or color lines already existing. It is time that the colored people begin to act as citizens of the country and not as a separate people. We want the assimilation and homogeneity of the American people, and not division lines between any portions. We would hail with joy the formation of a National Press Association broad enough to recognize the equality of all men—but no colored press association in ours." This is typically American and Methodist. As such we most cordially and emphatically endorse it.

The Risen Christ.

Next Sunday, Easter, marks the anniversary of the greatest event in the world's history. For nearly nineteen centuries the Christian nations of the earth have been celebrating the glorious event with the most intense interest and devotion. The growing centuries do not diminish, but they rather magnify the glory that hallows His sacred brow. His name and honors cannot be buried beneath the weight of years. They shine on amid the wrecks of time, as the fairest among ten thousands, and that altogether lovely.

"No mortal can with him compare,
Among the sons of men;
Fairer is he than all the fair
That fill the heavenly train."

Wonderful were the condescension, love and pity that prompted the exalted Son of God to take upon himself the form of a servant, and to come down and make His abode with men. But then there was no room in the inn for him. No greater love could any man show than he displayed, in his works of love and mercy which he wrought among men, and in his finally dying for them. But marvelous as were all his deeds, they would have all come to nought in his death, had that been the end of the wonderful drama enacted in his career. Death was but the opening avenue to the glorious victories that awaited the Conqueror. For on the morning of the third day of his ignominious death, as it began to dawn toward the breaking of the day, our Emmanuel, dragged down of the powers of hell, robbed Death of its sting and the Grave of its boasting victory, and came forth victoriously with all the powers of Death and hell in his all conquering hands. All Christendom will unite next Sunday in the anniversary of the wonderful event. It is the pledge and token of our final triumph. For as he overcame, so we shall overcome also. In keeping with the glory that adorns the day, our church has set it apart as an appropriate one wherein all of our people, especially the children, should be given a chance to make their missionary contributions, to assist in proclaiming the universal salvation which it typifies. To this end, let the special Easter services be held in all of our churches, and let the day be one wherein everybody shall be moved and permitted to assist in the spread of glad tidings of salvation wherever man is found.

A General Awakening.

The American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana have reason to feel encouraged in their purpose to raise the necessary funds and test the abominable separate car laws that have recently been passed by nearly every State Legislature in the South.

A letter from Natchitoches, La., informs us that a determined movement has been started there to raise funds to assist the Association in its very laudable purpose. A penny collection of \$3.15 was taken up there recently, and many subscribed from a dollar up, to be paid on a day appointed, when all the citizens of the place friendly to the movement will be given a chance to share in testing these obnoxious laws before the Supreme Court of the United States.

On Turtle Bayou, Texas, a regular circle has been permanently organized to raise funds for the same purpose. Reports come to us from other sections of this and other States to the same effect.

All that is now needed is that every pastor, every society president, and every leader among our people, of whatever church or no church, should awake to his duty in the premises, and every cent of the necessary funds will be raised. Are we less patriotic than the Irish, the Italians, the Jews, and every other race? The Irish cause is the Irishman's cause the world over; the Italians are massacred in jail in New Orleans and the

voice of every Italian in creation is heard; the Jews are persecuted in Russia, and that race is moved the world over. Shall we be less humane and patriotic in our treatment of questions affecting us as a people? A thousand times, never. We rejoice to learn of this general awakening on the part of our people. Now let every American Negro, North and South, and every man, woman and child that is actuated by the common impulses of justice and humanity, join in raising the necessary funds to test these infamous separate car laws.

Send your contributions to Dr. J. T. Newman, treasurer, corner of Canal and Marais streets, New Orleans. Amounts contributed will be published in this paper, unless accompanied with the request that they be not published.

American Citizens' Equal Rights Association.

To the Members of the State Central American Citizens' Equal Rights Association of Louisiana: Gentlemen:—The people are awakening to the needs of the hour. They see that nearly every Southern State has recently enacted an odious and infamous separate car law, which humiliates and outrages our rights as American citizens, and they demand that we take speedy action to test it before the courts of the country. In their names, by virtue of the power vested in me as President of the Association, I request that you meet at our headquarters, No. 139 Poydras street, on Saturday, April 4, at 5 p. m. sharp. Signed,

A. E. P. ALBERT,
President.
JOHN L. MINOR,
Secretary.

Consummate Meanness.

An A. M. E. Church preacher, who evidently has missed his calling, has written a letter to a Democratic paper in Baton Rouge, in which he speaks of the white missionary teachers of our church, laboring among our people, in the following language: "Those teachers are here to misrepresent the South, and to rob it of its fair name, by publishing abroad the outrages perpetrated upon the colored people."

Who would have imagined that such an infamous statement could have emanated from a colored man? The law-abiding white citizens of Baton Rouge were horrified at the murders and outrages perpetrated by regulators and lawless whites upon colored citizens on Jones Creek, only seven miles from Baton Rouge, last November. Their indignation was emphatic and pronounced. They secured their apprehension and arrest. A white Democratic judge and jury sent them to the penitentiary for twenty years, and the Supreme Court confirmed the sentence. And now comes a hypocrite of the deepest dye, and a Negro at that, who comes "pot licking around," to get on the good side of the white people of Baton Rouge, by such a monstrous piece of hypocrisy. The white people are not fools, however. They see through the thinness of the thing and they loathe and despise the man that takes them for such fools. If the African preacher who is the author of that infamous letter thinks that he will thereby prejudice the white people of Baton Rouge against our church there, he is sadly mistaken. If he wants to get their money to assist him in building an A. M. E. institution in the city of Baton Rouge, he should have gone to them in a manly and dignified way, and explained to them his purposes and his needs, and not presume on their ignorance and lack of reasonable discrimination as to what our church is doing for the Negro and the South, in her work of education and evangelization. There was a time when the mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church was not understood in the South. It was thought that the church was engaged in some ulterior political mission, but that day is past and

gone. The white people of the South, and among them Bishop Haygood, Dr. Curry, the late Dr. C. K. Marshall of Vicksburg, Miss., and scores of others, understand, appreciate and welcome the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church among our people; this silly and hypocritical nonsense will not avail anything in turning the tide so gloriously set in our favor.

The North freed the Negro, and the South welcomes it to come and educate them, as it should; to fit them for the citizenship for which they were so ill prepared when injected in a stream of 4,000,000 souls into the body politic. The testimony of our Southern white neighbors is to the effect that our preachers are not political emissaries. They attend to the supreme task of making sober, industrious, peaceable, law-abiding citizens, and a holy race, out of our people. As such they are everywhere welcomed, and supported by all classes among the white people, and this is a great deal more than they will ever touching many of the other preachers laboring among our people. Our churches are not grog-shops and political club rooms, but temples, sacredly kept for the worship of almighty God; and our people are never uncertain quantities in every moral reform. These facts commend our church everywhere to the friendly disposition of all good people. All we need do is to faithfully continue in the even tenor of our way, and we have nothing to fear from any and all such consummate wickedness and meanness.

The House of Bondage.

In order that our readers might have an idea of the appreciation extended "The House of Bondage" wherever it has been introduced, we publish the following, which is but a sample of the scores of such letters of commendation which are constantly pouring in upon us:

CENTRAL ALABAMA ACADEMY,
Huntsville, Ala., Mar. 14, 1891.

Dr. Albert:

Dear Brother:—Having read "The House of Bondage," by Mrs. Dr. Albert, I desire to say that it is a work that should be read by every colored man, woman and child in all this land. I read with no small degree of interest many of the articles as they appeared in the *SOUTHWESTERN*, but in book form there seems to be a charm about them which the former did not have.

It is a fact that faster than we realize we are drifting away from the days of slavery. Our mothers and fathers are passing away. The youth of to-day knows little or nothing about those cruel days. But for such books as this the next generation would know much less.

The book is written in a most charming style. My wife read chapter after chapter to our little girl, eight years old, and when the end of each chapter was reached the little girl would say, "Mama, don't stop; read on, please." It is one of those books which when one begins to read he will sit up nights and rise early in the morning till he reads through it. No one will ever regret paying 75 cents for the book.

Yours truly,
A. W. McKINNEY.

THE Mississippi and her tributaries are threateningly high, and destructive crevasses are reported at several points. The two most disastrous ones on the Mississippi River are the Ames crevasse, opposite the Exposition Grounds (Audubon Park), this city. It is on the Algiers' side of the river and will prove quite disastrous. It is over 300 feet wide and 15 feet deep. The Point Lookout crevasse, in East Carroll Parish, broke out suddenly last Saturday, and after thirty-six hours the break was 400 feet wide. It will ruin some of the most prosperous settlements in that section. The crevasse on Bayou LaFonche, opposite U. S. Senator White's plantation, is an extensive and bad one. The river has fallen three inches.

Political Review.

President Harrison expresses himself as hopeful for his party's future. He congratulates the country on the legislation enacted by the Fifty-first Congress, and says his party will be benefitted by it. He is as firmly emphatic in the faith that the talismanic watchword, of the rule of the majority by Federal intervention, will finally prevail. He is contemplating a Western tour.

Hon. Chas. M. Felton, Republican, was elected to the U. S. Senate to fill Senator Hearst's (deceased) unexpired term.

The Arkansas Legislature has decided against the call for a constitutional convention.

The Democratic Convention, to nominate city officials in Chicago, split and nominated two tickets. One faction heads its ticket with Mayor Oregier, the other with ex-Mayor Harrison.

The Republicans of Cincinnati have renominated Mayor John G. Mosby.

The Boyd-Thayer gubernatorial contest in Nebraska, has been indefinitely postponed by the courts. Boyd, the Republican incumbent, continues as acting Governor.

Postmaster Eaton has appointed a couple of supernumerary colored letter carriers. There is not a single colored clerk in the whole establishment, which is still crowded with Democrats. If Mr. Eaton, and his class of officials, expect to control the Negro vote by such insignificant recognition of the race, they will no doubt be made to understand that the thing cannot be done.

Personal.

—Rev. J. D. Beaman, Jackson, Miss., was among our visitors last week.

—Rev. H. May, of Pass Christian, Miss., was in this city on a short visit last week.

—Rev. Nelson Burton, of Waxia, has been spending a few days among friends and relatives in the city.

—Rev. Wm. Murrell has been in feeble health but is now able to be out as usual.

—Rev. H. A. Lewin, formerly a member of the Louisiana Conference, is on a visit to Glencoe, La. He has been living in Kansas.

—Rev. R. C. Barrow of Ponchartroula, was in the city last week to direct medical attention for his wife, who has been quite ill, but who, we are glad to record, is now improving.

—Mrs. Mary J. Brown, wife of Rev. T. A. Brown, of Port Hudson, is reported to be very sick. We hope she will soon recover.

—Rev. Dr. Thomas Lee, a prominent minister of the M. E. Church, died at Cincinnati, O., March 12.

—Senator Allison, of Iowa, spent a few days in this city recently. He has returned home.

—Secretary of War Proctor has been on a tour of inspection to the ports and fortifications of the United States in this section, and spent a few days here last week.

—Mrs. J. P. Moore, the faithful Baptist Missionary who has labored among our people so devoutly during the past twenty-five or more years, we regret to learn has resigned her work in this field, and has gone to Richmond, Va. Her's has been an eventful life of consecration to Christ and his poor. As such she enjoyed the love of all who knew her, and we unite with our Baptist brethren in heartfelt regret in the loss which they sustain in her removal.

—The many friends of Rev. Samuel Armistead, of Shreveport, will regret to learn of the death of mother Catherine Armistead, his companion for the last half a century. She died of old age, with complicating diseases, about ten days ago. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to our bereaved father and friend who has thus been left disconsolate. Her life of faith and

triumphant death, however, will bring comfort to the wounded heart.

—Ex-Congressman H. Dudley Coleman has returned from Washington, D. C., where he so faithfully served his party and State during the past two years. It was mainly through his influence that Dr. Mullan was appointed an Examining Surgeon of the U. S. Pension Department, as we noted in another column. It was a very fitting appointment, for which our people extend their gratitude to him.

—Rev. Pierre Landry, Presiding Elder of the South New Orleans District, has returned from a tour among some of his country churches, and brings in encouraging reports from nearly every point. Glorious revivals were in progress at Woodlawn, Napoleonville, Beat-tieville, Houma, and at nearly every charge. He is now holding conferences here. He speaks in high terms of the warm and generous reception extended him everywhere.

—Rev. Dr. Thirkield's little boy, who has been very sick with pneumonia, at the doctor's home, Atlanta, Ga., we are glad to know is now convalescent.

—His many friends and our people generally will rejoice to learn that Dr. Isaiah E. Mullan, the very efficient acting Dean of the New Orleans University Medical School, has been appointed an examining surgeon of the United States, for the Pension Bureau in this city. The appointment is one that any first class physician might well covet. And what is specially gratifying in this connection is the fact that it comes to the Doctor as a reward of his high merit, and not by virtue of any efforts on his part. While this is an appointment of very honorable medical distinction, we are glad to learn that it will not interfere with the Doctor's practice, nor with his relation to our medical school. Dr. Mullan is a native of Natchez, Miss., but he came here when quite young, and was raised in this city. He graduated in the first class that graduated in the classical course from the New Orleans University. After occupying the chair of ancient languages in his Alma Mater for a year or two he entered Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and graduated with high honors. He then settled to a very fine practice in Holmesville, Miss., after passing a most rigid examination before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Examiners. During the past two years he has been the acting Dean of our medical school in this city. He enjoys the proud distinction of being the only Negro in the world that occupies such a position. In addition to this he has succeeded in a very short time in establishing as wide and lucrative a practice as any physician among our people in this city. A poor boy, with but few friends, by his own sturdy efforts and resolute determination he has succeeded in pushing himself to the very front rank among the men of mark in this country. Our people are proud, justly proud of him.

The Texas and Pacific Railway.

Owing to the break in levee at Company Canal trains on this road will run via Mississippi Valley road and Baton Rouge until further notice. Passengers for points on T. and P. and all points in Texas, Colorado, California and Mexico will take train at Mississippi Valley depot at 8:30 a. m., where the ticket agent and baggage master of the Texas and Pacific will be in attendance. The 3:50 p. m. train, local, is discontinued.

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Homiletics.

We've no abiding city here,
But seek a city out of sight;
Thither our steady course we steer,
Aspiring to the plains of light,
Jerusalem, the saints' abode,
Whose founder is the living God.
—Charles Wesley.

Take my soul and body's powers;
Take my memory, mind, and will;
All my goods and all my hours;
All I know and all I feel;
All I think, or speak, or do;
Take my heart and make it new.
—Charles Wesley.

Close by Thy side still may I keep,
Howe'er life's various currents flow;
With steadfast eye mark every step,
And follow where my Lord doth go.
—JOHN WESLEY.

Let us this day use all the power
we have! If we have enough, well;
if not, let us this day expect a fresh
supply.—John Wesley.

We must, we must, you and I, at
least, be all devoted to God! Thou
wives, and sons, and daughters,
and everything else, will be real,
invaluable blessings.—John Wesley.

You judge right. If the people
were more alive to God, they would
be more liberal. There is money
enough. But they are not strait-
ened in their own bowels.—John
Wesley.

You have nothing to do with the
things that are behind; the prize
and the crown are before you. So
run, that you may obtain; desiring
only to apprehend that for which
you are apprehended of Christ Je-
sus.—John Wesley.

Beware of sins of omission. Lose
no opportunity of doing good of
any kind. Give no place to indo-
lence. Lose no shrod of time. Do
not talk much; neither long at a
time; few can converse profitably
above an hour.—John Wesley.

I am not afraid that the people
called Methodists should ever cease
to exist. But I am afraid, lest they
should only exist as a dead sect,
having the form of religion without
the power. And this will, undoubt-
edly, be the case, unless they hold
fast both the doctrine, spirit, and
discipline with which they set out.
Will you do this? What? Road:
"Send portions unto them for whom
nothing is provided." Are you
planning something nice for those
for whom nothing is provided, that
widow and her children—that poor
family? Do not let them be over-
looked. "Send portions."—Selected.

Will you surely do it? What?
Why, gather the members of your
family together at Christmas, and
have a good time, looking well
after the dear children. We mean
an intelligent christian time, so
that on Christmas night you will
have no ugly dreams.—Selected.

Will you be a Daniel? In what
respect? Consult the record! "Now
Daniel purposed in his heart that
he would not defile himself with
the portion of the king's meat."
He had a salvation that amounted
to something. You will be solici-
tous to partake of holiday meat
that will defile you if you eat of it.
"Dare to be a Daniel."—Selected.

A divided heart.—In every age
and country, there are some found
with divided hearts on the subject
of religion. Such was Hiram, king
of Tyre, who, while he blessed the
Lord that Solomon was king, and
gladly traded with him for some of
the materials for building a temple
to Jehovah, also contributed one
hundred talents of gold towards
its erection; and yet, in his own
country, he dedicated a golden pil-
lar to Jupiter, built the temples of
Hercules and Astarte (the Ashta-
roth of the Sidonians), and enriched
the shrines of the god and goddess
by valuable gifts. So there are
some people now who appear very
religious at times, and yet their
hearts go after covetousness, and
they are quite at home in the cir-
cles of the gay, and in the indul-
gence of sinful pleasures.—Selected.

Sermon.

Hymns 362, 369, 393. Scriptural
lesson, Lk 14. Text, Luke 13, 18.

And they all with one consent
began to make excuse.

Introduction, The first verse of
the chapter tells us that the words
of the text were spoken in the
house of one of the chief Pharisees.

Jesus we suppose had been in-
vited there to eat bread on the
Sabbath.

While there he healed a man who
had the dropsy, on the Sabbath,
and thus showed the people that
works of mercy could be done on
that day.

When Jesus, after saying many
other important things, gave them
another parable.

The purpose of the parable was
to show the spiritual purpose of
the gospel invitation.

A man made a great feast, or
supper, and invited many to come.
But strange to say, "They all with
one consent began to make excuse."

The first said I have bought a
piece of ground, and must needs go
and see it; I pray thee have me
excused.

This was a worthless excuse, for
a wise man would not buy land
without seeing it, and certainly the
land would not disappear, nor be
stolen if he waited for a day.

The second said, "I have bought
five yoke of oxen and I go to prove
them; I pray thee have me excused."

This second excuse was more
worthless than the first. For the
oxen could be proved any day.
There was no reason for haste.

The third said, "I have married
a wife, and therefore I cannot come."
This was the worst excuse of all
for his wife would gladly have
gone with her husband.

These excuses are like those
which sinners offer for their not
coming to the Gospel feast.

No sinner has a good excuse, for
staying away.

Let us notice some of the most
common.

(a) The sinner says I have not
feeling enough.

It is not feeling that is re-
quired. If the sinner hears the
invitation he ought to come.

(b) The sinner says, I don't know
what to do, I don't know how to
come.

The first thing to do is to stop
sinning.—The second is to turn to
God and ask his forgiveness.—The
youngest and most ignorant sinner
can do all this.

(c) The sinner says I am too
great a sinner.

But Jesus invites great sinners,
he came into this world on purpose
to save great sinners. He has
already saved many great sinners.

(d) The sinner says, "I tried once
and failed."

In all earthly affairs when we do
not succeed the first time we try,
we try again.

(e) The sinner says, my compan-
ions will laugh at me.

Sinners laughed at Jesus and
mocked him even while he was on
the cross, but he prayed for them.
Sinners will only laugh and mock
for a little time and then they will
be lost forever.

Fear God and not man.

(f) The sinner says, I am afraid
I shall not hold out if I start.

It is always harder starting than
holding out.

God will help those who try to
serve him.

The devil and the sinner's weak
troubled heart puts these excuses
in the months of converted sinners.

They do not come from any good
source.

They are all worthless.

They will all fail at the hour of
death.

The sinner will not dare to offer
one to the Judge on the throne at
the judgment day.

The sinner must cast aside all
these vain excuses, and come at
once to Jesus, and he will find the
feast ready. He will be called for
in life and in death and to all eter-
nity.

Come then for all things are now
ready.

There seemed to be some uncertainty
about the proper means of curing ca-
tarrh, but it has been found that Old
Sage's Catarrh Cure does the work at
once and permanently.

Schools and Colleges.

New Orleans University as Seen
by a Northerner.

The editor of the *Inland Chris-
tian Advocate*, Des Moines, Iowa,
writes the following in his paper:

At the head of the splendid fac-
ulty of this university is Dr. Ad-
kinson, a man of sweet spirit, firm
purpose, and rare qualities of both
head and heart, peculiarly qual-
ified for his trying position, and
loved and respected by all the
students without exception. He
rules the whole school in quietness
and firmness, and with the absence
of everything like a dictatorial spirit.
He rules in love. His commands
uttered in a mild voice are under-
stood to be law, and there is to all
appearances, as well as in fact,
perfect order and splendid disci-
pline.

Dr. Adkinson's wife is an admir-
able christian lady, and a woman
of rare qualities for the position
she is called to fill. All through
the home, and school, there is a
marked neatness, and cleanliness,
which reveal the fact that a splen-
did mind is at the head of the
whole department in the person of
the president's wife.

Two persons better fitted for the
places they occupy could scarcely
be found in the whole church, and
the wisdom of their choice for the
place is evinced in the fact that
the school is growing remarkably
and is doing a grand work. New
students are coming in constantly,
and in a little while they will be
crowded for room.

The students, more than 400 in
number are a bright company of
young men and women, and when
they go out to honorable positions
in the states adjoining, they will
reflect great credit upon the uni-
versity.

The various industrial depart-
ments are well sustained, and are
doing much toward solving the
problem of position of the colored
man in the industrial world. Each
department is superintended by a
competent man and the students
take great interest in learning the
various trades taught here.

Bishop Mallalieu has his home
here in the house used by the pres-
ident, and boards with the faculty
and students in the dining hall.

He has the medical department
of the university on his heart, and
is trying faithfully to put its sup-
port on the heart of the church.

Money put into this work is wisely
invested, and we bespeak for this
work a practical support on the
part of the great church.

Some men of means could not
build for himself a grander moun-
tment than to put \$25,000 into the
medical department of the New
Orleans University and thus aid
in lifting hundreds of young men
to lucrative positions, and in the
future to where they can give back
to our Southern work some gen-
erous benefactions.

Our Freedmen's Aid and South-
ern Education Society is doing a
noble work in the South, and
nowhere better than in New Or-
leans. The church cannot do better
than to give right hearty support
to this arm of the church's benev-
olence, and multiply its ability to
do still greater work towards lift-
ing a race, so little removed from
the galling chains of an awful
slavery.

In our land there are 365 colleges,
with 64,086 students; 145 theologi-
cal seminaries, with 4,921 students;
162 commercial colleges, with 27,146
students; 83 scientific schools, with
11,584 students; 48 law schools,
with 3,134 students, and 120 medi-
cal schools, with 14,000 students.

The public school population is
16,000,000, of whom 10,000,000 are
enrolled and 6,000,000 are in at-
tendance at a cost of \$100,000,000.

A full-blooded Sioux Indian has
just graduated in medicine at the
Boston University.

Miss Kate Drexel, the daughter
of the late Francis A. Drexel, a well
known Philadelphia banker who
two years ago entered the convent
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years ago, an obscure country
physician. In 1880 he was called
to Berlin as a member of the Met-
ropolitan Sanitary Commission and
professor in the Royal School of
Medicine, and all his wonderful
discoveries have followed since. He
has been a fresh and ruddy student,
hardly looking his forty-seven years.

Mr. Daniel Hand, who two years
ago gave a million dollars and more
to help on the educational uplift-
ing of the colored people in the
South, giving it in trust to the
American Missionary Association,
is now ninety years of age, and is
said to be taking the deepest kind
of satisfaction in the thought of
the beneficent working of this
Hand Fund.

President Thwing put one point
very admirably in his inaugural
address at Western Reserve Uni-
versity last week. He said:

"The graduate should know
enough about some things to de-
serve to be called thorough; he
should know enough about all
things not to be called narrow."

"Mrs. Jones sits at the window all day
as placid as a May morning, and her five
small children play hide and seek on the
back stairs." "No wonder! She uses
Salvation Oil for sprains and cuts."

E. E. COOPER, of the Indianap-
olis Freeman, will tell the Colored
Press Association "How to make
Afro-American journals pay." Presi-
dent Mitchell could not have more
appropriately assigned the task.

Editor Cooper has passed master in
beating out his confederates of their
advertising dues. He ought to
be able to tell how to make a news-
paper pay. He is one of the "Tou
Groatost Negroes." He opened the
ballot box too.—Crusader.

Has he beaten you, too? Since
"misery loves company" we were
glad to know that we were not his
only victim. He has beaten us to the

too long
deluded—the unhappy victim of
catarrh in the head. He's been
told that it can't be cured. Don't
you believe it. It can be, and it
is—no matter how bad or of how
long standing. It has been done
for thousands—by Dr. Sage's Ca-
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this cures for all time. By its mild,
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of catarrh which they cannot cure.
They are able to pay it. Are you
able to take it?

The symptoms of catarrh are,
headache, obstruction of nose, dis-
charges falling into throat, some-
times profuse, watery, and acid, at
others, thick, tenacious, mucous,
purulent, bloody, putrid and offen-
sive; eyes weak, ringing in ears,
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The bill has existed for over two
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I HAVE been a sufferer from catarrh
for 20 years. I found immediate relief
in the use of Ely's Cream Balm. Since
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from headache, sore throat, or loss of
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caused by catarrh. I consider your
Balm a valuable remedy.—R. G. Vassar,
56 Warren street, New York.

Women in the General Con-
ference.

MINISTERIAL VOTE.	FOR.	AGAINST.
Last report.....	543	766
Kansas.....	87	35
Washington.....	50	69
Central Missouri.....	27	23
Central Pennsylvania.....	55	134
	762	1,027

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THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD.

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet
The brave and daring few.
On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

No answer of the foe's advance
Nor swells upon the wind,
No troubled thought at midnight
Haunts

Of loved ones left behind;
No vision of the morrow's strife
The warrior's dream alarms;
No baying horn or screaming file.
At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shivered swords are red with rust,
Their plumed heads are bowed;
Their haughty banner trailed in dust
Is now their martial shroud,
And plenteous funeral tears have
washed

The red stains from each brow,
And their proud form in battle gashed
Are free from anguish now.

The neighing steed, the flashing blade,
The trumpet's stirring blast,
The charge, the dreadful cannonade,
The din and shout are passed;
Nor war's wild note, nor glory's peal,
Shall thrill with fierce delight
Those breasts that never more shall
feel

The rapture of the fight.

Like the dread Northern hurricane
That sweeps his broad plateau,
Flushed with the triumph yet to gain
Came down the serried foe;
Our heroes felt the shock, and leapt
To meet them on the plain;
And long the pitying sky hath wept
Above our gallant slain.

Sons of our consecrated ground,
Ye must not slumber there,
Where stranger steps and tongues re-
sound

Along the heedless air.
Your own proud land's heroic soil
Shall be your fitter grave;
She claims from War his richest spoil,
The ashes of her brave.

So 'neath their parent turf they rest,
Far from the gory field;
Borne to a Spartan mother's breast
On many a bloody shield;
The sunshine of their native sky
Smiles sadly on them here,
And kindred hearts and eyes watch by
The hero's sepulchre.

Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead!
Dear as the blood you gave,
No impious footsteps here shall tread
The herbage of your grave;
Nor shall your glory be forgot
While fame her record keeps,
Or Honor points the hallowed spot
Where Valor proudly sleeps.

Yon marble minstrel's voiceless stone
In deathless songs shall tell,
When many a vanished age hath flown,
The story how he fell;
Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight
Nor time's remorseless doom,
Shall dim one ray of holy light
That gilds your glorious tomb.

The Household.

FRIED BREAD.—One beaten egg,
one cup of water; this is enough
liquid for six or seven slices of
bread; dip them, quickly wetting
both sides, and fry a light brown
in hot grease; this is a splendid
way to use up dry bread.

GRATED HAM.—Omit a large piece
from the thickest portion of a boiled
ham, trim off the fat, grate the lean
part and put in the center of a
platter. Slice small bits of the fat
and lay them around the edge with
some tender lettuce hearts and
serve for supper or innob. When
lettuce is not easily obtained bor-
der with thin slices of lemon. Cir-
cles of pickled beets are not an
unattractive garnish.

SWEET BREAD CROQUETTES.—
Parboil two pair of sweet breads,
out in small pieces, with a dozen
mushrooms; put one and a half
ounces of butter in a saucepan, let
bubble, and stir in two ounces of
flour; mix and cook until done;
then pour in a gill of soup stock,
let boil, add the chopped sweet
breads, and stir over the fire until
thoroughly heated; take from the
fire, add the beaten yolks of two
eggs, return to the fire long enough
to set without boiling; let cool and
form into croquettes, roll in cracker
crumbs, then dip in beaten egg,
then in the crumbs again, and fry
in boiling lard.

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Our Symposium.

The Behring Sea Dispute.
For seventy years the seal fish-
eries of Behring Sea have been the
subject of international contention
and of endless diplomatic negotia-
tion. The earliest dispute followed
close upon Russia's assertion in
1821 of extraordinary jurisdiction
over the waters of Behring Sea
and the Pacific Ocean, and though
the present controversy between
the United States and Great Brit-
ain is of but four years' standing,
the issues involved in the original
episode are in a broad sense the
issues of today.

Russia evoked vigorous protests
from the United States and Great
Britain by the publication of an
edict placing restrictions upon "the
pursuits of commerce, whaling, and
fishing, and of all other industry,"
in the waters of Behring Sea and
in the Pacific Ocean beyond a mar-
ine league from shore, the limit
fixed by international law as the
extent of the maritime sovereignty
of any power. At that time the
territorial division of Alaska be-
longed to Russia, and the limits of
Behring Sea were marked on all
sides by Russian possessions, in-
cluding the chain of Aleutian Is-
lands on the south. The United
States has drawn an equally vigor-
ous remonstrance from Great Brit-
ain by an attempt to maintain, for
the protection of the seal fisheries
of Alaska, a maritime jurisdiction
in all the waters of the Eastern
half of Behring Sea. The negotia-
tions now pending between the
United States and Great Britain
have for their object the determi-
nation of the vexed questions as to
the jurisdictional rights of the
United States beyond a maritime
league from the shores of Alaska
and as a collateral issue the legal-
ity of the seizure in Behring Sea
of British vessels discovered by
United States revenue cruisers in
act of pelagic sealing outside the
three mile limit. There is every
indication that all the contentions
in the case will ultimately be set
at rest by arbitration.—W. L.
Crouse, in *Harper's Weekly*.

Reciprocity With Canada.
The disposition of this country
was never more favorable to closer
relations with Canada than it is
now, and a final settlement of the
seal trouble, which cannot be longer
delayed, would greatly facilitate
an understanding which would be
mutually beneficial. It is evident
that in promoting a sentiment of
reciprocity Mr. Blaine has touched
a popular feeling.—*Harper's Weekly*.

DON'T GIVE UP

The use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. One bottle
may not cure "right off" a complaint of
years; persist until a cure is effected. As a
general rule, improvement follows shortly
after beginning the use of this medicine.
With many people, the effect is immediately
noticeable; but some constitutions are less
susceptible to medicinal influences than
others, and the curative process may, there-
fore, in such cases, be less prompt. Persever-
ance in using this remedy is sure of its
reward at last. Sooner or later, the most
stubborn blood diseases yield to

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"For several years, in the spring months,
I used to be troubled with a drowsy, tired
feeling, and a dull pain in the small of my
back, so that I could not go to work, and
being able to walk, the least exertion
causing me severe distress. Frequently,
boils and rashes would break out on various
parts of the body. By the advice of friends
and my family physician, I began the use of
Ayer's Sarsaparilla and continued it till the
poison in my blood was thoroughly eradicated."
—L. W. English, Newbury City, Mo.
"My system was all run down; I tried various
remedies, and while some of them gave me
temporary relief, none of them did any per-
manent good. At last I began to take
Ayer's Sarsaparilla, continuing it exclusiv-
ely for a considerable time, and am pleased
to say that it completely

Cured Me.

I presume my liver was very much out of
order, and the blood impure in consequence.
I feel that I cannot too highly recommend
Ayer's Sarsaparilla to any one afflicted as I
was."—Mrs. N. A. Smith, Glover, Vt.
"For years I suffered from scrofula and
blood diseases. The doctors' prescriptions
and several so-called blood-purifiers being of
no avail, I was at last advised by a friend to
try Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I did so, and now
feel like a new man, being fully restored to
health."—C. N. Frink, Decorah, Iowa.

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Public worship, Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
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Your Niece,
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Dear Uncle Cephas: I want to answer the question that was asked by J. H. L. Haynes, of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. The middle verse of the Bible is the first verse in the 127th Psalm. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." I want to ask one question: Who ate the fish, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic?

Your Nephew,
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Twelve buildings were destroyed by fire Monday night March 9 in the square bounded by Onstomhouse, Bienville, Prieur and John-son streets, the fire originating in the premises 366 Bienville.

The 8,000,000 Negroes in this country will have only one representative in the next congress, the Hon. Henry P. Cheatham of North Carolina.

Rome is said to be growing faster than any other European city.

A troop of cavalry will guard Sherman's grave for six months. General Howard says that at the close of the war General Sherman could probably call 5,000 officers by name.

It is reported that General Sherman once declined an offer of \$10,000 a year to contribute regularly to a Grand Army paper.

It is said that the idea of raising the Stars and Stripes over the school houses of our country originated with General Sherman.

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An association has been formed in Washington to honor the memory of Gen. F. E. Spinner, who, by his action in introducing women into various grades of Government service, paved the way for their continued employment, not only in government offices, but in many other places of business.

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FIRST QUARTER.—TEMPERANCE
LESSON. Isa. 5. 11-23. Mar. 29, 1891.
Commit to memory verses 21, 20. B. C. 760.

11. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!
12. And the harp and the viol, the tabret and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:
16. But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17. Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

18. Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart-ropes:

19. That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

20. Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put the bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:
23. Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

HOME READINGS.
M. Isa. 5. 11-23. Th. Lev. 10. 1-11. W. Psa. 1. 1-6. Th. Prov. 1. 20-33. F. Jer. 5. 1-6. S. Hos. 4. 1-9. S. Eph. 5. 11-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.
My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hos. 4. 5.)

LESSON HYMN, L. M.
Bondage and death the cup contains;
Dash to the earth the poisoned bowl!
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Spare, Lord, the thoughtless, guide the blind,
Till man no more shall deem it just
To live by forging chains to bind
His weaker brother in the dust.

Hosannas, Lord, to thee we sing,
Whose power the giant fiend obeys;
What countless thousands tribute bring,
For happier homes and brighter days!

Time—About B. C. 760.
Place—Probably Jerusalem.
Rulers—Azariah, King of Judah; Pekah, King of Israel.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY
1. The Drunkard's Feast, v. 11, 12, 22, 23.

Upon what early risers is woe pronounced?
What music do they have at their feasts?

For whom have they no regard?
What doom is in store for all such? (See Psa. 28. 5.)

Upon what mighty men is there a woe?
Of what injustice are they guilty?

How does God regard such people? (Prov. 17. 15.)

2. The Drunkard's Woe, v. 13, 21.
Why did captivity come to God's people?

What happened to their men of honor and the multitude?
What is said of their doom?

Who would be humbled in that day?
Who would then be exalted?

What is said of the waste places?
What is said of such as sin with vanity and boldness?

What challenge did they give to the Almighty?
What woe is pronounced on those who pervert language?

What upon the wise and prudent?
What is a wise man's warning against self-conceit? (Prov. 3. 7.)

How may we avoid the drunkard's woe? (Prov. 23. 31.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.
Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That wine drinking is a curse?
2. That drunkenness leads to other vices?

3. That God will surely punish the drunkard?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.
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1. On whom does the prophet pronounce a woe? On those that follow strong drink.

2. On whom is a second woe pronounced? On those that justify sin.

3. On whom is a third woe pronounced? On those who will not be taught their duty.

4. On whom is a fourth woe pronounced? On those that justify wickedness for a reward.

Doctrinal suggestion—The holiness of God.

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Also, March 2, Mr. J. F. Gray to Miss Mattie White.

Mr. W. F. Fairley to Miss Lula White. Rev. J. J. Evens officiated.

Newton Station, Miss.—Mr. John Wells and Miss Amanda Beall. Rev. P. Blue officiated.

Minola, Tex.—Feb. 26, at Cedar Tree Church, Mr. Clark to Miss Martha Dene. Rev. A. Williams officiated.

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R. H. Patton.

Hazlehurst, Miss.—Sister Rachel Turner, aged 17 years, a member of the M. E. Church, died in Franklin county, Va., after a protracted illness of nearly two years. She died satisfied that heaven was her future home. She leaves a mother, father, three sisters and four brothers. She was beloved by all who knew her.

James W. Wells.

Meadville, Miss.—Sister Eliza Middleton's two little boys, after three weeks illness, both died the same day and were hurried side by side. One was 2 and the other 9 years old.

W. N. G. Lipscomb, P. C.

Rockwood, Tenn.—Miss Lula J. Zellender, wife of Rev. J. W. Zellender, a member of the East Tennessee Conference, after a long and painful illness, departed this life in full triumph of faith, at Rockwood, Tenn., March 7. She was married to Rev. J. W. Zellender May 16, 1888, and lived a faithful and loving wife up to death. The remains were taken to Philadelphia, Tenn., for burial. May the gracious Comforter support and comfort the bereaved husband.

A Friend.

Anderson, Tex.—Bro. Robert Anderson, one of the oldest members of this circuit, and the father of the Methodist Church here, fell asleep in Christ Feb. 16. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss.

J. Jones, P. C.

Sister Sarah Rankin departed this life Jan. 27. She died in full triumph of faith. She leaves many friends to mourn her loss.

Sister Lizzie Nerby died Feb. 11. She called them all around her bed and told them to meet her in heaven. She died shouting.

A. W. Randolph, P. C.

Houston, Texas.—Bro. James Modock fell asleep March 5, 1891, aged 66 years. He was called from labor to reward at 7 a. m. He was a member of the M. E. Church for a good many years. He leaves a wife, seven children, nineteen grand-children and a good many friends to mourn his loss.

M. H. Robinson, P. C.

Eola, La.—March 9, Sister Edmonia Waddy, aged 17 years, departed this life. She had been a faithful member of Eola M. E. Church for nine months. Thank God, after four weeks suffering, she died the death of the righteous. Her last words were, "Stand back, Death, and don't be too fast, but wait until that man who is riding that white horse comes in, and I will soon join the saints above." She leaves a father, mother, three sisters, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

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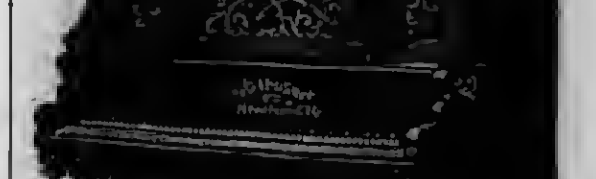
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THE SOUL IS FREE.

"No chains can bind it, and no cell enclose,
Swifter than light it flies from pole to pole,
And in a flash from earth to heaven it goes;
It leaps from mount to mount, from vale to vale;
It wanders, plucking honeyed fruits and flowers."

PUSH the revival work, brethren.

LET us hear of a glorious revival on every charge, and salvation in every home. Let us have less wranglings and more revivals.

EVERY boy and girl, and all the grown people, should be enrolled and attend the Sunday schools. Crowd the Sunday schools. Search the Scriptures. They testify of Christ.

Mr. Henry Adams, of this city, now employed in the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., in a letter enclosing his subscription, says: "I don't want to miss a copy. I like the paper so very much. It is a good, strong and able one."

THE Western wants to know whether the mourners' bench has played out or not. In our section of the church, it is the seat of greatest prominence, after the pulpit, and the amen corners, which are often transformed into mourners' benches.

THE Semi-centennial number, March 12, 1891, of the *Northern Christian Advocate*, is a real credit to its brilliant and successful history. It is full of good things; among them a sketch and picture of Drs. F. G. Hibbard, Wm. Hooper, Nelson Rounds, Isaac S. Bingham, D. D. Love, former editors, and Dr. O. H. Warren, the present very efficient editor. Continued success to you, Bro. Warren.

A CORRESPONDENT, in writing of the Italian massacre in this city, March 14, remarks very pertinently: "Mob-law is seldom, if ever, justifiable—in a democracy never. The people must govern. If they put the government in bad hands, they are to blame. If saloons are to rule the nation; the people will it. If we are having courts that are venial, and laws that are oppressive, the people can change it if they will. Moths minister to passion, are unreasoning and unreasonable. Our country has been disgraced by them. And 'having sown the wind, may we not reap the whirlwind?' The SOUTHWESTERN hold on its way, and I hope is spreading its influence wider and wider, as it deserves a place in every Methodist family among our people."

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

My Visit to Calvin Fairbank.

BY REV. T. COTTON.

It would give me pleasure to know that I had aided in the least degree to bring about, the reign of harmony and good will, between the white and colored races, and strengthen the bond of human brotherhood.

To this end I would suggest to our colored friends, that so far as practicable, they inform themselves concerning the noble white men, and women, who have labored, suffered and died for the freedom and elevation of the colored race.

Concerning these, irrespective of the valiant host which perished on the battlefield, we may say that their names are legion and they constitute a noble army of martyrs. Among the few of that class of heroes and martyrs who still survive, is the Rev. Calvin Fairbank, now something over seventy years of age and residing in Angelica, New York. He was a Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and while preaching and teaching in Kentucky, about forty-five years ago, was arrested, tried, and convicted, and suffered two terms in the penitentiary on a charge of aiding slaves to escape; the second term was for fifteen years.

It was towards the close of this second term, that I visited him, an experience I can never forget. It was late in the fall of 1862, I was then, the chaplain of an Illinois regiment, and was left in Frankfort, Ky., in charge of a squad of sick soldiers.

Many years before, I had heard and read something about Fairbank, and his imprisonment, but it was so long ago that it seemed more like a myth or legend than reality.

It occurred to me all of a sudden that this was the place; and I proposed to the hospital steward, an old time Abolitionist, that we go to the prison and make some inquiries.

Accordingly we knocked at the inner gate and the burly guard presented himself rifle in hand. Is there any record of Calvin Fairbank being confined here? I enquired. A nigger thief! Enquired the guard. I suppose that is what you call him was my reply. O yes, said the guard he is here now. Can we see him? Yes, I reckon maybe the Cunnell would let you see him and as he opened the gate, we passed into the prison yard and were introduced to Mr. Whitesides the assistant warden to whom we stated our wishes. He spoke to a convict, "go to the shoe shop and tell Fairbank to come here."

In a few moments the living martyr, the christian minister and scholar, who had endured eleven years of the most cruel imprisonment stood before us, gazing at the visitors with intense interest. Their on of the prison had entered deeply into both soul and body. Our conversation was of course brief and not so free if the presence of the warden, as it would otherwise have been. Fairbank made some enquiries concerning a Lieutenant who had made some efforts to draw the attention of Gov. Robinson to the case, and the governor had promised on condition of certain things being proved concerning the trial, to set Fairbank at liberty.

I left the prison resolved to try what influence I could have with the governor, but was almost immediately ordered to my regiment by General Dumont, and amid the weariness and excitement of army life, the case was partly forgotten, and after my return home I supposed that in the mighty sweep of events, and the changes wrought by the war Fairbank had been restored to liberty; but although

Governor Bramlett came into office with high sounding professions of Unionism it was nearly two years longer before our anti-slavery hero and martyr, was released from his horrible prison; and for this he was indebted to the humanity of a brave soldier Colonel Jacobs, who, happening to be Lieutenant Governor at the time seized the opportunity in the absence of Bramlett to open the prison doors and let the oppressed go free. The recital of the atrocious ornet's, the tortures and indignities heaped on this friend of the slave, through all these dreadful years, is enough to cause the blood in any American freeman's veins to curdle with horror and disgust, or boil with righteous rage.

He had been burdened with impossible tasks and had received nearly forty thousand blows of the strap on his bare body.

During many years after his release he endeavored to obtain means for the publication of his book, and through the generous aid given him by our own Chaplain McCabe and Dr. G. W. Gray, he has at length succeeded. It is entitled "How the Way was Prepared," and is issued at the moderate price of 75 cents, by the Patriotic Publishing Company, 134 Dearborn street, Chicago. I should be glad if many readers of the SOUTHWESTERN would send for the book, and read carefully its thrilling contents, it will help them to understand at what a cost of suffering, the way of freedom was prepared by its heroic friends, and martyrs of the past.

About a year ago, I wrote a sketch similar to this, which appeared in the N. Y. *Independent*, and soon after received a grateful note from Mr. Fairbank, in which he says, "I was greatly surprised to find that you of whom I had thought thousands of times after twenty-seven years, are still on this side the gates."

Thus the white man shared the black man's bitter cup, and drank the very dregs of its toil, and torture and ignorance, for Christ and his oppressed ones.
Purdy, Tenn.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Notes from Nashville.

The friends of Hon. T. H. Caldwell of Shelbyville, will be pained to hear of his death at Shelbyville, his home, on the 10th of this month. He was one of the original trustees of the Central Tennessee College, and has held the office of president or vice-president, nearly ever since the organization of the Board in 1866. He was a firm union man during the war and at its close became an earnest member of the M. E. Church. He aided very greatly in the upbuilding of the church in Shelbyville and its vicinity. He was at one time Attorney General of the State, was a lawyer of acknowledged ability, and has frequently occupied the bench in important cases. He has been a warm friend to the college and has been its legal counselor since its organization. He was a man of strong convictions, and with the courage to openly avow them, whenever necessary. His work for the Sunday school cause in his county was very valuable. He will be missed in his community, in the church, and in the college where he has so long acted with earnest fidelity. We are having quite a revival spirit in some of the churches in Nashville. At Clark Chapel, pastor Rev. H. H. White, over seventy conversions; at Seay Chapel, pastor Rev. W. H. Vaughn, over sixty conversions. The pastor at Murfreesboro, Rev. C. B. Willson, reports twenty-six conversions and the meeting still going on with interest. Other churches

in the city and vicinity are sharing in the revival spirit. The Legislature, contrary to the general impression among the colored people, has passed the "Separate Car Bill," which requires the colored people to travel in special cars.

In some respects this will be an advantage to the colored people, if the railroads will put on a decent car for them, as heretofore they have been compelled to ride in the smoking car, and often with a vile set of drinking, smoking rongs, and compelled to endure the stench of bad whiskey and miserable tobacco, and conversations that were hardly fit for the slums. We have had at the Central Tennessee College quite a number of conversions; rooms remain crowded, and the indications of increased interest in education among the colored people is quite evident. The question is still asked here occasionally by lecturers, "What shall we do with the colored people?" Would it not be well to ask another question, "What will the colored people do with us, and the country? If we judge the future by the past, we may take it for granted that the colored people will have quite an influence in the future history of this nation. For nearly two hundred years they shaped the legislation for us in our State and National Legislatures, they gave tone to the pulpit in the North and in the South, they controlled the school system of the South and prevented the poor class of whites from acquiring an education which they had a right to receive in the public schools; they largely controlled the social life of the South, they made it necessary for the country to be patrolled by watchmen at night, in order to keep them in what was supposed to be necessary subjection; from the number of mulattoes in the country they evidently lowered the standard of social purity; they eventually became the cause of contention which deluged our land in blood. If they have done this for the country in the past, what they will do for us in the future depends upon the character which they shall receive from the treatment which they may have from the whites, and their opportunities to secure the just fruits of their labors, the educational advantages, and moral and religious culture which they may have the opportunity to acquire.

J. BRADEN.
Central Tennessee College.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Central Alabama Conference.

A. N. JACKSON.

During the recent session of our conference a discussion arose over receiving an applicant from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, during which one of the opponents claimed (but didn't state wherein) that the conference had been harmed by the great influx from other churches to ours. As to whether or not this whole sale accession has been an injury or a benefit, facts alone can be the only basis on which a fair conclusion can be reached. For about twelve years the Central Alabama Conference was composed of four districts, confined continually to the same territory, without any apparent prospects of a spread.

If the benevolent collections ran up to three or four hundred dollars it was considered a remarkable good showing. Missionary and Church Extension money was lavishly expended upon the work with meagre returns. About five years ago, by the influence of the writer, there was a break from the other churches to ours, and about three years ago the fifth district was formed by Bishop Mallien,

composed entirely (with two or three poor exceptions) of new work, and one of the new men placed in charge of it, and having under him mostly new and inexperienced men in the work of our church, and in a territory of the most intense opposition. Now, a little comparison: Take the Huntsville district, and in its fifteenth year (its real age being about twenty years), it reports for all purposes, benevolent collections \$128.50 and the Montgomery district in its third year \$102 leaving a balance of only \$26.50 in favor of the district twelve years its senior. Making an average of the last collections by the age of these two districts, and if they continue at the same ratio in the twelfth year hence, the new district would raise \$408 and the old \$102.80. Again, take St. Paul, Birmingham, about twenty years old which had two of the strongest original preachers of the conference to its pastorate during the past year, and only reported \$15 for all purposes, and Troy about four years old and a new man as pastor reports \$28 for the same purpose. Once more; ten of the strongest original men reported an aggregate of \$142, and the same number of new men reported \$235.35. This shows that ten men in their fourth year have raised \$143.35 more than a like number of original men in their fifteenth or twentieth year. I have not the means to get at the spiritual success, yet, doubtless it would follow suit with the financial results. If these brethren who so stoutly oppose applicants, were to consider the above facts, and really desire to see the work prosper, they would be more courteous to all—remembering that the church is known in the state to-day as never before, and naturally in the stampede to us, some unworthy ones may get in, but not to brand all as such, but sidetrack the unworthy as found out. Our work is gaining strength and influence and let it be encouraged. Instead of feeling elated over raising two or three hundred dollars as heretofore, we will soon see that a failure was made if thousands were not raised and souls saved in proportion—may God help us all in mission to do the great work of the church.
LaFayette, Ala.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

How to Manage a Church Successfully.

Read by Rev. F. T. Childs, before the New Orleans preacher's meeting, and published by its request.

First, Be punctual at every service, begin at the appointed time.

Second, Let the local preachers have their appointments arranged properly, allow the people to give them their text at times.

Fourth, Let each body of officers be their own sovereign.

Fifth, Announce from the pulpit the names of the sick, giving their street and number, then visit them yourself.

Sixth, Endeavor to have a new idea to put before your congregation at all services, so as to be broadening their views towards the progress of the work.

Seventh, In appointing the Conference Committees, do not only appoint members, but friends of the church.

So arrange it that all the returns for your benevolent moneys will be made before the fourth Sunday in May.

Eighth, Devise a plan with the District Steward so as to assess each class a certain amount, in order to pay the Presiding Elder at once.

Ninth, Attend the Sabbath school regularly and make your presence felt, so that the children may welcome you at all times. Meet the

Board and let nothing be accomplished without its order.

Tenth, With the Board, by the installment plan have the Sunday school Agent's money raised.

Organize a class of local preachers and exhorters in the school. Then teach them, if they fail to attend they do not recommend a renewal of the license.

Eleventh, Make your prayer-meeting a success by having a lay member open the meeting, then allow each leader to have a prayer-meeting to conduct

Church Polity.

Question 1. Where there is a local preacher, ordained or unordained, and his membership is in a certain church, is he not required, as other members of said church, to observe all the means of grace?

Q. 2. On failure to observe them is it not lawful to proceed in his case as in cases of other lay members? Would it be lawful to bring a charge against him for neglect of the means of grace, try him before a committee and expel him?

LAYMAN.

Answer 1. Most certainly.

A. 2. Yes. The only difference is in the fact that he must be tried by a committee of local preachers.

Q. 1. Can a convert become a full member under six months in church?

Q. 2. Can one become an officer in the church and try and expel full members?

A SUBSCRIBER.

A. 1. "Let no one be received into full membership in the church until such person has been at least six months on trial. Par. 36, Sec. 1, Discipline 1888.

A. 2. He cannot be an officer, except a trustee; and under no circumstances can one who is not a full member sit as a committee to try full members.

THE colored press is unanimous in its demand that the President appoint a colored jurist to one of the nine U. S. Circuit judgeships provided for under recent act of Congress. A petition to that effect has been presented to the President by a committee representing the Colored Press Association of the United States, and he has promised to give just and impartial consideration to the subject. He requested that proper names be presented to him. The demand for representation on the Columbian World's Fair Management also received encouraging responses from him. The colored people of this country are justly entitled to the representation here sought, they have the proper persons to recommend, and they ought to be pressed, and the President should appoint them. Let every American Negro and every impartial patriot unite in the demand. Let the proper names be presented.

THE Parnell disgrace continues in Irish affairs. The renowned Kilkenny cats fought till there was nothing left but their tails—and it wasn't very good weather for tails, either. It seems that history is about to repeat itself in the fight of the Irish factions. The millstone about the neck of Ireland is the Roman Catholic Church. Protestant Ireland is sober, prosperous, enlightened and contented. When Irishmen shake off the College of Italian Cardinals, that has ruled them since the days of St. Patrick, and practice the truths of Evangelical Christianity, they will have "Home Rule" indeed—but not until then.

WHENEVER Italy has thrown off the yoke of the papal hierarchy it has produced marvelous men—Garibaldi, the hero; Cavour and Mazzini, the statesmen; Giordano Bruno, the heretic; and Savonarola, the martyr.

Letters from the Districts.

To the Preachers of Paris District, Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren: The first district conference will convene at Bonham, Texas, April 30, 1891. Pastors and superintendents will see that each Sunday school sends a delegate on the 28th, which will be two days prior to the conference. We want each school represented and all the members of the Institute present, for the purpose of fixing a suitable time for the annual meetings. Let all the members of the district conference be present to co-operate with the Institute, to reach the best conclusions.

Prof. J. B. McCulloch, J. Smelser, A. L. Patterson, J. W. H. Moore and P. L. Jackson are hereby requested to serve as a committee on program for the Institute, and publish the same in the SOUTHWESTERN without delay. I ask this because those are near together. I hope the brethren did not fail to hold special Easter services, and that they realized a good sum of benevolent money. Please don't forget to do your best on Children's Day, also. It is best to take advantage of all these special days, and not to wait for "fall or winter. Try your best to report at least one-fourth of your benevolent collections at Bonham. I recommend also that you do your best for the blessed old SOUTHWESTERN, for she is your best friend. I have tried many papers, but nothing comes up to the good old SOUTHWESTERN. Ah, boys, when she lifeth up herself on the earth, she scorns the horse and rider. Of all good papers, the SOUTHWESTERN speaks better things for, and is the best friend to the M. E. Church than any other in the world.

I hope every pastor, local preacher, exhorter, superintendent, officer and member, will make a special donation for the early erection of that Grand Central (new) college building at Marshall, Tex. It is our own building. Why not give \$1 apiece and have it go right up? Pastors, let me stir you up on these matters. Let us forget ourselves and work for God and suffering humanity. How easy can all this be done if every one will lay hold and do his best.

Mr. Editor, I have not forgotten you; I am am doing my best. You see, I love you, because I don't owe you anything above 25 cents.

PROGRAM

For the first district conference, to be held at Bonham, Tex., April 30. Introductory sermon, A. Taylor. Missionary sermon, W. H. Jackson.

The successful pastor, W. B. Perry. Indebtedness of the district, P. Morgan.

How to get out of debt, P. L. Jackson.

Duties of officers, from pastors down to members, J. W. H. Moore. How to conduct revivals, F. Gilmore.

Origin of Methodism, W. J. Holland.

Church Extension, M. Littlejohn.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, L. Woodward.

Education, Wm. Bartley.

Woman's Home Missionary Society, DeWitt Frierson.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Ned Graham.

A divine call to preach, P. Frewett.

Conference claimants, P. H. Hailey.

Getting ready to preach, W. Pollard.

All others will select their own subjects. Don't forget day and date. Yours in abundant labors, P. MORGAN, P. E.

Consumption Surely Cured.

To the Editor:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for consumption. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. Address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St. N. Y.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return to contributors.

W. H. Perkins, Radford, Va.

We are getting along well on my work. My church will soon be finished. It will be one of the nicest in the East Tennessee conference. My second quarterly conference was held Feb. 28, and we had a grand time. A conference rally on Sunday, March 1, resulted in a collection of \$31.45. The Elder preached one of his old-time sermons. God bless Bro. Geo. T. Wright. All the people at Bell Springs fell in love with him. Paid the Elder, \$9.75; pastor, \$22.18. The SOUTHWESTERN brings good news to me every week.

Dr. Thirkield's Lecture on Our Ministry.

G. J. IZARD.

I wish to congratulate the Doctor for so many good things that he said for the race. Dr. Thirkield will live when his mortal body will have been destroyed by the worms of the earth. It is true, his place of business is at Atlanta, where also he remains personally, but he preaches and teaches everywhere. We are glad the old church has such men as he, and that he is bringing others along in his footsteps. Like the Doctor, I must say, we have too many men who are unable to tell the people what they need to know. Therefore, this class of brethren do not attempt to preach to the people what they need, but are all the time preaching to the people what they want. Like Bishop Warren, I say, let us not "fleece and make mention of the flocks, but feed them." Richmond, Texas.

W. Harmes, Jewett, Texas, proposes and requests that every pastor collect 25cts. from every member, and bring the same to the first district conference, for the purpose of buying a home for the Presiding Elder of that district.

The colored preachers of the city of Nashville, Tenn., met March 4, and organized themselves into a Preachers' Union. Rev. Jesse P. Price is president; Dr. Davis, of the C. M. E. Church, vice-president; Dr. Poody, of the First Baptist Church, treasurer; H. S. Howell, of the Christian Church, secretary; and G. C. Harden, corresponding secretary. By so doing they hope to bring our people into closer relation.

A very wise movement.

The annual report of the Elliot Avenue M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., shows that the trustees raised \$778.30, and the stewards \$723.25. Church benevolence, \$33.80. Membership, December, 1889, 120; increase, 38.

F. Smith, Cookeville, Tenn., is meeting with considerable success on his work, and he feels much encouraged.

Speaking of the celebration of Emancipation Day, Jan. 1, on his work, Rev. A. H. Newsom, of Lawrenceburg, N. C., says: "Emancipation Day is one that every Negro should take an active part in celebrating. While the white man boasts of the day of Independence, let the Negro boast of the day of Freedom. It's the day our fathers and mothers prayed for. Some of them are in their graves, while we are blessed with the light of freedom."

F. L. Teague, Marion, Ala.

We are enjoying another revival in Zion Chapel M. E. Church. Five converted and forty-five at the altar.

Owen Hyppsher, Bristol, Tenn.

A revival meeting at the Scott Street M. E. Church closed last night in the Odd Fellows' Hall. Meeting continued nineteen nights. Some times we had to stop the meeting for three nights at a time, but the interest never changed in the meeting. The members were greatly revived: 28 conversions and 27 joined the church. Many thanks to Revs. C. Boyd, Presiding

Elder; P. P. Brooks, of Abingdon, Va.; J. H. Butler, of Montgomery circuit; J. H. Burla, of this city; and T. M. Draper, local preacher from the Delaware Conference; for their timely assistance.

A. J. McNair, Shubuta, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference convened at Shubuta, Mt. Zion M. E. Church, March 14, 15. The quarter was quite interesting. Nearly all the quarterly conference members were present with written reports, which indicated progress. Nine have been received in the church, and three died during the quarter. Sunday was a season of joy to all present. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. M. Shumpert, preached two able sermons to a crowded house, and all rejoiced with joy unspeakable. The Lord's Supper was administered to 92 persons. Collection, \$27.05.

P. P. Thirkield, Hattiesburg, Miss.

On the night of the 17th of March I heard some melodious voices singing in the yard of the parsonage, and on opening the door I found a great number of Hattiesburg grandest ladies and gentlemen. They had come to bring the pastor and wife good tidings. They brought sugar, flour, rice, soap, canned goods, a fine rocking chair, and many other things that were needed. All such friends may call again when they choose. I can stand such treatment at any time.

H. A. Sorrell, Beattieville, La.

Our first quarterly conference was held March 4, 5. The Presiding Elder, Rev. P. Landry, was on hand. The quarter was one of great interest. The people gave evidence of being more than satisfied with the Presiding Elder. He is fully equipped for the work. His wide range of experience and business tact give him great success among the people. On Thursday night he preached a heart reviving sermon.

D. W. Nelson, Hazen, Ark.

I think we can do much good here with the circulation of the noble SOUTHWESTERN. I notice that where it has been read the people seem to be much better enlightened, so I am working for its circulation. May God speed the time when every Methodist family within our bounds will receive a copy of the SOUTHWESTERN once a week.

A. W. Randolph, Jasper, Tenn.

My second quarterly conference was held March 15, by Rev. D. W. Hayes. He preached with power, and left many things for us to consider. Our work is moving on nicely.

J. J. Obee, Shady Grove Circuit.

Elder Duncan held our first quarterly conference March 2, 8. Financially we hadn't done much, but we had a very good spiritual time during the quarterly conference. Old friends were glad to welcome him on the district again, and some were sorry that Elder Montgomery was not Presiding Elder any more. Our aim is to do better this year than we did last.

G. C. Harden, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. P. Price, Presiding El-

der, held my second quarterly conference with much success. His visit on the Nashville circuit was much enjoyed by all. He thought the work was doing well.

Wm. Perry, New Berne, Ala.

Our first quarterly conference convened at New Berne, Ala., Feb. 21, 22. We had a grand time. Rev. H. N. Brown was at his place and preached two effective sermons. Raised \$10 for Presiding Elder.

J. E. Bryant, Yarbrough, Texas.

First quarterly conference of the Yarbrough circuit was held at the Stonehamville M. E. Church, Feb. 14, 15, by Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder. Although both days were cold and rainy, everything passed off pleasantly. The Presiding Elder preached two noble sermons, which will long be remembered. Rev. W. H. Logan is in the hearts of all his people here. We are glad always to see him, and are sorry when he leaves. The Lord's Supper was administered to 65. Amount raised for Presiding Elder, \$12.45. Two subscribers for SOUTHWESTERN received.

A. N. Jackson, LaFayette, Ala.

Our first quarterly conference was held March 14, 15, by Presiding Elder W. F. Smith. It was a profitable and enjoyable occasion. Collection, \$18. Apportionments for 1891: pastor's salary, \$500; Presiding Elder, \$60; benevolences, \$60; and 100 souls for Christ.

J. I. Garrett, Benton, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church on the 18th inst., with Rev. J. Campbell in the chair. Reports showed the work in a prosperous condition. Pastor's salary, \$650; Elder, \$60; conference claimants, \$10.50; bishop, \$5. The Elder preached a powerful sermon, and administered the Lord's Supper to 100 souls. Paid Elder, \$16; pastor, \$46.70; Bishop, \$1.25. Accessions, 12; deceased, 3; expelled, 6.

C. M. Ancrum, Manchac, La.

I was appointed to Conrad and Bayou Paul. I found the church in much need. I will do all I can to furnish it. The SOUTHWESTERN is a grand paper. Everybody ought to take and read it.

Letters from the Laity.

W. E. Hutcherson, of Marshall, Tex., who was formerly a citizen of Shreveport, has recently made a visit there among relatives and friends. He was delighted with what he saw and heard, and especially with the glorious services in which he participated at Fairfield, St. James and St. Paul churches, in Shreveport. He speaks in high terms of the work being done by Rev. T. J. Johnson, at St. Paul, and Rev. O. D. Shallowhorne, at St. James.

John A. Thomas, Morgan City, La.

Rev. Pierre Lanury, the Presiding Elder, paid his first visit to the church on the 10th, and held his first quarter for 1891. He preached to a large gathering on the nights of the 10th and 11th, and spoke highly of his predecessor and the amount of work accomplished by so few members.

J. C. Wilson, Carrollton Circuit, Miss.

Notwithstanding the absence of our beloved pastor, Rev. D. A. Bragg, who was visiting his family at Yazoo City, the memorial of John Wesley was well attended at Jones' Chapel M. E. Church. Speakers: Revs. S. P. McOskill and J. H. McMillan.

N. R. Clay, Aberdeen, Miss.

Our new pastor, Rev. Fred H. Bnnton, is very much appreciated. The Bishop made no mistake in appointing this worthy preacher and able scholar to the Aberdeen charge. He's the right man in the right place. Our first quarterly conference was held on the 14th and 15th by Presiding Elder J. O. Eckles. It was a delightful session. The talks, lectures and sermon by the Elder were edifying and profitable. The salary of the pastor was fixed at \$650. The Elder administered the Lord's Supper to 174 communicants, assisted by the pastor. Collection, \$18.50. We cannot fail to accomplish much for the Master with such a scholar and Christian gentleman as our worthy pastor, and his wife and leaders. He is now working very persistently for the SOUTHWESTERN.

A complimentary reception was

tendered by the members of the Elliot Avenue M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., to their pastor, Rev. J. W. Hill, Monday eve, March 9, on his return to them for another year.

Sandus Trent, Waxia, La.

Our first quarterly conference convened in St. Paul M. E. Church, March 5, Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The roll was called and all the brethren except two were present. After conference, the Presiding Elder preached us a powerful sermon, teaching us our duty to God and the Church. The people were glad to hear him. Our pastor, Rev. Nelson Burton, is the right man in the right place. He is loved by the members and friends of the Church. Pray for us that we may have a successful time this year.

A personal note from Mr. Henry Adams, Washington, D. C., says: The Congress of the United States has adjourned, and has not done anything for the colored race. Our race is as yet left to the mercy of the old slaveholders in the South, for them to whip, kill, cheat, take our crops, our stock, our land, houses, wagons, wives and daughters.

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The Recorder gives this statistical resume:

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Wesleyan Methodists—	Ministers.	Members.
Great Britain.....	2,004	512,440
Ireland.....	232	25,976
Foreign Missions.....	366	39,144
French Conference.....	36	1,504
South African Conf.....	171	43,510
West Indian Confes.....	90	48,378
Australasian Confes.....	618	89,206
Methodist New Connection—		
England.....	186	32,893
Ireland.....	10	1,070
Missions.....	6	1,806
Bible Christians—		
England.....	180	26,466
Australia, China, etc.....	91	5,899
Primitive Methodists—		
England, etc.....	1,049	103,658
United Methodist Free Churches—		
Home Districts.....	345	73,752
Foreign Districts.....	72	11,709
Wesleyan Reform Union—		
England.....	19	6,096
Independent Methodists	335	6,006
United States—Episcopal Churches—		
Methodist Epis. Ch.....	14,135	2,210,063
Epis. Ch. South.....	4,647	1,132,480
African Meth. Epis. Ch.....	2,550	405,000
Zion Church, Epis.....	2,110	314,000
Colored Meth. Epis. Ch. of America.....	1,729	165,000
Evangelical Association.....	1,121	137,047
United Brethren Ch.....	1,566	195,378
Union Amer. Meth. Epis. (Church).....	40	3,660
Non-Epis. Chs.....	4,073	201,265
Canada—		
Meth. Ch. in Canada.....	1,588	227,024
Totals.....	49,408	6,122,564
Total of Ministers and Members.....		6,161,972

General Church News.

The census reports of religious bodies in the United States show that there are 134 sects, with 25,000,000 members. The Methodists head the list with 5,000,000 members, the Baptists and Romanists each claim 4,000,000, the Presbyterians 3,000,000, and the Episcopalians, 2,000,000.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church has established a home for aged ministers. The board of directors has located the home in Philadelphia. The building will cost \$50,000.

The city of New York has 600 Sunday-schools, with a total of 187,000 scholars and teachers. Philadelphia has 616 Sunday schools, with a total of 195,802 teachers and scholars.

The Catholic magistrates of Ghent, Belgium, have recognized the Salvation Army as a sect, and have fined a number of persons who were brought before them charged with having created a disturbance at meetings held by the Army.

Archbishop Ireland, a Roman prelate in the United States, declares in the *Catholic World* that "intemperance is doing the holy church harm beyond the power of the pen to describe, and, unless we crush it out, Catholicity can make but slow advance in America."

If the 30,000,000 barrels of beer used in England were emptied, they would fill a river 300 miles

long (a distance greater than from New-castle-on-Tyne to London), 21 feet wide and 5 feet deep. Draining of this river 160,000 persons were convicted of drunkenness in one year.

Denmark is decidedly the best country to get drunk in. A law recently passed there provides that every drunken person shall be sent home in a carriage at the expense of the publican who sold him the last glass.

General News Items.

Prince Jerome Napoleon, of France died at Rome, March 17.

London and Paris are now united by telephone.

Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian is dead.

Gen. Jos. E. Johnson, the confederate General died in Washington, D. C., a few days ago.

Baton Rouge and Thibodaux will soon have free postal deliveries.

Koch's lymph treatment is being successfully used at San Antonio, Texas. Many recoveries from consumption are reported.

The British steamship *Utopia* was run into accidentally by the British warship *Ansania* near the coast of Gibraltar, and was sunk. Of the 700 Italians aboard bound for New York, 576 perished.

The papers of the persons who underwent the civil service examination in the Southern cities during the month of February have been received by the commission in Washington, D. C., and inspected. As a result, the following names, with their standing, have been entered upon the qualified list:

Louisiana—Male clerks: Mitchell O. Dumas, Houma, 84 per cent; Edwin R. Beauvais, New Orleans, 77; John M. St. Journer, New Orleans, 76; Chas. T. M. Bass, New Orleans, 75; Thos. A. Dupont, New Orleans, 75; F. W. Wright, Hammond, 70. **Stenographers:** S. L. Ellis, New Orleans, 75. **Female clerk:** Miss Viola M. Stinson, New Orleans, 85. **Female copyist:** Miss Kate W. Collins, New Orleans, 80. **Arkansas—Male clerks:** Frank I. Church, Texarkana, 79; Wm. F. Osborne, Doby, 79; Paul Kelso, Magnolia, 77.

Alabama—Male clerks: Albert R. Blank, Blount Springs, 84; Moses H. Wheat, Tuskegee, 85; Albert S. Towle, Mobile, 84; John R. Vidner, Mobile, 83. **Male copyist:** Henry T. Brown, Mobile, 78. **Florida—Male clerks:** Amherst W. Barber, Tallahassee, 91; J. E. Mery, Round Villa City, 90; Vincent J. Steward, Jacksonville, 83; Frank E. Washington, Olive, 79. **Female clerk:** Miss Florence Brewster, Bartow, 71. **Copyist:** Miss Cary P. Wilmot, City Point, 84.

Science.

There are scientific men whose studies tend to draw them away from the people. This was not the case of Prof. Agassiz. He was constantly diffusing in popular forms the knowledge he acquired. Nor is it the case with some of his pupils and associates. Prof. Alpheus Hyatt, for instance, in the February number of the *Atlantic*, indicates, in the interest of popular education, the next stage in the development of public parks. Public libraries and museums of art have multiplied. Their educational value is recognized; but natural science cannot be taught from books or pictures—it must be learned from objects. The public park, as Prof. Hyatt shows, may do for the education of people in science what the library does in literature and history. He advocates the establishment of botanical and zoological gardens, natural history museums and aquaria, and predicts the time when loan and consulting collections may be furnished for the use of teachers, these institutions performing much the same service as is now performed by libraries.

At the depth of 3,500 feet waves are not felt. The temperature is the same, varying only a trifle from the ice of the North Pole to the burning ann of the equator. A mile

down the water has a pressure of over a ton to the square inch. If a box six feet wide were filled with sea-water and allowed to evaporate under the sun, there would be two inches of salt left on the bottom. Taking the average depth of the ocean to be three miles, there would be a layer of pure salt two hundred and thirty feet thick on the bed of the Atlantic. The water is colder at the bottom than at the surface. In many bays on the coast of Norway the water often freezes at the bottom before it does above.

The *Electric Review* thinks it a poor place for the telephone in the land of the Arabs. They have no "hello" in their language. The nearest they can come to it is to throw a stone and hit a man in the back, and then ask him as he turns around: "Does it please heaven to give you good health this morning?" There are some unscientific people who say they would prefer the stone in the back to a wrestle with the telephone on some exasperating occasions.

One of the latest inventions in connection with the electric light is a silent cab call. Several clubs and hotels in London have already been supplied with this useful commodity. Two lamps are suspended outside the building, one red and the other green, and by pressing a knob in the entrance hall one or other of the lamps can be lit at will. The red light calls a four-wheeler, and the green a hansom.

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Books and Current Literature.

Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Burnett, and Historian Bancroft are the three bees in the Easter bonnet of the Easter number of the *New York Ledger*. Mrs. Barr starts a Sister to Esau, Mrs. Burnett writes *Eight Little Princesses*, and Bancroft a Day with Lord Byron.

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There is all the sunshine of spring and the fragrance of flowers in the *Ladies' Home Journal* for April; the exquisite Easter cover, designed by W. Hamilton Gibson, is a fair index to the charm of the whole number. An Easter spirit pervades. The clever sketch of Mrs. T. De Witt Talmage, is accompanied by a fine wood cut portrait. Other articles which will be widely quoted are Amelia E. Barr's Mothers as Match makers, and George W. Cable's masterly papers on Teaching the Bible. The number is complete in every part, and richly illustrated throughout. Issued at ten cents per copy, or one dollar a year, by the Curtis Publishing Company, 435 Arch street, Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. James Mitchell, secretary of the Georgia Conference has just remembered us with a copy of the minutes of the last session of his conference.

Rev. Dr. O. L. Mann, of the Central Alabama Conference will please accept thanks for a copy of his last conference minutes.

The Modern Cemetery is the title

of a publication that has made its appearance this month. Its object is the dissemination of modern ideas in cemetery management. The March number contains, among other interesting matter, the following articles: Modern Cemeteries, Preliminary work in laying out Cemeteries, Cemeteries from a Sanitary Point of View, Suggestions to Cemetery Lot Owners, Wearing Hats at Funerals, etc. The Modern Cemetery will be published monthly at \$1 a year. R. J. Haight, Publisher, 243 State street, Chicago.

The Easter Double Number of the *Youth's Companion*, Boston, comes to us this week in a cream white cover, and contains no less than nine complete Easter stories. 500,000 copies of this issue are published.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Spring

Conferences, 1891.

(Continued from p. 1.)

Conferences in two Old States.

Conference. Place. Time. Bishop.

Kansas, Washburn, Kan., April 4, 1891. Bishop.

Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa., April 11, 1891. Bishop.

Missouri, Brookfield, Mo., April 11, 1891. Bishop.

Baltimore, Washington, D. C., April 11, 1891. Bishop.

South Kansas, Girard, Kan., April 11, 1891. Bishop.

Central Missouri, Marshall, Mo., April 12, 1891. Bishop.

Washington, Baltimore, Md., April 12, 1891. Bishop.

St. W. Kansas, Newto, Kan., April 12, 1891. Bishop.

St. Louis, Springfield, Mo., April 12, 1891. Bishop.

New Jersey, Trenton, N. J., April 18, 1891. Bishop.

Lexington, Lexington, Ky., April 18, 1891. Bishop.

Wilmington, Dover, Del., April 18, 1891. Bishop.

N. W. Kansas, Norton, Kan., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

Youngling, Waverly, N. Y., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

East German, Baltimore, Md., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

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New York East, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

New England, Lynn, Mass., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

Newark, New York, N. Y., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

New England, New London, Conn., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

New York, Watertown, N. Y., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

New Hampshire, Newport, N. H., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

Troy, New York, N. Y., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

Maine, Brunswick, Me., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

Vermont, Northfield, Vt., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

East Maine, Bangor, Me., April 25, 1891. Bishop.

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India, Moradabad, India, Jan. 7, 1891. Bishop.

Africa, Victoria, Liberia, April 14, 1891. Bishop.

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THE article by Rev. T. Cotton on Calvin Fairbank, in another column, deserves the attention and active sympathy of every one whose heart is not devoid of every element of gratitude. Read it.

NORTHERN and Eastern colored newspaper men, where there are scarcely any Negroes, manipulated the National Colored Press Association at its recent meeting; and the South and West, where the great mass of Negroes live and have their being, were ignored.

THE Senate failed to confirm Hon. James Hill as Postmaster at Vicksburg, Miss., and Jas. H. Young as Collector of Customs at Wilmington, N. C. If President Harrison is made of the same metal as was President Grant, he will promptly appoint them again.

OUR recent article on "Whites and Blacks," wherein the attention of our readers was called to the glaring inaccuracy of the late census, in that it shows an evident dying out of the race, which is not in keeping with the observation of all who know anything of the subject, has caused considerable discussion, and on every side we hear a demand for an honest and intelligent recount.

HIGH up on the Alps, in rock and forest fastness, the Waldenses kept alive the pure flame of Gospel truth when all of Europe was submerged in papal superstition. When like beasts they were hunted and slain by the minions of the Inquisition. But there like heroes and martyrs, as they were, they lived and died. All honor to these reformers before the Reformation—to these Protestant Italians who are the salt of Italy and the prophecy of what it may one day become.

If the Sicilians and Italians who come to our country are as bad as people say—Who is responsible for it? They are all Roman Catholics. The Pope, whom French and Irish, German and American Roman Catholics recognize as the vice-gerent of God, is an Italian. The College of Cardinals, which will elect the next Pope, has a majority of Italians. Sicily is—if possible—more Roman Catholic than Ireland. The Italian brigand will pray most devoutly to Saint Joseph and then cut the traveler's throat. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Master. What is the Roman Catholic Church judged by?—its fruits in every country where it has dominion!

WHILE the Western expresses sympathy with every honest expression, North or South, in favor of organic union of the two great Methodisms, it declares that: "There are obstacles in the way. Some of these are serious, others trifling; but none without its share of influence. Chiefest of the former is the presence of our colored membership and conferences. The Church South has set apart its former colored members into a separate Church. As one condition of union, it would doubtless insist that we pursue a similar course. That we never will do. Consistency with our avowed principles and policy would forbid it. But, on the other hand, the Church South, without violating any of its traditions, could adopt our policy with respect to work among the blacks. The only thing in the way is prejudice." Dr. Moore is a Daniel, and reasons well. We say amen to all it says on the subject.

Consecrated and Cultured, not "White Men Needed."

White men are needed at every turn. The Negroes can take care of themselves by and by, but not yet.—*Michigan Christian Advocate.* This is the mistake that too many of the oracles, that have gathered their information from palace car windows, make in their exposition of a solution of the Negro problem. They go riding through the South at the rate of forty miles an hour, and then return to the North, declaring that this, that or the other, is the thing necessary to the solution of the Negro problem.

Now, here comes Dr. Potts, who has just taken such a trip, and who now declares that the one thing necessary is the presence of "white men at every turn." How absurd the position! Does not the Doctor know that "man is not in color, in fashion nor in dress?" And does he not know that, everything else being equal, one of the same race or nationality is better prepared to advance the people whose progress is sought? Would Dr. Potts insult the French by telling them that the one thing necessary for their progress was to overrun their country with German missionaries, or would he recommend the Samaritan missionaries to the Jews? No, he would rather recommend that cultured and thoroughly prepared Frenchmen, or the same class of Jews, should be employed instead of such other missionaries, as rapidly as they could be replaced by competent people of the same race or nationality. This is as true to human nature as gravitation or the law of chemical affinity. It is not "white men" that "are needed at every turn," but intelligent, well balanced, and thoroughly consecrated Christian men and women, of whatever race, and especially of the race to be helped, whenever available, that are needed at every turn. Whenever any man takes an adverse position to this, he insults the common sense of mankind, and he thereby wrecks his influence for the accomplishment of good to the people whose welfare he assumes to espouse. It is true that the Negro is too poor, and has been wronged too long to be left alone, without help; but it is not true that all that he needs is "white men at every turn." He needs the right kind of "whitemen at every turn" only when equally competent colored men are not available. If not, why is this cry for race recognition in Church and State perpetually heard? Why this constant agitation for colored bishops, etc? When you want to know what the colored people want and are thinking, do not bury yourself exclusively among white men, and in the counsel of the old colored fathers that represent the days of the lash and "nigger dogs," but interview the younger elements of the race, that form nine tenths per cent of the race, its ambitions, purposes and possibilities; and do not tell them that what they need is *white men*. We know too many white men that are worthless and ignorant. Tell us no more of color. It is only skin deep, and possesses no special merit. It does not follow that because one is white or black, therefore he is a fool, a knave or a saint. Not by any means.

Let us have consecrated and cultured men and women for the work, whether white or colored, all else being equal. If available, the white would be preferable for the white work, and the colored for the colored work.

Wilberforce Disgraced.

The effort of Wilberforce University, the A. M. E. school in Ohio, to pose as an agricultural college for colored people, to claim the proportion the colored population of that State would naturally be entitled to in the recent appropriation from the National Government to the States for agricultural education, had the State a separate school system for the two races, is contemptible. We rejoice

to know that the leading colored citizens of Ohio denounce the shameful scheme. In the first place, Wilberforce is not, and never was an agricultural college. In the next place, it is not a State, nor a non-sectarian institution. Lastly, the provision in the law calling for an equitable distribution of the appropriations between State agricultural colleges of each race, was intended only to cover the cases of our miserable section, where the co-education of the races is not tolerated, nor permitted. It was not intended for the thoroughly civilized portions of the country, where mixed schools exist. Ohio does not ask a child what proportion of white or Negro blood courses his veins before admitting him to any of her public schools. This is the proud condition for which the race is contending in every department of life. Why will our A. M. E. friends continue to seek to turn back the index on the face of the dial? To the eternal disgrace of our race, a delegation of the same church went, on their knees, to the Georgia Legislature, and begged for the appropriation, which Atlanta University refused, because the Legislature demanded that not a white child should be taught in the school. The A. M. E. folks in Georgia were ready to renounce every principle of equal rights for the permission to put their hands in the State treasury. Those in Ohio are moving on the same line. They are quite willing that Ohio should step back and take her place by the side of Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and the South generally, if thereby they may get the coveted prize. The scheme is base and contemptible, and deserves the emphatic protest and denunciation of every right-thinking man, woman, or child in the country.

Let the colored children of Ohio, that desire to do so, enter the existing agricultural colleges of that State, as they have a right to do under the laws of that State; and let Wilberforce be supported as it has been in the past, by the members of the sect it represents.

"How to Suppress the Saloon."

A recent number of "Christianity in Earnest," among other good things, contains an editorial of considerable strength and clearness, entitled "How to suppress the saloon." It deals with the subject in a manly and straightforward manner, and it offers suggestions in answer to the question, How to suppress the saloon, which it promptly and unflinchingly acted upon by all patriots and Christians in this country, will effectually wipe out the foul ulcer before many more years shall have passed. The article says: "We know full well that this monster is hoary with age. So was slavery, but it is gone; and the republic is still young and stronger than ever—stronger in every state, and in every element of the power requisite for this service than when it arose in its might against slavery."

We can, if we will, slay the saloon and bury it side by side with its twin relic of barbarism before this century shall close; and thousands of men and women, past middle life, are unwilling to die until this result shall be accomplished. Can be done, but how?

The following suggestions are given:

"Let every pastor immediately confer with those of his congregation and community who are in sympathy with the end proposed and submit this brief, simple platform: Object.—The suppression of the saloon. This by

1. The strict enforcement of the suppressive measures of existing laws.
2. The early enactment of more stringent and prohibitory statutes.
3. The final adoption of constitutional prohibition for state and nation.

Declaration.—

1. Primary allegiance to God and humanity, to country and common-

wealth. All party affiliation subordinate to these higher claims.

2. Liberty to choose political associations, but freedom from the domination of the liquor power, through whatever political party. Here we stand, and will organize and seek alliance, offensive and defensive with all who will stand with us.

Snarely all who would suppress the saloon can stand upon this platform. It is that of the Union Prohibitory League of Pennsylvania. Let enrollment slips or cards be printed and circulated, inviting signatures. These should include postoffice address for correspondence, subscription to cover necessary expenses, to be paid to the treasurer of the local organization, and political party relations so that relative political power may be known.

Then collect these slips and call together those who have signed them and organize a local alliance or league under such form of constitution, including this platform, as may be desired, as you would a society of Christian endeavor.

Communicate with other pastors or churches reporting your action and inviting co-operation. Secure such leagues in all the churches of your town and county.

Then, through conventions call as usual, town, county and state organizations, and finally a national alliance or league can be constituted at an early day."

We heartily commend the course here suggested to all our readers and bespeak for it, as we hope it will have their most cordial approval and support. Let us profit by looking beyond our own race afflictions as a race sometimes and let us unite in this and other such questions of national interest and strive with all our power to overthrow such evils, and we will thereby be promoting the general good of mankind, who will in turn assist us in the security of all those rights to which we are entitled, but which are unjustly denied us.

Political Review.

There is very little political agitation through the country at present, now that the National Congress has adjourned.

Republicans throughout the country rejoice over the recent reconciliation between Gen. Mahone and the Hon. John M. Langston, of Virginia.

The registration office in this city is now open for the registration of voters. As this is an entirely new registration, all of our readers who are entitled to vote under the laws of this State are urgently requested to attend to the matter of their registration at once. There will be, as there always is, a rush toward the end, and to avert this we exhort our readers to do their patriotic duty and register at once.

THE Indian Rights Association of Philadelphia, Pa., has called the attention of the Attorney General of the United States to the inexcusable murder of Few Tails, a Sioux Indian, who was most brutally murdered while under a safe conduct from Gen. Miles in the vicinity of the Pine Ridge Reservation. True bills have been found by the United States Grand Jury against the Indians charged with the murder of Lient. Casey and teamster Miller. Now let true bills be found against the white men who murdered Few Tails, while under military escort. Every humane and patriot instinct should prompt the Attorney General of the United States to see to it that this practice of white men murdering Indians with impunity is effectually stopped. Unless an example is shown in this direction, we may soon expect to hear of other and frequent Indian outbreaks. Let justice be done, though the heavens fall.

THE Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Mansfield, of Boston, Mass., furnished *Zion's Herald* with a very graphic and interesting letter on his recent trip to New Orleans.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

A grand May party will be given by the Band Sisters, Saturday night, May 2, 1891, at Union Chapel, for the benefit of the church. Mrs. E. Oscar, manager. All are invited.

Boynton M. E. Church, Gretna, La., has a strong missionary school with nearly forty scholars. Mrs. H. D. Wilson is the teacher. Many of them have expressed a deep desire to accept Christ.

The members and friends of Williams' Chapel agreeably surprised their pastor, Rev. H. Taylor, last Friday night. They visited him with a storming party. After the clearing, he found his tables, safe and wardrobe replenished with some of the choicest presents to be found in this city. The quarterly conference and love feast held during the week by Presiding Elder Landry were seasons of special interest.

The Easter services in all of our churches were well attended all day. The churches were beautifully decorated, the services inspiring, and the missionary contributions liberal. The universal report is that the children acted their parts well. The Equal Justice Society and the Daughters of the Easter Star worshipped at Union Chapel. Rev. J. W. Henderson, pastor, preached with great power.

The Easter services at Pleasant Plains were excellent. The children's exercises especially are deserving of special mention. Much praise is due to Mrs. M. J. Nickerson for the success of the Sunday school portion of the exercises. Misses May Johnson, Louisa Jackson, Louisa McKinney and Louisa Clifton were collectors for the children's services, and took up 60cts. each.

Easter services were observed at Boynton M. E. Church, Gretna, La. The young people in the morning enjoyed themselves with speeches and singing. Miss Nettie Johnson read a very interesting paper on Easter. Much credit should be given to Mrs. A. D. Wilson for the decoration of the church, which was beautifully arranged with flowers. Rev. H. C. Wilson, pastor.

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church burned down on Monday of last week, leaving that society without a place for worship. Several churches were kindly tendered them, among which was the Ames' M. E. Church on St. Charles Avenue. This being large and commodious, and not far from the burned edifice, was gratefully accepted. On Sunday their impressive and beautiful Easter service was held with an elaborate floral decoration. Bishop Adams of Maryland, formerly a member of the parish, delivered an able sermon. Until further notice the church will be used by both societies. It is very fitting and appropriate that our church should cordially welcome the church that John Wesley lived and died a member of. His frescoed portrait on the walls seemed to approve the act with his extended hand, as if offering the right hand of fellowship.

Women in the General Conference.

VOTE OF MINISTERS.	
FOR	AGAINST
Last report.....	763 1,097
South Kansas.....	65 18
Wilmington.....	65 78
St. Louis.....	65 38
Lexington.....	61 24
New Jersey.....	54 128
Total.....	1,073 1,308

BRO. Chinn gives some valuable and practical directions how to manage a church successfully in his paper on the subject published in another column. Read and heed them. He speaks from an extensive and successful experience.

Personal.

—Rev. B. L. Crump, Presiding Elder of the Brookhaven District (Mississippi) was in the city and called last Monday.

—Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, the eminent Presbyterian divine of New York, died at his home in that city last Sunday.

—Rev. R. L. Crawford, pastor of Ames Church, who has been in Florida for three weeks, returned on Friday, somewhat improved in health. He was gladly welcomed by his people, for his presence among them is greatly enjoyed. His morning preaching service will be held in the vestry room of the church during the occupancy of our Episcopal brethren. The evening service will be held in the auditorium, as usual, preceded by Bro. Adams' interesting Bible reading.

—Rev. Wm. P. Forrest, has furnished us with lines of sympathy for Father Samuel Armstead, in the loss of his dear wife and commends him to the blessed Comforter, who is able to sanctify the deepest distress to our good.

—Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A. B., of Atlanta, Ga., has been invited and has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the "Quarter-Centennial Celebration of the organization of the South Carolina Conference and the one hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wesley" at Charleston, S. C. April 2, 5.

—"Ex-Gov." John McEnery, Democratic claimant to the Governorship of this state when ex-Gov. Kellogg was declared elected in 1872, died of pneumonia in this city last Saturday.

—Mrs. Sadie E. Johnson, corresponding secretary of the W. H. M. S. of Louisiana Conference, is now with her husband at their new charge Shreveport, La., their future post office address.

—On Friday night, April 3, at Grunewald Hall, a concert will be tendered by his many friends to Mr. Henri Wehrmann, Jr., of this city. Mr. Wehrmann is a violinist and musical composer of the highest order; and better than this, he is a young man of the purest, noblest character. His father and mother, and the whole family, have the genius of music born in them. Their home life is loving and beautiful, and is one of the highest types of domestic life among our French fellow-citizens.

—Rev. Mack Henson, Anstin, Tex., has our sympathy in the death of his aged father. Bro. Henson had not seen his father in thirty years, until the old gentleman paid his son a visit a few days ago. Soon after his arrival in Anstin, he was suddenly paralyzed. He was speechless for several days before he died.

—The Court of Appeals in Texas, having confirmed the decision of the lower court, ex-Presiding Elder R. H. Harbert, of Houston, Texas, has gone to the penitentiary for two years. "Let him that standeth, take heed lest he fall."

—Rev. O. H. Claiborne, formerly of the Louisiana Conference, is now pastor of the Congregational Church at New Iberia, La.

—Mr. Loretus S. Metcalf, editor of the *Forum*, has resigned. For fifteen years he has been closely confined to review work, and has been editor of the *Forum* from its establishment. He is to be succeeded by Mr. Walter H. Page, an experienced newspaper man, who has been the *Forum's* business manager. The *Forum* is one of the very best of the monthlies.

—Bishop Grant, of the A. M. E. Church, mourns the death of his only son, aged 17 years. We sympathize with him.

—David Manker, the little son of Rev. J. J. Manker, D.D., of Chattanooga, Tenn., was thrown from the platform of an electric car in that city and instantly killed, a few days ago. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

DAILY BREAD.

O, let our love and faith abound;
O, let our lives, to all around,
With purest luster shine;
That all around our works may see
And give the glory, Lord, to Thee,
The heavenly gift divine.

Charles Wesley.

Shepherd divine, our wants relieve
In this our evil day;
To all Thy tempted followers give
The power to watch and pray.

Long as our fiery trials last,
Long as the cross we bear,
O, let our souls on Thee be cast,
In never-ceasing prayer.

Charles Wesley.

It costs something to tell the
truth; it costs still more to practice
it.—Pere Hyacinthe.

The humblest occupation has in
it materials of discipline for the
highest heaven.—Robertson.

It is not the business of virtue
to extirpate the affections, but to
regulate them.—Addison.

Let no man call himself a Chris-
tian who lives without giving a
part of life to the duty of prayer.
—Channing.

Responsibility is personal. Be-
fore God face to face, each soul
must stand to give account.—F. W.
Robertson.

If you do not wish for His king-
dom, don't pray for it. But, if you
do, you must do more than pray
for it; you must work for it.—Rus-
kin.

How unequally things are dis-
tributed here! Some want time,
and some want work. But all will
be set right hereafter. There is no
disorder on that shore.—John Wes-
ley.

Out of darkness God will com-
mand light to shine. Be plain and
open to all; then, whether they
are sincere or insincere, you will
have a conscience void of offense.
—John Wesley.

Likewises be temperate in speak-
ing; never too loud; never too long;
else Satan will befool you; and on
pretense of being more useful, quite
disable you from being useful at all.
—John Wesley.

Have nothing to do with stolen
goods. Neither buy nor sell any-
thing that has not paid the duty.
No, not if you could have it at half
price. Never think of being relig-
ious unless you are honest. What
has a thief to do with religion?
—John Wesley.

To try too hard to make people
good is one way to make them
worse; the only way to make good
is to be good, remembering well
the beam and the mote. The time
for speaking comes rarely; the
time for being never departs.—
Macdonald.

Nearness of life to the Savior
will necessarily involve greatness
of love to him. As nearness to the
sun increases the temperature of
the various planets, so near and
intimate communion with Jesus
raises the heat of the soul's affec-
tions towards him.—Spurgeon.

What folly to fear giving your-
self too entirely to God. It merely
means that you are afraid of being
too happy, of loving the will of
God in all things too heartily, of
bearing your inevitable crosses too
bravely, of finding too much conso-
lation in the love of God, and too
much relief from the passions which
make us miserable.—Fenelon.

Much depends upon a cheerful
start for the day. The man who
leaves his home with a scowl on
his brow, and a snap at his chil-
dren, and a tart speech to his wife,
instead of a kiss, is not likely to
be pleasant company for anybody
during the day; he will probably
come home with the temper of a
porcupine. Wise plans should be
laid for every day, so that it be not
an idle saunter, or an aimless bust-
ling to and fro. Yet to make good
speed on the right track we must
not start overloaded; not too many
things to be undertaken, lest they
prove hasty botch work. The

journey is not to be made in a
cushioned car, but on foot, and the
most galling load is vexatious and
worrying care. One step at a time
is all that the most busy Christian
can take, and steady walking ought
not to tire any healthy body or
soul.—Selected.

How stands the record? What
record? Why the record of soul-
saving. How many trophies have
you gathered? How many brands
have you snatched from the burn-
ing to be quenched in Jesus' blood?
How many names registered on
high as the reward of your patient,
self-denying, persevering work?
Has it been good harvesting? Have
you sung the reaper's song again
and again? If so, we congratulate
you. Is there one of our readers
who has no affirmative response to
give? What! A year without one
soul for Jesus? We hope not. But
if it be so, sackcloth would seem
to be more suitable than gay, hol-
iday attire.—Guide to Holiness.

Homiletics.
Sermon.

Hymns 379, 391, 415.
Scripture Lesson, Hebrew 3.
Text, Deuteronomy 3, 29: "But if
from thence thou shalt seek the Lord
thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou
seek for him with all thy heart and
with all thy soul."

Introduction, The words of the
text were spoken by Moses the ser-
vant of God and the leader of Is-
rael.

He had just been telling the peo-
ple what sad and dreadful things
would happen to them if they did
not remain faithful to God who
had delivered them from the power
of Pharaoh and brought them out
of Egypt.

But God always had thoughts of
mercy towards sinners. It is not
his will that any should perish in
their sins. If any soul goes down
to death and is lost forever it will
not be God's fault. The sinner
that is lost chooses death for him-
self.

Because of God's mercy he di-
rected Moses to speak the words
of the text.

From the text we learn.
First, That the sinner may turn
from his sins and seek God.

(a) If God was strict, and prompt
to punish sin, there would be no
hope for the sinners.

But delays and restrains his
wrath.

He does not punish the sinner
as soon as he commits the sin.

(b) God opens the doors of mer-
cy very wide and invites the sinners
to come in and be saved.

God sees the storm coming, and
he offers the Gospel ark as a place
of shelter to every soul that will
repent.

(c) It would be a dreadful thing
if God should refuse to receive
sinners, but he does not.

They said of Jesus when he was
upon earth, "This man receiveth
sinners and eateth with them."

He is willing to do it to-day.

Jesus said, "Him that cometh
unto me I will no wise cast out,"
that has always been true, and is
to-day; so all may come.

Secondly, How shall the sinner
come to God?

The text tells us very plainly.

(a) We must seek God now. To-
day is all the time we have. Yes-
terday is gone and will never come
again. To-morrow is not ours. We
may be dead and lost forever if we
wait until the rising of another
sun. "To-day is the accepted time,"
to-day is the day of salvation.
There is great danger in delay, we
may drop into hell while we wait.

(b) We must seek God by turn-
ing to him, that means we must
turn away from all our sins. "If
we regard iniquity in our hearts
the Lord will not hear us."

We must stop breaking the com-
mandments of God.

We must break away from all
secret sins as well as the open sins
against God. It is the case usually,
that these hidden secret sins are
the hardest to leave. But we must
stop sinning, or we can never find
peace with God.

A little leak may sink a great
ship. A little sin may sink a soul
forever. A little spark of fire may

burn a great and costly palace. A
little sin may send the soul into
eternal burning.

(c) We must seek God with all
the heart, and with all the soul.
This means that we must make
this our chief business. If need
be we ought to drop all other mat-
ters, and attend to this one thing.
Careless half-hearted people never
do anything that is good.

People are very much in earnest
about everything else. They must
be in earnest in seeking God, or
they never will find him.

Christ said "Ye cannot serve God
and mammon." God demands the
whole heart. No soul ever found
God unless time and thought and
purpose were all given to the effort.

If a man was sick and dying with
fever how earnestly would he beg
for water, and medicine. The soul
is dying, and in danger of hell,
why not then cry out after God
day and night till he hears and
saves?

Third, If we seek God now, and
seek him with all the heart we
shall surely find him.

Not only the text but many other
passages in the Bible tell us this;
God says by his prophet Jeremiah,
"Ye shall seek me, and find me,
when ye shall search for me with
all your heart."

Finding God means deliverance
from the power and bondage of
sin and Satan. We escape from
the prison house of Satan.

It means that our sins are par-
doned.

It means that we are born again.
We pass from sorrow to peace;
from pain to joy, from darkness to
light, from death to life.

It means that we become the
children of God and heirs of heaven.
It means that if we are faithful
God will take care of us in life and
in death.

It means that when we die God
will take us to himself, and give us
an eternal home in heaven.

Sinners, seek God to-day. Seek
him this very hour. The heavenly
Father waits to save you. Come
while you may, to-morrow it may
be forever too late.

Schools and Colleges.

The Wiley Alumni and Under-
graduate Association met and or-
ganized May 23, 1890, and elected
the following officers:

H. B. Pemberton, A. B., pres-
ident, D. J. Wallace, Esquire, first
vice-president, P. W. Wyrick, B.
L., second vice-president, W. F.
Bledsoe, recording secretary, T.
W. Sparks, M. D., corresponding
secretary, T. C. Bledsoe, treasurer,
J. D. Dixon, librarian.

Wednesday May 27, 1891, will
be the next alumni day; all mem-
bers, old students and friends are
cordially invited to be present.
The program for the occasion will
appear later.

H. B. PEMBERTON, Pres.
W. F. BLEDSOE, Sec.

President Gates announces that
\$100,000 has been given to Amherst
College by a friend who is unwill-
ing to have his name known, the
same to go into the general fund.
The only condition is that \$150,000
additional shall be raised for the
college either for general or special
funds. The will of the late Mr.
Newton, of Worcester, establishes
a Greek chair endowed with fifty
or sixty thousand dollars. It is
expected that a fine building will
soon be erected for a physical labo-
ratory. The Lord raise such
friends for our schools in the South.

An especially interesting program
for the coming spring and summer
has been planned by the Bible
Institute at Chicago, of which Mr.
Moody is president. About the
middle of April Rev. Dr. W. G.
Morehead, of Xenia, Ohio, whose
scholarship and ability as a Bible
teacher are well known, begins a
three months' course of lectures.
Rev. James Stalker, whose life of
Christ is familiar to Bible students,
will be at the institute a few days
in May. In July and August, Rev.
F. B. Meyer, of Regent Park
Chapel, London, will be the lead-
ing lecturer. Ministers, evang-

elists, missionaries, lady teachers
and Christian workers of every
class will have an opportunity to
learn the best plans and methods
along aggressive lines. The entire
course covers two years, but the
school is open the year round and
students may enter at any time
and stay as long as convenient.
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all necessary expenses in the men's
department, and in the ladies' de-
partment the cost of board is three
dollars and a half per week. No
charge is made for tuition. Any
who desire to attend should write
at once to the superintendent, R.
A. Torrey, 80 W. Pearson street,
or Mrs. S. B. Capron, superinten-
dent of the ladies' department, 232
La Salle Avenue, Chicago.

Leland University, the Baptist
school in this city is enjoying a
year of exceptional prosperity. Rev.
E. C. Mitchell, D.D., president,
Prof. Geo. H. Felton, A. M. D.D.,
principal of Normal Department
and the other members of its excel-
lent faculty are happy over the
year's work.

The Governor has appointed Ma-
jor John W. Ooke, of Lake Prov-
idence, a trustee of Southern Uni-
versity, vice Hon. Thos. A. Cage
removed.

Rev. J. W. Winbush, of Durant,
Miss., requested all the Mississippi
Normal students to meet for a re-
union, at Holly Springs, Miss.,
May 1st.

The Wiley University boys, Mar-
shall, Texas, deserve credit for
their gentlemanly demeanor toward
the young ladies that went out and
witnessed their match games which
they had with the Bishop College
boys of the same town recently.
The Wiley boys each carried chairs
for the benefit of their lady friends,
while the Bishop boys had their
lady friends to carry their own
chairs over a mile.

The members of the Gammon
Alumni Association will hold their
grand Alumni Reunion and Ban-
quet this year during commence-
ment week, in the city of Atlanta.
It is hoped this will be the means
of bringing together a large gath-
ering on this occasion, which it is
hoped will be a memorable one.
Rev. J. D. Chavie, A. M., B. D.,
of the class of 1889, is the orator of
the occasion. All the alumni are
assessed \$1 to help defray ex-
penses, and they are all earnestly
requested to be present. Remem-
ber the day and date, May 12, 7:30
p. m. The call is signed by J. R.
Howard, President Gammon
Alumni Association, Atlanta, Ga.,
and A. S. Williams, Secretary.

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works equally well at all
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affections, as Eczema, Tetter,
Salt-rheum, Fever-sores, White
Swellings, Hip-joint disease
and kindred ailments.

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ABSOLUTELY PURE

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Owing to the break in levee at
Company Canal trains on this road
will run via Mississippi Valley road
and Baton Rouge until further no-
tice. Passengers for points on T.
and P. and all points in Texas,
Colorado, California and Mexico
will take train at Mississippi Val-
ley depot at 8:30 a. m., where the
ticket agent and baggage master
of the Texas and Pacific will be in
attendance. The 3:50 p. m. train,
local, is discontinued.

A. S. GRAHAM, Ticket Agent.

The Spring Medicine.

The popularity which Hood's Sarsa-
parilla has gained as a spring medicine
is wonderful. It possesses just those el-
ements of health-giving, blood-purifying
and appetite-restoring which everybody
needs to need at this season. Do not
continue in a dull, tired, unsatisfactory
condition when you may be so much
benefitted by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It
purifies the blood and makes the weak
strong.

American Citizens' Equal Rights
Association.

To the Members of the State
Central American Citizens' Equal
Rights Association of Louisiana:
Gentlemen:—The people are
awakening to the needs of the
hour. They see that nearly every
Southern State has recently enact-
ed an odious and infamous separate
car law, which humiliates and on-
trages our rights as American citi-
zens, and they demand that we
take speedy action to test it before
the courts of the country. In
their names, by virtue of the power
vested in me as President of the
Association, I request that you
meet at our headquarters, No. 139
Poydras street, on Saturday, April
4, at 5 p. m. sharp. Signed,

A. E. P. ALBERT,
President.
JOHN L. MINOR,
Secretary.

Publishers' Department.

[Pastors are requested to read this department
each week.]

Take Notice!

We cannot make all the trans-
fers on our list because the name
of the charge is not a postoffice in
many instances. Then those who
are on a circuit ought to tell us at
which place they get their mail.
All changes desired should be re-
quested, and always mention former
address. Don't forget that it is im-
portant! The list is about to be
put in type for a mailing machine,
when we hope there will be no
more complaints of not getting the
paper. Let requests for all changes
that have not been sent in be sent
at once! All pastors of churches in
the patronizing conferences can
have the paper, and pay when Con-
ference meets. All such not re-
ceiving the paper, please notify us.
Read this notice again.

St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal
Church on Camp street, opposite
Margaret Place, and just above
the junction of Camp and Prytania
streets, was burned about mid-day
Monday March 23, just after a len-
tenservice. An insurance of \$40,000
will soon enable them to arise and
build. In the meantime they will
worship in Ames church, which has
been tendered them.

AN anniversary of the Italian
mission work in this city was held
at Ames M. E. Church on Sunday
last, at which several hymns were
sung in the beautiful Italian dialect.
Rev. J. B. Giambruno, P. O., made
an address in Italian followed by
Mr. Mangano, and Mr. Russo in
English, telling the story of their
conversion and the growth of the
work. Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, P.

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lamp. Nobody ever
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E., also delivered an address and
administered the Sacrament. Rev.
D. S. Mitchell, D.D., business man-
ager of the *Southern Christian Ad-
vocate* was present, made a few
telling remarks and assisted in
administering the Sacrament. Sun-
day was a high day at Ames.

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muscle and organ, is made stronger and
more healthful by the use of Hood's Sar-
saparilla.

Conference Notices.

Bowling Green District, Lexington Con-
ference.
First Round.

Hawesville.....	April 4-5
Connellon and Lewisport.....	" 6-7
Cloverport cir.....	" 8-9
Hardinsburg.....	" 10-12
Hartford and Hall's Creek.....	" 18-20
Beaver Dam.....	" 21
Vine Grove and West Point.....	" 25-27
Irington.....	" 28
Litchfield.....	May 2-3
Morgantown and Indian Camp.....	" 9-11
Sonora and Cave City.....	" 16-18
Greenville and Horton's.....	" 22
Eddyville and Grand Rivers.....	" 23-25
Princeton and Danbury.....	" 26-27
Pudnoch and Smithland.....	" 29-31
Owensboro.....	June 1-3
Abund and Franklin.....	" 6-7
Bowling Green.....	" 13-14
	" 20-21

Dear Brethren: Our first district
conference will be held at Princeton from
Thursday June 25 to Monday 29, 1891.
It would be best for all of us if no one
leaves before Monday. Lectures to the
brethren on "How best Pastor a Charge."
Homiletics and Discipline will be deliv-
ered. All local preachers are to be ex-
amined in the first year's course of study.
No reports received unless written. Dis-
trict stewards will meet during this ses-
sion. Supplies of course of study, for local
preachers will be brought to district
conference. Presiding Elder's salary will
be same as that for last year, till district
stewards meet. Every pastor, local
preacher, and all official members of our
churches will be expected to take the
"Southwestern" or "Western Christian
Advocate." Announcements for our dis-
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A Boston lady who knew what she wanted,
and whose example is worthy imitation, tells
her experience below:

To Get

"In one store where I went to buy Hood's
Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me to
buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their's
would last longer; that I might take it on ten
days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not
pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail
on me to change. I told him I knew what
Hood's Sarsaparilla was. I had taken it, was
satisfied with it, and did not want any other.

Hood's

When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla
I was feeling real miserable, suffering
a great deal with dyspepsia, and so weak
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"They tell me you work for a dollar a day; How is it you clothe your six boys on such pay?"

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"There's Pete, John, Jim, and Joe and William and Ned, A half dozen boys to be clothed up and fed."

"And I buy for them all good, plain victuals to eat; But clothing—I only buy clothing for Pete."

"When Pete's clothes are too small for him to get on My wife makes 'em over and gives 'em to John."

"When for John, who is ten, they have grown out of date She just makes 'em over for Jim, who is eight."

"When for Jim they become ragged to fix She just makes them over for Joe, who is six."

"And when little Joseph can wear 'em no more She just makes 'em over for Bill, who is four."

"And when for young Bill they no longer will do She just makes 'em over for Ned, who is two."

"So you see, if I get enough clothing for Pete, The family is furnished with clothing complete."

"But when Ned has got through with the clothing, and when He has thrown it aside—what do you do with it then?"

"Why, once more we go round, the circle complete, And begin to use it for patches for Pete."

The Household.

LAYER GINGER CAKE.—One cup New Orleans molasses, butter or lard the size of an egg, one tea spoonful of soda in two-thirds of a cup of boiling water, one table spoonful of ginger, a pinch of salt and flour to make it the consistency of jelly cake; bake in three layers and put together while warm; needs nothing between the layers. New Orleans or sorghum molasses must be used or it will not be good.

SOFT GINGER COOKIES.—Two teacupfuls of New Orleans molasses, one teacupful of melted lard, one teacupful of boiling water, four teacupfuls of soda, one table spoonful of ginger; pour the boiling water on the soda, first putting soda in a good-sized dish, as it foams so much; do not knead too stiff; roll thin and bake in a quick oven. They are best if stirred up in a milk crock if possible, as this recipe makes nearly one hundred cookies.

FIG PUDDING.—Three quarters of a pound of grated bread, one-half a pound of the best figs, six ounces of suet, six ounces of moist sugar, one teacupful of milk, and a little nutmeg grated. The figs and suet must be chopped very fine. Mix the bread and suet first, then the figs, sugar and nutmeg, one egg beaten well, and lastly the milk. Boil in a mould four hours. To be eaten with sweet sauce.

COCONUT CAKE.—Beat to a cream one pound of butter and one pound of sugar, add eight eggs beaten separately, half a pound of sifted flour, one grated nutmeg, one teacupful of lemon extract, and half a pound of grated cocoanut, mixed with the white of an egg, and stir in slowly; pour in a well-greased pan and bake quickly. Ice and sprinkle over with grated cocoanut. For the filling beat the yolks of four eggs very light, with two cups of cream, flavor with the lemon extract and spread between the layers of cake.

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Our Symposium.

President Harrison on Majority Rule.

"That the majority shall rule is an underlying principle of our institutions. It is what has contributed in the past to our security, and it is the only guarantee in the future for our safety. The minute you pass from that and concede the minority rule you go to chaos and confusion. Some of the fiercest contentions in Congress have been made in the vain attempt upon the part of the minority to control the action of the majority."

The President was asked if he thought the Republicans would make the issues involved in the elections bill prominent in future campaigns.

"You will find therein the same principle—a guarantee of the rule of the majority. It will not do for the people of any section to believe that they must be let alone; that it is a local question to be settled by the States, or whether they shall have honest elections or not. This might be said were it not for the fact that the issue is in effect

IN NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, and the effect upon the floor of the House of Representatives is so great that it cannot be ignored. Whether it shall become a dominant issue in the near campaign, or in the near future, is a question of whether the Northern part of the country will consent to touch administration of national affairs. This attempt upon the part of the minority to rule the majority is constantly appearing in various parts of the country.

"Take my own state of Indiana. There we have such a gerrymander that if we carried the state tomorrow by popular vote of 10,000 majority we could not secure more than two, or possibly three, representatives in Congress, and the Democrats would have control of the Legislature. There the will of the majority is overruled, and by an improper manipulation the rule of the minority is made possible.

These are questions for the people to take up and determine. It is not a question of sectionalism. It is a question of principle and business honesty. The principle of majority representation has to a great degree prevailed in Congress during the last two sessions, and therefore will have a good influence upon the public in calling their attention to the benefits to be derived therefrom."

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Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my second letter to you. I have been reading the letters from my little cousins, and they encouraged me to write also. We have a nice Sunday school. I go every Sunday. We have a missionary band and we are all soliciting money for the missionary cause. We hope to be successful.

Your Nephew,
HENRY W. GILMORE.
Clarksville, Tex.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I see so very many of the little boys and girls writing to you I thought I would write. I attend Sabbath school every Sunday. I expect to attend day school, which opens March 2.

Your Niece,
TEMPY B. FAYETTE.
Mantua, Ala.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my first letter to you. I am a member of the M. E. Church. I am not going to school now. I am in the seventh grade. My father is a school teacher and my grand father is a preacher. I take much pleasure in reading the SOUTHWESTERN. Our pastor is Rev. J. Evans.

Your Niece,
SARAH F. AIMROD.
Mantua, Ala.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I enjoy your paper ever so much. I am going to school every day and to Sunday school. My mother and father belong to the M. E. Church. I don't belong to the church but I want to.

Your Niece,
SARAH PHILLIPS.
Marion, Ala.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 11 years old. I am a member of Farmington M. E. Sunday school, and I attend every Sunday. My father takes the SOUTHWESTERN and I delight in reading our Children's Legion. Mr. Zach Boren is our Sunday school superintendent. Rev. W. Ellison is our pastor. He is loved by everybody. My mother sister and brother belong to the M. E. Church.

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Mr. Editor: I desire to find my two sisters, Harriett and Chancy Hartman. I was sold from my two sisters in Louisiana during the war, and came to Texas. For a short name they called me "Mit." Part of us belonged to Hartman, and part to Johnson. My mother and father both died before I left. My oldest sister had two boys, Adken and Hilliard. Any information in regard to them will be thankfully received. Address Polly Johnson, Washington, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my mother, who went from Baltimore, Md., to Grand Cane, Va., about 12 years before the war. Her name at that time was Phyllis White, and she belonged to James Street, who sold her to a Negro trader by the name of Campbell. Sister Maria and myself were sold to the same man; also, brother Harris. I was sold by Campbell, in New Orleans, to Needham Raford. Sister's names were Marcab, Dumon, Mahala and Rosa. Brother's names were Harry and Wheeler. Father was named David Limard, and belonged to one, Wheeler. I left brother Harry in New Orleans when I was sold, and

have not seen any of them since. My name was Mary Eliza Linard, but now is Mary Eliza Bedford. Address W. M. Bedford, Trenton, Smith county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my daughter. Her name is Mealia Fitzgerald. She was taken off by Price Fitzgerald in 1867. She was only 3 years old when she left Warren, Ark. Price is her father. He carried her to Camden, and when he left there he went to Texas. I have not heard from them since. Any information can be addressed to Amanda Wood, New Edinburg, Ark., care Rev. J. W. Burns.

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HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 7. 1-11. Tu. 2 Kings 7. 12-17. W. 2 Chron. 20. 14-24. Th. Luke 15. 11-19. F. Exod. 15. 1-12. S. Psal. 76. S. Psal. 107. 1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. (Psal. 107. 8.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take:
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

Time—B. C. 892.
Places—The city of Samaria and the surrounding country.
Ruler—Jehoram, King of Israel.
Doctrinal suggestion—God's fulfillment of promise.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Lord's Promise, v. 1, 2. What was the Lord's promise? By whom was this promise sent? What doubt was expressed about the promise? By whom was the doubt uttered? What did Elisha say to the doubt-er? What says Peter about the Lord's promises? (2 Pet. 3. 9)
2. The Deserted Camp, v. 3-11. What afflicted men were without the city gate? What question did they ask one of another? In what two places did death threaten them? Where did they resolve to go? At what time did they go to the Syrian camp? Whom did they find there? What had caused the Syrians to fly? What shows that they fled in haste? What did the lepers first do in the camp? What did they finally decide to do? What report did they bear to the city?
3. The Saved City, v. 12-16. What did the king say when he heard the story? What plan did a servant suggest? What did the king do? How far did the messengers go? What did they find by the way? What did the people do when the messengers returned? What promise was then fulfilled? Of what duty does the Golden Text remind us?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

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2. That doubt robs us of blessing.
3. That God's word is sure of fulfillment.

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Marriages.

Benton, Miss.—March 19, Mr. Willis Taylor to Miss Cornelia Fields. Rev. J. I. Garrett officiating.

Abbeville, Miss.—March 20, Mr. Geo. Buford to Miss Martha Howard. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk officiating.

Lewisville, Ark.—March 8, Mr. Jas. Isom and Miss Annie Brown. Rev. P. B. McDonald officiating.

Columbus, Miss.—Mr. A. C. Frierson to Miss Nora Williams. Rev. W. H. Whitlock officiating.

Fairfield, La.—Mr. Lewis Hutchison to Miss Inez Johnson. Rev. D. Shelly officiating.

Fox Camp, Tenn.—Feb. 15, Mr. Grandison Lions to Miss Susan Harris. Rev. S. Knight officiating.

Abbeville, La.—March 12, Mr. Arthur Crandall to Miss Melissa Briggs. Rev. A. J. Proctor officiating.

Obituary.

Marion, Ala.—Sister Alice H. Moore, daughter of Mr. and Irene Moore, was born in Marion, Ala., Dec. 24, 1872, and died March 16, 1891. She became a Christian in 1888, and joined the M. E. Church the same year. Since that time she has lived a loving and happy Christian life. She was a faithful Sunday school teacher, attended church regularly, and was perfectly devoted to anything that pertained to religion. She was a lover of her Bible. When asked if she wished to get well, she quietly answered, "Which ever way the Lord wills, so be it." She was often heard singing, "Jesus is coming again;" also, "There is rest for the weary." Her funeral was conducted by F. L. Teague, pastor, and Revs. Larkins, Dinkins, and Pollard, at the M. E. Church.

Sister Mary Wood departed this life March 7. She died in full faith. She was a member of the Baptist Church before coming to this place. She has been sick for more than two years, but thanks be to God, she is now "Where sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more." By request, her funeral was preached in the M. E. Church by the writer. She leaves five or six children, empty-handed, without father or mother. Lord be merciful to such a family.

F. L. Teague.

Alpha, La.—Mar. 12, Sister Josephine Miller died in full triumph of faith. Wm. Ector, P. C.

Kendleton, Texas.—On the 16th of March, Miss Lydia Hubbard, aged 16 years, a member of Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, Richmond, Texas, passed from labor to reward. She had been an invalid for more than twelve months, and suffered intensely. She died in full triumph of faith. She said when asked if

she was ready, "I have not waited till now to get ready." The church has lost a member and heaven has gained a saint. G. J. Izard.

Keithville, La.—March 12, Bro. Owen Moseley, died in peace with God and with man. He leaves a wife, four children, a mother, a father, sisters and brothers behind. D. Shelly, P. C.

Griffin, Ga.—Sister Fannie Beck, who departed this life March 20, was the mother of Heck M. E. Church. She lived a soldier and died with victory. W. H. Lovelace, P. C.

Vaiken, Miss.—Sister Early Young departed this life March 10, in the full triumph of faith. She was a good member of the M. E. Church. Age, 69 years. She leaves a husband, one son, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Chas. W. Whitehead, P. C.

Reasia Bruce, daughter of Bro. Burley and Sister Sarah Bruce, died March 17, aged 17 years. She leaves a father, mother, four sisters and two brothers to mourn her loss. She died in triumph of living faith. F. G. Wilbon, P. C.

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District Conference.

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J. W. DAVIS, P. E.

District Conference.

Corinth District, Upper Mississippi Conference. First Round.

Belle...	Apr. 1-2
Lampico...	4-5
Starkville...	11-12
Webster...	15-16
Sturges...	18-19
Acker...	22-23
Louisville...	25-26
French Camp...	May 2-3
Greeshboro...	6
Bellfontain...	7

Brethren will please give notice and have full attendance and written reports.

R. SEWELL, P. E.

Palestine District, Texas Conference.

Jacksonville...	Apr. 4-5
New Birmingham Circuit...	7
San Augustine Circuit...	11-12
Nacogdoches...	14
Peoria...	18-19
Madisonville Circuit...	22-23
Baldado and Hopewell...	25-26
Palestine...	30

God grant a glorious revival all over the Palestine District. Dear brethren, push the benevolent collections. District stewards' meeting at Jewett, April 25, 1891.

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Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell
How high your great Deliverer reigns;
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And led the monster, Death, in chains.

Say, "Live forever, wondrous King!
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Then ask the Monster, "Where's thy sting?"
And, "Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?"

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THE bishops of the Methodist
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taken up Easter Sunday at once to
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STANLEY lectured on "Darkest
Africa" to large audiences in New
Orleans. "Distance lends enchantment
to the view." The elite take
very little interest in the slice of
"Darkest Africa" in their own parish.
Isn't it touching to have
Mrs. Jellaby howl and weep for
the poor heathen abroad, while she
gathers in her ecclesiastical skirts
so carefully from the contaminating
touch of the black heathen at home.

EASTER Sunday was celebrated
at Mineola, Tex., by the hanging
of a young colored man suspected (?)
of having offered some gross insult
to two of the white ladies of
that town. The lynching parties
are said to be well known and
"their act is condemned by our
best citizens," but that is the end
of the matter. Condemnation.
That's all. No wonder our people
are crying all over the country,
"How long, O, Lord, how long!"

THERE has been a big flurry
over our Italian relations during
the past week. To the uninitiated
it even looked like war. But the
blood will all be spilt in the news-
papers and diplomacy. Italy is
too astute to go to war with the
United States. In such a conflict
she would have nothing to gain
and everything to lose. She has
her hands full at home, and her
people are emigrating because they
are already crushed under taxes
and military service. The Italian
premier has simply been "playing
to the galleries." In the meantime
the whole incident reveals a glaring
weakness at one point in the
power of the Federal Government.
It is "State Sovereignty" with a
vengeance when an irresponsible
mob in one municipality has the
power to plunge the whole nation
into war.

Easter Gleanings.

Easter was more generally observed throughout our territory than ever before.

Fred H. Bunton, Aberdeen, Miss.
The Sabbath school rendered our Easter programs in splendid style. Missionary collection, \$37.60. Our church was beautifully decorated by the sisters and children. At night I preached the Resurrection to a crowded house. We had a glorious time all day.

W. R. Butler, Baton Rouge, La.
Easter Sunday was a high day at Wesley Chapel. Rev. E. Lyon, the Sunday School Agent, was on hand. On Saturday night a grand Easter exhibition was given by Prof. F. C. Blundon, and he spared no pains in making the occasion a grand one. Three o'clock Sunday morning we were at the church in a glorious speaking meeting. At 9 o'clock, 186 scholars were present in the Sunday school, and we had a grand time with the young people. Bro. Lyon addressed the Sunday school, and preached the Resurrection sermon to a large congregation. At 3 p. m., the Sunday school rendered the Easter program, which was done to the letter. The music by the Sunday school choir added greatly to the occasion. Miss Alice Thomas, our Sunday school superintendent, is trying to make our Sunday school the best in the State. Mother Hester is leading the little children to the Saviour's waiting arms. Oh! for a hundred such women. Monday evening Rev. E. Lyon held a Sunday school meeting, at which time he lectured, and many of the scholars came forward and promised to be Christians and not to use any tobacco, whiskey, wine nor beer. The class organized by Revs. Davidson and Lyon in February, for religious instruction, is doing well. In this class we have fourteen converted children, and others who are not converted, under the leadership of Mrs. R. A. Kennedy, one of the prominent teachers of our school. We believe Bro. Lyon to be the right man in the right place. Our Sunday school has been greatly benefited by his visits; also, by Dr. Davidson's.

T. S. McMorris, Bryan, Texas.
The program as printed was nicely rendered. \$42 was realized from the congregation and the Sunday school for missions. We had with us the Presiding Elder, Rev. W. H. Logan, who assisted in the music and program, which gave to the people a grand send-off. Our Sunday school superintendent, Prof. G. H. Williams, was very much delighted with the progress of his school.

J. S. Harris, Wiley Memorial Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Easter Sunday was a good day. The program published by our Book Concern was beautifully rendered by the young people, and a good missionary collection was lifted.

V. M. Cole, Paris, Tex.
Mt. Zion carried out the Easter program to the letter. Provs. A. F. A. Polk and R. L. Hoffman delivered excellent addresses. Our Sunday school, under the leadership of our pastor and Profs. R. S. Thwait and Hoffman, is the best in this city. Total collection, \$102.55. \$20 for missions.

Truman Smith, Buford, Ga.
We had a grand time. Our pastor, Rev. F. R. Bridges, was with us and gave us an interesting talk on Easter.

A. J. Ford, Alexandria, La.
Collections from our Easter ser-

vice far surpassed that of any previous year, it being \$20, which is this day sent to the Treasurer, Dr. Hurst. It was a day of fat things for Israel.

W. L. Duncan, Huntsville, Tex.
The church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The exercises of the children were really good. At 3 p. m. the church was well filled to listen to the Resurrection sermon. Good music was furnished by our superintendent, W. H. Baines, and Prof. D. Williams. Rev. F. Parker, Presiding Elder, was with us. Collection, \$52.40.

M. C. McEwen, Tupelo, Miss.
Easter will be long remembered in the Sunday school services, the following young ladies read essays and otherwise took part: Mrs. F. Norman, Miss Eddie Stowall, Miss Mabel Stowall, Miss M. A. White-side and Miss Mary Hayes, and Messrs. C. L. Burges, Geo. Baker, H. C. Norman, W. M. Armstrong. The children recited 600 verses from the Bible by heart. As it was a quarterly conference day, Elder J. C. Eckles preached a wonderful sermon. Collection for all purposes, \$63.65. We are going to send in our usual number of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN in a short time, that is twenty eight cash.
(Send them just as soon as you can.—ED.)

A. C. Culbreath, Columbia, Tex.
We had a good time on Easter. We raised for missions, \$16. The following read splendid essays: Misses Lucy Redic, Josephine Roberson, Sarah Vogle, Adelia Scott, R. L. McCullough, Ida Williams, Lottie Williams, B. F. Williams, L. Randen, Pinky Williams, Lizzie Williams, Perlina Rashell, Cora Barrett and L. Barrett.

V. D. Jenkins, Greenville, Ga.
Attendance was large and the services interesting. Collection, \$54.42.

J. C. Hibler, Vicksburg, Miss.
Easter was a grand festival day. The program was carried out. A hundred and six scholars were present. A thousand and forty-five verses were recited. Collection, from the Sunday school, \$24.70; from the congregation, \$10.40; total, \$35.10.

Tenola Edwards, Sloan Street, Houston, Tex.
Easter program was carried out with success. Many came forward for prayer and four joined the church. Collection, \$60.05. We are in the midst of a revival.

Meadville, Miss., celebrated the day in grand style. Collection taken for education, \$3. Speeches were delivered by Rev. N. Applewhite and Messrs. Jackson and Bates.

(The collection, according to our Discipline, belongs to the cause of missions, and not for education. The Children's Day collection, second Sunday in June, belongs to education.—ED.)

A. N. Jackson, LaFayette, Ala.
Easter and Missionary services were observed here in a beautifully decorated church. Large congregations attended. The Sunday school did nicely. A liberal collection for missions was taken.

J. M. Nevils, Kosciusko, Miss.
We used the program, and the children did their part well. Collection for missions, \$9. The Elder preached for us at 11 a. m., and at night, it being conference time, his collection was \$12.50. Total for the day, \$21.50.

Sandersville, Chapel Hill, Rev. R. G. McMillan, pastor, had interesting services the whole day, by the church and Sunday school. Sunday school collection, \$3.

A. J. McNair, Shubuta, Miss.
The church was beautifully decorated. Easter sermons by Rev. A. Howze and the writer. The children rendered the Easter program very nicely. Collection for missions, \$12.

J. R. Britton, Old Fort, N. C., had a glorious day of it. Collection for missions, \$4.60. Twenty-five came forward for prayers.

J. W. Little, Trenton, Miss.
It was carried out successfully under the management of Rev. S. C. Moore, in charge of the Mossy Hill school. He is a faithful worker. Superintendent P. B. Eptings gave him the program of the day. Rev. M. A. Hobson has done a good work here. Missionary collection, \$7.45.

K. B. Jamison, Starkville, Miss.
The services were excellent. The church was beautifully decorated. Many of the Sunday school scholars recited verses from the Bible. Some choice papers were read by Messrs. C. E. Moody, B. J. Robinson, M. Bardwell, M. Winn, A. Wilson, Misses M. W. McPhail, L. Moody, K. B. Jamison and others.

Mrs. Fannie A. Clark, Bonchett Village.
The day was sweetly welcomed. The little folks acted their parts well considering the advantages given them in the past. Several essays were read by Messrs. W. M. Lincoln, Rev. A. B. Venable and Mrs. Venable. Collection, \$1.40.

A. Moore, Washington, La.
Easter services were grandly celebrated. The church was beautifully decorated by Misses Alice Hudson, Ella Strode, Mattie Strode, Lucia Hatten, Mrs. Loniea Washington, Miss Mary Alfred and others. Mrs. Moore and superintendent Stafford Thomson led the program of the Easter service. Collection for missions, \$20. This is said to be the largest missionary collection ever taken up at an Easter service in this church. The money has already been forwarded to the missionary treasury, New York.

(That's business. There is no earthly reason for keeping the money till conference, especially when it is needed for the work as soon as collected; otherwise the society has to borrow and pay interest on the same.—ED.)

Easter Missionary Service.

The reports from Easter services begin to come in. Here is a specimen:

The Rev. J. A. Parsons, of Corry, Pa., Erie Conference, writes: "Easter was a good day for Corry. Beautiful day! Large crowds. Last year \$144 was raised for missions—just the apportionment. This year pledged yesterday \$362, and we will doubtless get \$400. Church happy. Secret of success, *World-Wide Missions*, monthly Missionary Concerts by Epworth League, sermon by the Rev. S. P. Long, of Burmah, and a quickened spirituality.

ONE of our Louisiana laymen has sent us a letter, for publication, announcing his candidacy for the General Conference. As such things are entirely out of harmony with Methodist economy the letter has plowed its way into the ever-present and servicable waste basket, "where it will not rise to shame our beloved brother in this world, nor condemn him in the world to come."

THE old blue book spelling book used to tell us that "strong drinks will debase a man." The old adage is as impressively true as ever. Don't touch the vile and accursed stuff.

Lexington Conference Appointments.

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T. L. Wilson, W. H. Watts, B. J. Coleman, J. F. K. Moreland, were left without appointment to attend school.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

From R. Scott, a steward of First Street M. E. Church, we are gratified to learn that after six years' absence, the Rev. T. G. Montgomery comes to that people with great pleasure. He is the man for that church. The people all love him. Their collections are getting better. They raised \$14 on Union day. They are paying their preacher \$19.25 a week, and the Presiding Elder \$20 a quarter. The church is on the increase.

The Sisters of the Mysterious Ten attended services at Wesley Chapel last Sunday. Rev. F. T. Chinn preached their annual sermon.

Pleasant Plains' Class Tribe Rally and Bank Opening Day was a success. Collected, \$45.20. The following ministers participated: Revs. H. C. Green, T. A. Wilson, W. P. Forest, A. J. Pickett, Dr. A. E. P. Albert, F. T. Chinn and S. A. Mason.

THE people are awakening, and responses to the appeal of the American Citizens Equal Rights Association, for funds to test the separate car law is having its desired effect. The association is in earnest and means business. All it needs is the united co-operation and financial aid of all our people. Let every organized body, of whatever kind, and individual members of the race, and all the friends of justice, everywhere, send their contributions to J. T. Newman, M. D., corner Canal and Marais streets, New Orleans.

THE Franklin (Ohio) Chronicle in a recent number gives a very interesting sketch of the Thirkield family. It gives in connection therewith an excellent account of M. E. B. President the venerable father of Thirkield, Thirkield, or Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

Letters from the Districts.

Program.

The following is the program for the Sunday School Institute of the Paris District, Texas Conference, that meets at Bonham, Tex., April 28, 29, or two days before conference will open.

Duties of superintendent, paper by Prof. A. F. A. Polk of Paris, Tex.; discussion by Prof. J. B. McCulloch of Clarksville.

Duties of teachers, paper by Prof. H. A. Reid of Clarksville; discussion by Prof. W. S. Bagby of Clarksville.

Duties of parents to the Sunday School, paper by Prof. J. Smelser; discussion, Rev. O. H. Harris of Clarksville.

Duty of local preachers and exhorters, J. W. Brooks of Bonham. How to organize a Sunday School, Rev. E. E. Brown.

Upon what does the success of a Sunday School depend? Miss Enora Brooks of Bonham; discussion.

What are the advantages of a good Sunday School to the church? A. L. Paterson.

What are the necessary qualifications for a successful Sunday school teacher? Mrs. Mary Lattimer of Clarksville.

What is the best hour for a Sunday school and how long should it continue? Prof. Chas. White of Ladonia; discussion, Rev. W. H. Jackson and J. W. Moore.

Object of a Sunday School Institute, Prof. R. F. Huffman of Paris, Tex.; discussion, Rev. R. S. Taylor.

Importance of young folks attending Sunday School, L. Bagby of Clarksville; discussion, H. Hendrick of Paris.

Every Sunday School on the district is earnestly requested to send a delegate, defraying expenses.

Rev. Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder of the Marshall District, Texas Conference, was presented with many valuable gifts and a gold-headed cane, by the members of the church and Sunday School at Paris, Tex., the charge which he has just left to take charge of the district.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscripts.

Austin, Texas, Notes.

P. M. CARMICHAEL.

On our return for a second year here we were met with as much appreciation by the people as when first we came. Our labors last year were everything but a failure; however, there was not as much done as we had hoped for. There was a constant increase during the year, so that at the end of the year we were enabled to report 690 full members and 71 on probation, making an enrollment of 761.

The church seemed to enjoy a high degree of spiritual blessings. The financial condition of the church was not so good. It would seem, looking at the numerical strength, that we should pay more here for all purposes than the ministers will show, and it is true we ought, yet the greater part of the increase are children taken from the Sunday school, out of whom we get nothing much financially. Notwithstanding the hard times, we might have raised at least \$250 for all benevolent objects.

There was, however, only \$165 raised for all benevolent enterprises of the church. This does not include \$418 raised for the Samuel Huston College, nor for the sick, dead, and burials.

The minutes will not show but a little over \$300 paid on old indebtedness. The reason for this will be seen when it is known that we paid about \$400 or more on the repair of the parsonage and grounds. This is a great people to pay their ministers. The pastor, Presiding Elder and bishops were all paid the estimations, which amounted

to \$1143. The whole amount raised for all purposes, including the expenses of Sunday school, reached something over \$3000.

We returned from the annual conference with a determination to do more and better work this year than last. We realized the fact that if a large church were allowed to lay idle it would do no more than a small one.

There is such a thing as formal doing, or doing well enough; then there is such a thing as living on a large name. In other words, we can do anything we want to do. If we don't want to do a thing and don't do it, we will be respected because of our good or large name (numerical strength). We don't want it to be so with Wesley Chapel, and yet there is danger of it. There is danger too, in overburdening a people. If once they fail at raising a certain amount, it is not good to let the failure be repeated. Every failure makes the next attempt but the harder. This is especially true with regard to old debts, and will be true in other cases if allowed. This can be prevented by well ordered plans.

There seems to be more interest taken in the church among the membership than at this time last year. We are determined to wipe out the debt of the church this year if possible. Aside from this, we want to make some very necessary repairs about the church and grounds.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. Mack Henson, is held in high esteem here by our folks. The quarterly conference just held by him was a success. The reports were all full and encouraging.

Elder Henson made special mention to the conference of a very encouraging letter recently received from Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, respecting the Samuel Huston College, which made all of our hearts glad, for that is an enterprise that lies very heavy on our hearts. We have already seen that unless the school is finished, and finished soon, our church is to suffer here in the Southwest. There are neutralizing influences that are being brought to bear at present, in this city, against us, and only those of us that are on the grounds can know these things the better.

Let us do our pledged duty, and let us have that building completed soon.

The love feast and sacramental services were occasions of great blessing. Elder Henson preached us one of his soul-stirring sermons. The father of the Presiding Elder, whom he had not seen for thirty-two years, arrived from Troy, Ala., March 17, and to-day, March 23, he lies cold in death. The home of joy and gladness can so very soon be turned into one of mourning. Bro. Henson has the sympathy of the entire city in the loss of his dear father.

There is a great interest manifested among our people at present in the purchasing of homes. This ought to be kept continually before our people, for it is a step in the right direction.

A. McGlockin, Pleasant Hill, La.

Presiding Elder S. Duncan was with us March 17 and 18, and preached two edifying sermons. White and colored were glad to welcome again our old and popular Presiding Elder.

W. H. Williams, Fort Smith, Ark.

I was changed from Texarkana to Fort Smith, at the last session of our conference for the purpose of building our church in this growing city of fifteen thousand people. Years ago we had a church which was burned down. Several attempts have been made to rebuild since, but have each time failed. We had one member when we came. We now have ten members. Many of the people of this city are from the North, and a large number of the leading members in the other churches of the city were formerly members of our church but have gone to other churches because we had no church

for them to come to. They are anxious for their own church, and have said to me they will come as soon as they see we mean business. They have come to us before, then we have failed, and our preachers have gone away, and they have gone back. So we must give them something to tie to this time. We have now since conference \$3,395 on subscription. By a close canvass we can make it \$4,000. The subscription which I have taken are largely on the condition that we build an \$8,000 church. We need help.

A. Handy, Summit, Miss.

I met a warm reception all over this circuit. My first quarterly conference was held March 14th. The Presiding Elder, B. L. Crump, was on time. We had a very good time.

T. Scott, Prairie Plains, Tex.

The people were glad to receive me as their pastor. I found no parsonage, but we have built one since I have been here. We are moving on nicely. The Elder was with us on the 14 and 15 of March and held my first quarterly conference. After having a good sermon by the Elder we paid him \$9; raised \$2 on benevolences.

H. C. Watson, Caldwell Circuit, Tex.

We are moving on nicely since the conference. The membership in the town of Caldwell has increased from three to thirteen. We expect to build a new church at Zion Hill this year. Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder, held his first quarter here March 14 15. Both services were largely attended. The Presiding Elder preached a good sermon, and with his kind words and pleasing smile on his face left many people happy. Collection, \$30 75; paid Presiding Elder \$17, leaving a balance of \$13 75 to be applied to the pastor's salary.

Emerson Hutchinson, Mansfield, La.

March 1st was a high day in Mansfield. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. S. Duncan held our quarterly conference Feb. 29, with credit to himself. Reports showed marked improvements. Pastor's salary was fixed at \$400; Elder's \$32, Bishop \$2; benevolent collection \$40. We have made it in our minds through God's help to do more this year than ever. Many good words are heard of Rev. T. G. Montgomery, our ex-Presiding Elder. He was a true and tried friend. May the blessing of God follow him wherever he goes.

J. W. Richmond, McMinnville, Tenn.

I have great soul for the SOUTHWESTERN, the great looking-glass in which I can see the great works of the grandest church in all the world. Notwithstanding our church was burned last year we are at work for the Master. I have had ten additions, done \$30 of repairs on the parsonage, raised \$117 48, and organized two Epworth Leagues. They are working nicely.

D. Keller, Stark, Fla.

I entered on my work immediately after the conference and found 125 members. When I left there six years ago I left 140. I have

had a protracted meeting nine nights, resulting in four taken into full membership and thirty on probation. The Elder was with us on the 20-21 and preached a rousing sermon.

S. Knight, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

I am at my post trying to do what I can for the Master. I was truly glad to see in Dr. Albert's report to the Book Committee that instead of a decrease in the SOUTHWESTERN there was a gratifying increase over last year's report. Elder Price is pushing things and tells his men to do the same.

A. Butler, Waynesboro, Miss.

Our conference convened with J. M. Shumpert, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Reports showed the work alive and prosperous. The Elder gave a talk on the SOUTHWESTERN. At night he preached an excellent sermon. Collection for Elder, \$8 10; pastor, \$40 15. The sacrament was administered to thirty communicants.

C. E. Goins, Monroe, La.

We are working to put up our church. Everybody is anxious to see it go up. The friends and members are doing all they can toward this grand work. Sister Elberta Boyd is paying us a visit and is also helping us in this work. Mr. Henry Barnes, one of our workers, has given me two excellent presents since I have been here.

C. A. Taylor, Sweet Home, Ark.

I was well received here. I found our new church that was built last year, at the cost of \$1,000, wrecked by the storm March 27, 1890. It had not been repaired, and our people had to worship in the school house. Five days after I arrived we met the trustees; they had \$144 50 in the treasury. We have since had the work done and paid for. We led our people into the new church March 8. We are in the midst of a kind hearted people that love the old M. E. Church. I was sorry to leave Marianna, Ark., but I am glad to be at Sweet Home where we think we can do more for the church and the SOUTHWESTERN than ever.

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Letters from the Laity.

Mrs. Lou Davis, Edwards, Miss.

I write to let the readers of the grand old SOUTHWESTERN know that we are doing nicely. We have as our pastor this year Rev. L. J. S. Bell, who is carrying everything by storm. He is gaining ground for our church. He has a nice little family. We all love his wife and children. We are glad that the conference let us have our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. J. Campbell, another year. He was with us on the 19th of February, and held our quarter and left us all happy. We have received several new members since our new pastor has been with us. Pray for us.

Miss Clara E. Pullen, of Atlanta, Ga., read a very excellent paper on the "Work and Object of the Epworth League," before the Loyd Street Epworth League of that city, on a recent occasion.

Rev. J. R. Howard, of Gammon Theological Seminary, composed and read a poem of high literary merit on the death of Gen. Sherman, before a large and appreciative audience, in Loyd Street Church, Atlanta. We hope to have it in our columns in a later issue.

Our people at Darrowville, La., have given a very profitable union meeting to raise money to pay for the new parsonage which they are building. They have paid out all of their old indebtedness on the church since Rev. Alfred Vincent has taken charge.

The committee appointed by Rev. I. O. Rucker, at Ocean Springs, Miss., to give an entertainment to pay the church out of debt, report a net receipt of \$14.60 at a recent entertainment.

Wesley Chapel, Anstin, Texas, Rev. P. M. Carmichael, pastor, has a new bell and is otherwise evidencing great prosperity.

J. W. Little, Trenton, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held March 22, 23, by Rev. W. H. Mims, at Shady Grove Elder Campbell could not have sent us a better man to hold the

quarter. Reports showed the circuit moving on nicely, under the pastoral care of our worthy pastor, Rev. M. A. Hobson.

J. M. Benjamin, Bee Lake, Miss.

Rev. W. M. Bell, our present pastor, entered this work Feb. 20. The people received him kindly. After an able sermon last Sunday night, three came forward for prayer.

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General Church News.

The Pope has summoned Cardinal Gibbons to Rome for a conference on church questions in the United States.

Bishop H. M. Turner, of the A. M. E. Church, will visit Africa in the interest of his church next summer.

THE attention of our readers is invited to the interesting and important article in another column, on motherhood, by Mrs. Mary Haven Thirkield, daughter of the late Bishop Haven, and wife of President Thirkield of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. We are glad to announce that Mrs. Thirkield has kindly consented to give us a monthly letter on kindred subjects for our columns.

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Statistics of the Sunday School Union for 1889.

We have 26,910 schools, 296,785 officers and teachers, and 2,313,644 scholars. This is an increase over the previous year of 1,091 schools, 10,017 officers and teachers, and 125,567 scholars. Of the officers and teachers 269,520 are church members or probationers, and of the scholars, 651,771. This shows an increase over the year preceding of 11,561 officers and teachers connected with the Church, and 40,910 scholars. The number of conversions reported is 103,341.

General News Items.

James Freeman Clarke, the Unitarian Divine, and one of the best critics of America, classed Frederick Douglass among the best orators which America has produced.

Judge Wm. M. Hancock, the Republican postmaster of Meridian, Miss., is dead.

The state of Washington and British Columbia have been united by rail.

Mr. Cleveland's opposition to free silver coinage is having a healthy effect on his party.

There are imprisoned in the various penitentiaries or state prisons in the United States 45,239 convicts.

The demand for the resignation of Judge Hodge, United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia, is understood to have been made on account of that official's failure to prosecute violations of the Anti-Lottery law.

The body of Admiral Porter was buried in Arlington Cemetery.

A brewing syndicate has been formed with a capital of \$12,000,000.

By a railway wreck in North Carolina at least six persons lost their lives.

Prof. Alexander Graham Bell has given \$25,000 to be used in teaching the dumb to speak.

The floods in the valley of the Allegheny and Monongahela are causing a great deal of damage to property.

A sad disaster has happened at Cincinnati. A steamer with about 85 people on board struck a pier of the railway bridge and went to pieces. The number of lives lost is not known.

The bill to authorize women to vote at general elections and hold office has been defeated in the Kansas House. An effort will be made to have the vote reconsidered.

The Massachusetts Senate passed the biennial election amendment order. The amendment repealing the poll tax requisite for voting was also adopted in the Senate.

Professor Alexander Winchell, the eminent geologist is dead.

Failure of the John D. Knox & Company banking house in Topeka, Kansas, is announced.

A Chicago paper says it is almost certain that the Lake Front site for the World's Fair will be abandoned.

Six persons were burned to death by fire in a Brooklyn tenement house.

Superintendent Porter says that his census agents have discovered 9,000,000 mortgages.

Ex-Speaker Reed has gone to Europe.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnson died at Washington, Sunday March 22.

Mrs. C. M. Smith, sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, died at San Francisco.

The Hon. Levi C. Wade, president of the Mexican Railroad Company, died at Boston.

Secretary of War Proctor will not resign, as reported.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my people. My father's name was Tom Brown; mother, Sukey Brown. They were sold in Maryland, by Dr. Tholson to Zacharia Berry. They left Mr. Berry and went to London county, Va., to the Quaker settlement. They had eight children; three boys and five girls: Charles, Agie, Jane, Sallie, Patience, Eliza, Amet and Robert. Father had three brothers: George, Henderson and Richard Brown. They were living in Fauquier county, Va., with a man by the name of Hornor. He had two sisters, Becky Turner and Mollie Mills. She had three children, Henson, Richard and Judy. They were living in Washington City. My mother's brothers were Anthony, John, Paradise, Sandy and Denis Bnrl. Anthony and John Bnrl were living in Prince William, Va., with Lamar Fowler. The other brother was living in Fauquier county, Va. Mother had two sisters: Gracy Whiten, who lived in Washington City, and Patience Brown. She had three boys, Robert, Isaac and Jacob. Any one knowing the whereabouts of the above named persons will oblige me much by writing to Robert Brown, Grenada, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my half-brother and sisters. My sisters' names were Beckie, Sallie, Mary Anne and Matilda Fields. My brothers' names were Gabe and Jack Fields. As for sisters Sallie and Matilda, I know where they are. I learned at one time that brother Gabe got killed while on his way home during the late war; and as for sister Mary Anne, she was taken away from home by Mr. John Fields, Jr., some years before the war. Any information of their whereabouts will be gladly received by M. E. Shay, half-brother Rev. W. J. Wade, Jr., care A. McClellan, Inman, Marion county, Tenn. My people all lived at least seven or eight miles above Louisville, Jefferson county, Ky., before the war.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother's relatives. She left them about twenty-six years ago in Louisiana, on Beeville creek, about four miles from a town called Liberty. My mother belonged to a man by the name of Alexander Smiley, the son of old Parson Smiley. Her husband was named Ned Dickson. He belonged to a man by the name of Alfred Dickson. She was sold finally to this man Dickson, having five children, Henry, Cornelius, Nancy, Delph and Mac. Her father was named Joe Branch; her mother, Jane Branch; two sisters, Delphy and Lavenia; three brothers, Joseph, Jerry and Wash. She was sold again by a man named Alexander Kinklin to a man in Texas by the name of William Thacher. Any information concerning them will be gladly received by her daughter, Nancy Heard, Richmond, Tex.

Mr. Editor: My mother's name was Charity Blauford, and she was sold to Marsh Moten, a trader, who carried her to Louisville and hired her out to one Pearsol, who lived in Coutsport, Ky. She formerly belonged to Richard Long. She had two children: one, Ellen, went with her, the other, Mary, was left behind. Where are they? Address Mary Modock, Rockport, Ind.

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Books and Current Literature.

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Every edition of The Century since the Talleyrand Memoirs were begun, has been nearly exhausted. The March number is entirely out of print.

The Berean Senior Lesson Quarterly, just issued, is full of the brightest and most helpful suggestions for Sunday school workers. Price, 20c. per year. New York: Hunt & Eaton.

Harvard College During the War of the Rebellion, is the subject of a fully illustrated article by Captain Nathan Appleton, which stands at the front in the March number of the New England Magazine. An illustrated article by Geo. H. Stockbridge on the Early History of Electricity in America, deals with the work of Franklin, Henry, Morse, Vail, Page and Farmer. Mr. William Henry Downes contributes a singularly interesting article on the Photographic Illustration of Poetry. The magazine's valuable series of papers on Anti-Slavery subjects is continued by some striking Recollections of Slavery by a Former Slaveholder. New England Magazine, 86 Federal street, Boston, Mass.

Jews and Gentiles, their Relations and Welfare, has just been published by Fleming H. Revell, New York. The book is a compilation of the papers read at the conference of Jews and Gentiles, to consider the past, present and future of Israel, held in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24, 25, 1890. It is worthy of a place in every library. Price 75c.; pp. 50.

No more helpful book to young men, indeed to any class of men, has recently been published than Moral Muscle and How to Use it. This brotherly chat to young men, full of the most timely suggestions and cautions, is by Rev. J. T. Davidson, an English author. Price 50c. Fleming H. Revell, 12 Bible House, Astor Place, New York.

Secretary J. M. Shumppert, of the Mississippi Conference, has favored us with a copy of his Conference Minutes. It is creditable to him as well as to his conference.

The Year Book of the Sunday School Union, and of the Tract Society of the M. E. Church for 1890, gives much valuable information concerning the work of those two societies. Pastors and Sunday school superintendents would do well to send for a copy. Write to Dr. J. L. Harbit, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

The Rev. Dr. H. Olaf Trumbull, editor of the Sunday School Times, and the author of several very important books, has recently completed his work entitled Hints on Child Training, which has just been published. From his rich experience, Dr. Trumbull gives in this volume the most wholesome and timely hints on child training. Every parent, teacher, and others interested in the proper training of the young, should possess a copy of this very valuable book. John D. Wattles, publisher, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Tale of the World's Fair, by Tenyson, has been declared by a high authority as a work of art, and as a picture of the imagination which is unexcelled in the English language. Price 25c. F. T. Neely, publisher, Chicago.

Charles Dudley Warner's new book, Our Italy, a superbly illustrated volume describing the climate, physical features, and resources of Southern California, is nearly ready for publication by Harper & Brothers.

Mary E. Wilkins' stories of New England village life have won for her an enviable reputation on both sides of the Atlantic. Her new book, A New England Nun and Other Stories, is announced for early publication by Harper & Brothers, and will doubtless achieve a success similar to that of her first volume.

Renben, a Prince in Disguise, is one of Carlisle B. Holding's best stories. One need but glance at the table of contents to satisfy

himself of the value of this excellent work. It is not only a fascinating story, but one that exhibits the highest moral lessons. Price \$1. New York: Hunt & Eaton, Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe.

The magazine which contains the tales of the famous New York Story Club has at once achieved a remarkable success. The first number was the number for February, and the full edition was sold out before the March number was issued. There will appear in the magazine forthwith stories illustrating life in the Confederate States during the war—full of pathos and of tragedy, and stories of American slavery, from the recollections of a stockholder in a slave-trading company. The price of Romance is only 25 cents a number, and a specimen number will be sent on application, for 10c. by the publisher. Address the New York Story Club, 30 E. 23d St., New York.

The Treasury for Pastor and People for March needs no puffing. Those familiar with its monthly issues always feel assured that the Treasury will come to them filled with the finest of the wheat and with well beaten oil. The present number sustains its character as a magazine unexcelled in its helpfulness to pastors and Christian workers in every line of effort. Prof. M. S. Terry furnishes a capital exegetical comment on The Abrahamic Apocalypses. Dr. T. L. Cuyler gives a pen picture of Dr. Thomas Guthrie. The Editorials on Clerical Trimming, All Things to All Men, and Put Yourself in Their Place, are suggestive. All departments full. Yearly, \$2.50; clergymen, \$2; single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

The second installment of Some Familiar Letters by Horace Greeley, appears in the April number of Lippincott's Magazine. The letters grow in interest and value, and as a revelation of certain sides of Greeley's character, will doubtless be of great advantage to the future biographer or historian. Charles Morris, in an article entitled New Africa, tells how nearly the whole African continent has been taken up by European nations.

We have received from the London Religious Tract Society the following publications: Boys' Own Paper, Girls' Own Paper, Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home. Price, each \$1.75 per year. Fleming H. Revell, publisher, 143, 150 Madison street, Chicago, and 12 Bible House, Astor Place, New York. These are excellent publications, and we take pleasure in commending them.

The New York Times of March 8, 1891, says of Harper's Periodicals: "Whether treated, each one as an individual production, or generally as a class, Harper's periodicals represent the highest types of American literary and illustrative work. Never have the publishers of the Magazine, the Weekly, the Bazar, or Young People, lowered that high standard which was assumed in their first numbers. Modifications and improvements have, of course, followed, and to day it is difficult to conceive how they could be bettered. Looking at the literary side alone, the best known writers at home and abroad contribute to these publications. For the proper presentation of subject, pictorially, leading artists furnish their designs to be translated by woodcut, or process, whichever method shows better the illustrative idea."

The Season for April just received. The illustrations are, as usual, of a practicable and seasonable style. Some very handsome jackets, for both house and street wear, of a desirable shape and being coming to all figures, are shown. Also, new and novel designs for Costumes for Ladies and Children, that will commend themselves at sight. Yearly subscription, \$3.50. Single copies, 30c. The International News Company, 83, 85 Duane street, New York.

The Baptist Speaker, published monthly at the corner of Willow and Felicity streets, this city, is the name of a Baptist paper but recently launched out. Welcome, Mr. Speaker, and success to you. Rev. H. P. Kelly is editor.

The Columbian Cyclopaedia is the new name and new form of what has heretofore been known as Allen's Manifesto Cyclopaedia, and which has won great popularity by its high merit, combined with its amazingly low price. The Columbian Cyclopaedia will comprise 32 volumes, of about 800 pages each (the Manifesto was 40 vols., of 640 pages each), being about equal in size to Appleton's Cyclopaedia, and about 50 per cent. larger than Johnson's. The entire set will

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The Illustrated Christian Weekly of March 14 is specially interesting to members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as it contains a full report of the sermons preached by Bishops Andrews and Hurst at the dedication services of the Sands Street Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn. It also contains a history of this—the oldest Methodist organization in Brooklyn—together with illustrations of the two old churches, the magnificent new edifice, as well as interior views and portraits of the officiating bishops at the dedication services, pastor, etc. This is an especially interesting number of this very interesting publication. A copy of the edition in question will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents. Address The Illustrated Christian Weekly, 149 and 151 Church St., New York.

Beyond the Rents, is the title of a new book, dedicated to young people, by H. C. Lardor just issued by the Methodist Book Concern. The introduction, strong, vigorous and inspiring is by Bishop Mallahan and the Rev. F. E. Clark of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. The book is a real treasure for our young people. It should be in the hands of every one of them and carefully read and digested. Price 60 cents. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe. New York, Hunt & Eaton.

Dr. Hartzell, corresponding secretary, has kindly favored us with the beautiful engraving of the eleven honored men whose faith founded and launched on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society a quarter of a century ago. The members of the first convention were the Revs. Luke Hitchcock, D.D., J. M. Wel den, D.D., sec., Robt. Allen, D.D., Adam Poe, D.D., J. M. Reid, D.D., Bishop Clark, pres't., Judge Goodrich, T. M. Eddy, D.D., B. F. Crary, D.D., R. S. Rust and J. F. Larkins, Esq. How wisely they built, they had no appreciative idea, but time has demonstrated the fact. What the Society has already accomplished is prophetic of what it is yet to accomplish for the poorest of God's poor in all this Southern country. May the faith of the church and the gracious favor of Almighty God still support and enlarge it.

Reese Rockwell has written several very interesting stories, but none of them will delight and elevate the moral tone of their readers more than Ringing Bells, one of his latest productions. It is a work of exceptional merit. Price \$1.25. New York, Hunt & Eaton; Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

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Among the works published for the Epworth Readings for 1890-91, none will occupy a more prominent place than that entitled From the Thames to the Trossachs, Impressions of Travel in England and Scotland, by Mrs. E. H. Thompson with an introduction by Rev. Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbut. Price 50 cents. New York, Hunt & Eaton; Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

Under the Lantern at Black Rocks, by that popular author Rev. Edward A. Rand is a book of splendid parts, and is destined to accomplish much good. It strikingly shows the difference between pretentious daring and modest, resolute doing. The work is of special value to all our young people. Price \$1.25. New York, Hunt & Eaton; Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conferences, 1891.

Conference in the United States.	Time	Bishop.
Kansas, Washington, Kan.....	May 4-10	4. Korrill
Philadelphia, Pa.....	4-10	4. Fowler
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	4-10	4. Vincent
Baltimore, Washington, D. C.....	4-10	4. Joyce
South Kansas, Girard, Kan.....	11-17	11. Merrill
Central Pa., Sunbury, Pa.....	11-17	11. Vincent
Central Missouri, Marshall, Mo.....	12-18	12. Vincent
Washington, Baltimore, Md.....	12-18	12. Fitzgerald
S. W. Kansas, Newton, Kan.....	18-24	18. Merrill
St. Louis, Springfield, Mo.....	18-24	18. Vincent
New Jersey, Trenton, N. J.....	18-24	18. Fitzgerald
Lexington, Ky.....	18-24	18. Joyce
Wilmington, Centerville, Md.....	19-25	19. Fowler
N. W. Kansas, Norton, Kansas	25-31	25. Merrill
Wyoming.....	25-31	25. Merrill
East German, Baltimore, Md.....	1-7	1. Hurst
Delaware.....	1-7	1. Mallahan
New York.....	1-7	1. Fitzgerald
North Indiana, Huntington, Ind.....	1-7	1. Joyce
New York East Patchogue, L. I.....	1-7	1. Goodell
New England, Lynn, Mass.....	8-14	8. Bowman
Newark.....	8-14	8. Bowman
New England, New London, Conn.....	15-21	15. Bowman
N. New York, Watertown, N. Y.....	15-21	15. Hurst
New Hampshire, New York, N. H.....	15-21	15. Goodell
Troy.....	22-28	22. Hurst
Maine.....	22-28	22. Goodell
Vermont.....	22-28	22. Mallahan
East Maine.....	22-28	22. Goodell

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North India, Moradabad, India, Jan. 7-13. Thoburn
Africa.....
Bengal.....
Mexico.....
South India, Bangalore, India.....
Fochow.....
Malayan Miss., Singapore.....
Cebu, China Miss., Nanking, China, Apr. 15-21. Foster
Bulgaria Miss., Ratischka, Bulgaria.....
Italy.....
China Miss., Peking, China.....
China Miss., Chung King, China.....
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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1891.

A CREVASSE has occurred in the Mississippi river, near Greenville, Miss., which will inundate that whole section.

AN Italian plot to avenge the lynching of the Italians in this city has been discovered in New Castle, Pa. The plot was for 50,000 Italians from all parts of the country to suddenly pounce on this city and avenge the death of their compatriots.

WE heartily commend the following very wholesome advice of the A. M. E. Church bishops to their church to our brethren: "We advise you to see that cool-headed and men of deliberate judgment are elected to the General Conference, as thought is of far more magnitude and importance at the General Conference than clamorous talk."

THE annual report of the Board of Education is just at hand. It is worthy of careful study. Special attention is called to the increase in collections of 24 per cent the last year, and 69 per cent in two years. The report shows 935 students aided during the year. On the whole it is the best report issued by the Board, and commends very highly Dr. Payne's work as corresponding secretary.

OMAHA is raising \$25,000 as a guarantee fund for the expenses of the General Conference of 1892. Bishop Newman is keeping close watch over the matter, which is a guarantee of ultimate success. It is a little strange, however, that any western city should be asked to furnish free entertainment when New York City in 1888 only furnished the Opera House free.—*Inland Christian Advocate*. That's very true, but didn't Omaha make the offer? Shall the General Conference now be blamed for accepting that which was offered it by Omaha Methodism?

THE New York Age offers the following eminent colored lawyers for appointment for one of the nine vacant U. S. circuit judgeships: Hon. John Mercer Langston of Virginia, Hon. D. A. Straker of Michigan, Hon. John P. Green, member of the Ohio Legislature, Hon. Edward H. Morris, member of the Illinois Legislature, Hon. Josiah T. Settle of Tennessee, Hon. Jas. Dean and Hon. Joseph E. Lee of Florida, T. McCants Stewart of New York, T. J. Minton of Pennsylvania, and Capt. Lyons of Georgia. It might have added Hon. M. H. McLeod and D. B. Temple, of Mississippi, Louis A. Martinet and Jas. M. Vance of Louisiana and a host of others. There is no lack of pre-eminently qualified material. The woods are full of them.

THE Cleveland (Ohio) Gazette says: "Recently the M. E. Church South has elected a colored man, Atticus G. Haygood, bishop." Bishop Haygood will not be a little surprised to learn that he is a colored man. It is very true that Bishop Haygood is a good man, and is very friendly to the colored people, but he is nevertheless a white man, and belongs to a church whose boast is that it is "purely a white church." We have a Haygood, a colored Haygood, who would doubtless make a very acceptable bishop but fortunately he does not belong to the Church South, and unfortunately he has not been elected a bishop. There is no telling however what the future may bring him in that direction. He is the popular author of the Colored Man in the M. E. Church which is for sale at this office at \$1.25 per copy.

Women in the General Conference.

All of the conferences in this section having expressed themselves in reference to the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference, very little is being said in reference to it in this section. In anticipation of the early consideration of this question by the Northern and Eastern conferences, the discussion of the subject continues to wax warmer and more determined in those sections of the church.

Some of the mightiest giants of Methodism are now engaged on both sides of the discussion. Among them, President Warren, of Boston University; Dr. Terry, of Garrett Biblical Institute; Dr. Strong, Dr. Smart, and a host of others of the ripest scholarship in the Church. Dr. Mendenhall in the Review, Dr. Moore in the Western, Dr. Frye in the Central, Dr. Parkhurst in Zion's Herald, and Dr. Potts in the Michigan Advocate, are doing all they can to rally the host for admission; while Dr. Buckley in the Christian Advocate, Dr. Warren in the Northern, and Dr. Smith in the Pittsburgh Advocate, are furnishing the church with unanswerable arguments against the revolutionary, and to a very large proportion of the church, unnatural and unscriptural innovation, that is therein involved.

The Northwestern, the California and the Methodist Advocates have not thus far entered with their accustomed earnestness and ability into the public arena.

The discussion, as was outlined in the speech of the editor of this paper at the last General Conference, is now being fought almost entirely upon the scriptural phase of the question; and has sent more scholars to their Hebrew and Greek than any discussion that has ever arisen in the church. The indications now, we are glad to announce, are that the final decision will be in accordance with the plain teaching of the Scriptures, as understood by the common people of the world over; and that is, against the admission of women to the law-making department of the church, wherein are involved ministerial and episcopal possibilities.

On the Same Platform.

"We are glad that the SOUTHWESTERN and the Crusader stand squarely together on the platform of equal rights. Both fighting in the same cause must exert a powerful influence.

"Bro. Albert approves our views regarding the Mississippi 'Colored' State Bar Association and the 'Afro-American' Press Association, and says our position is 'typically American and Methodist.' We do not know about the Methodist part, but we agree with Bro. Albert that the fight for the future is for the obliteration of the color line. We have the ball rolling; we shall keep it a going until even the line in old Methodism that keeps the Negro from a bishopric is broken, and even if the first dusky Bishop be Dr. Albert himself we won't care a fig.

"It was Fred Douglass, the greatest Roman of them all, who, we believe, said that the Negro should build his house, not on a secluded spot, but right in the midst of his white neighbor's, so that when it catches fire they will all find it their interest to assist him, and vice versa.

"Fred Douglas was right. The mutual utility of the two races only, and nothing else, will solve the Negro problem.

"But this mutual utility will not exercise its influence, nor will its necessity be felt by segregating the colored race from the body of the American people."—*Crusader*.

The colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, entertain no apprehension from "the line in old Methodism that keeps the Negro from a bishopric" in that church; for the reason that no such exclusive line, as our confrere imagines,

exists in our church. Nearly twelve years ago white delegates from several of the Northern and Eastern conferences declared that their conferences were ready even then to accept the presidency of a Negro bishop if one were elected. There is no prohibitory provisions in the premises. The only thing necessary is the presentation of the proper candidate and the unswerving and unanimous support of our colored brethren to the man presented. This we have, thus far, failed to do. Fitness in our candidate, and loyalty to his standard will surely bring about the desired result. Until we do this, it is absurd for us to expect the election of a colored bishop. There are thousands of white men and women throughout our Methodism that would rejoice with us in such an accomplishment. Many have boldly so expressed themselves by words and deeds. In church, as well as in state we have been hindered by petty jealousies, which have kept many recognitions from the race. Every succeeding General Conference however, witnesses the greater proportion of such men of our race in it, as are willing to bury their own selfish and personal preferences, in the interest of the common good. With this continued increase, we look hopefully forward to the day, in the near future, when we shall unitedly rally around the man, whose preeminence we will all be ready to recognize as the man. When we shall thus be able to say, to all of our white brethren, "this is the man," and shall exert every influence for his election, our faith and that of all of our colored membership is that he will be elected.

This faith is immovable. The history of the church toward our people is the solid foundation on which it rests. But for this faith, which is constantly encouraged by many of the best and most influential members of our ministry and laity, throughout the church, our Negro membership would have long since disintegrated from the church. But instead of disintegrating the "old church" is growing into favor among our people as never before. We have had two Negro missionary bishops in our church, and we predict before many more years we will have other Negro bishops in our church. Not missionary bishops but General Superintendents. The reference to the editor of this paper, as "bishop timber," we pass by, as a flattering piece of pleasantry from our much esteemed contemporary.

The Italian Imbroglio.

As we predicted at the time of the lynching of the Italians, in the Parish Prison, charged with the murder of Chief Hennessey, the matter has assumed a very threatening international aspect. In consequence of the very unsatisfactory letter of Gov. Nicholls in answer to Secretary Blaine's note in the premises, and the avowed confession on the part of our Government that it was powerless to bring the lynchers to an account for their action, the Italian Government lost its temper, and suddenly recalled its minister, Baron Fava. For a time, during the past week, the war cloud hung heavily and threateningly. The Italian Government addressed a note to our Government, demanding first, the "punishment" of the lynchers, and second, "indemnity" for the Italian subjects killed. Secretary Blaine's answer to this note was so dignified, manly and diplomatic that it at once ranked him among the first diplomats of his age. The note had the desired effect, and gave our Government the vantage ground in the diplomatic controversy. Our Government recognized the righteousness of the claim for indemnity, provided that any of the Italians killed were subjects of the King of Italy, and were not driven away from Italy for their country's good. These questions must be established, however, though a careful investigation, "in which the United States

Government will not permit itself to be hurried."

As to the "punishment" of the lynchers, Mr. Blaine declared that no government could make such a promise in advance of a regular trial; and in the case of our Government the fact that the trial had to take place in the State, and under the criminal code of the State where the crime had been committed, and before a jury taken out of that community. Under such circumstances he could give no assurance other than that the courts of Louisiana had instituted an investigation in the premises and would give the lynchers a formal trial. The manly and diplomatic tone of Secretary Blaine's note, called the Italian Premier Di Rudini to his senses, and he has wisely modified his first demand, and will be satisfied with a trial of the lynchers, and indemnity, after a full and deliberate investigation into the citizenship and character of the lynched Italians. There is one thing however that this very unfortunate controversy has demonstrated, and that is the defect in our National laws, which prevents our National Government from throwing the weight of its own protection around the aliens on our shores, in keeping with our treaty stipulations with foreign nations in return for like protection for our citizens sojourning in foreign lands. Already this defect is being considered by several of the great powers with which we sustain treaty relations. Should this tragedy lead to a remedy to this defect in our laws, as no doubt it will, the fact that the National Government is without power to protect its own flag at home is also bound to be prominently brought forward, and it may lead, as we hope it will, to the adoption of such a remedy as will also enable the National Government to protect its citizens, at home, when the state for whatever reason, based upon difference of race, or previous condition, fails to afford it. The relation of subjects and government is mutual. On the part of the one must come protection, on the part of the other allegiance and obedience. The National Government can conscript the citizens of any state into its service in case of war. The United States Government should also be under obligation to protect such citizens when the State fails to give it. If the present trouble leads to such results it will only show how the Almighty can make the wrath of men to praise Him in his purposes toward the children of men.

Political Review.

The President is preparing for a Western and Southern tour. New Orleans, it is said, has been blotted out of the presidential plan of visitations as a mark of his displeasure over the lynching of the Italians.

The only departments that gave indications of special activity the past week were the State and Naval departments, in consequence of the Italian imbroglio. Every other, with the exception of the War department, which also experienced a little flurry in consequence of the same fact, continues in the even tenor of routine work.

The Nebraska Legislature has adjourned. It appropriated \$50,000 for the Columbian Exposition.

Gov. Warmoth, President Harrison's Commander-in-Chief of Louisiana Republicans, has succeeded in securing the appointment of two more of his friends to fat Federal offices. A. R. Burkdoll, Coiner of the New Orleans Mint, and J. C. Legare, Melter and Refiner. Their political career is summed up by the *Crusader* in the following lines:

"Burkdoll was not known to Republicanism in Louisiana until a few months ago, when was issued, with him as editor, the subsidized Customhouse-ring, white-Republican organ—the New Orleans Republican. He was known before, however as the editor of the *Crow-*

ley Signal, a Democratic sheet, published in Acadia parish, which, on the occasion of John A. Logan's death and at the time of Burkdoll's connection with it, contained an article defamatory of this patriot and greatest of Union volunteer generals. At the last election, while Mr. Burkdoll lived in Acadia the parish gave Candidate Harrison four votes for President.

Legare had a tenth-rate consulship in Mexico under Cleveland. Not satisfied with this recognition of his services as a Democrat he jumped the pit and called himself a Republican."

If Mr. President expects to control the Louisiana delegation in the National Convention by such appointments, he certainly is counting beyond his host, or else Louisiana Republicans are everything that the Democratic press has ever said against it.

Personal.

—Rev. Dr. Wm. Brush, formerly of Texas, and more recently of Dakota, and Rev. P. C. Hanna of Northwest Iowa, have been appointed by President Harrison United States consuls at Messina, Italy, and La Guayra, South America, respectively.

—Bishop Walden will contribute to the May number of *Harp's Magazine* an article giving a brief history of the Argentine Republic and of its unprecedented progress during the past thirty years.

—Rev. Dr. Frederick Upham, of the New England Southern Conference, and the oldest itinerant minister in American Methodism, died at Fairhaven, Mass., March 20, aged ninety-two years. He was born in Melrose, Mass., and entered the ministry when about twenty-one years of age. He filled all the important appointments within the bounds of his conference and for ten consecutive years served as Presiding Elder. Dr. Upham was a member of the General Conference of 1832, 1840, 1844, and 1872. Until 1883 he continued to preach effectively. He was the father of Rev. Dr. S. F. Upham, professor of practical theology in Drew Seminary, and the grandfather of Rev. Frederick N. Upham, of the New England Conference, and Rev. Frank Upham, of the New York East Conference.—*Central Christian Advocate*.

—Prof. Charles M. Moss, Ph. D., for many years, in charge of the Greek department of the Illinois Wesleyan University tendered his resignation, which took effect March 31, to accept a similar position in the University of Illinois, at Champaign. The loss is a painful one to the former and a rich acquisition to the latter institution. He goes to broader fields of labor, and where more opportunities will be presented for the exercise of those noble, many christian qualities of which he is so abundantly possessed. He leaves with the best wishes and the God speeds of the entire body of students, who deeply regret his departure.

—His many friends in this section will regret to learn that the Rev. Dr. D. C. Knowles, principal of the New Hampshire Conference Seminary for the past six years, is an inmate of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital in Boston, having suffered the amputation of the right foot just above the ankle joint.

—Rev. Arthur Edwards, D. D., editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* has abundant reason for gratification over the success achieved by his son, A. R. Edwards, who is in the graduating class of the Chicago Medical College. At the recent examination of the internships of the Cook county hospital Mr. Edwards not only stood first, but was accorded the highest average on record by the board of examiners. Mr. Edwards is also valedictorian of his class.

—Rev. E. H. Clark, has been retransferred to the Louisiana Conference, and is now at Darrowville, where he will be glad to hear from any of our Presiding Elders, who may have work for him.

—Bishop Fowler we rejoice to learn has fully recovered his health. He is now on the Pacific Coast.

—Rev. Dr. J. C. W. Coxé has been lecturing on the Pacific Coast. He is constantly going, in good Methodist style.

—Prof. Wm. H. Croghan, of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. Who has been quite sick, we are glad to know is now convalescent.

—Prof. and Mrs. B. M. Hubbard, Alexandria, La., rejoice over the birth of a fine boy.

—Rev. John G. Nelson, who was a Swedish missionary in the Louisiana Conference some years ago, is now stationed at Carney, Mich. He is deeply interested in our work down here, and desires to be kindly remembered to the brethren.

—His many friends will regret to learn that ex-Gov. Kellogg is reported to be quite sick in Washington, D. C. We hope to hear of his recovery soon.

—The whole church will rejoice to learn that Bishop Taylor is vigorously and gloriously pushing his work in Africa, and is now in "better health than he has been in forty years."

—Rev. W. E. McLennan, of our Mexican Mission, passed through this city last Monday; on his way to Chicago, and paid us a pleasant call.

—A note from Rev. P. H. Travis, Gainesville, Ga., says: "The many friends of Rev. Joseph W. Naylor, will be sorry to hear of his death. He died March 18, on his charge at Hoshton, Ga. Bro. Naylor was one of the oldest preachers in the Savannah Conference. He died in the full triumph of faith."

—Mrs. Amanda Smith, the missionary is now at Oakland, Cal. She enjoyed her work here and her trip to California, and is now out there doing valuable service for the Master. She goes from Oakland to South Pasadena, Cal.

—Bishop Foster is regaining his health quite rapidly, and expects to hold the conferences which were assigned to Bishop Goodsell. He is looking after the publishing of the next two volumes of his great theological work.

—A card from Rev. B. J. Griffin, Fort Smith, Ark., informs us of the serious illness of the Rev. J. P. Franklin, at Fayetteville, Ark. He has been confined to his bed for over a month.

In consequence of the failure to secure a full meeting, as was desirable last Saturday, the members of the State American Citizens' Equal Rights Association is hereby called to meet at 139 Poydras street next Saturday at 5:30 p. m., sharp. Business of importance demands the presence of every member.

A. E. P. ALBERT,
President.
JOHN L. MINOR,
Secretary.

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DAILY BREAD.

How precious all Thy sayings are!
No treasure can with these compare;
Thy sayings are the soul's repast,
Sweeter than honey to the taste;
They drop like manna from above,
And flow in streams of joy and love.
—Charles Wesley.

Watch and pray continually
against pride. Always remember,
much grace does not imply much
light. These do not always go
together.

Try all things by the written
word, and let all how down before
it.—John Wesley.

To rejoice in the happiness of
others is to make it our own;
to produce it is to make it more
than our own.—James.

None know what it is to live till
they redeem life from monotony by
sacrifice.—Wendell Phillips.

There is only one thing to do
when we are in doubt and per-
plexity, and that is the unselfish
thing.—Howells.

Life is not done, and our Chris-
tian character is not won, so long
as God has anything left for us to
suffer or anything left for us to do.
—Robertson.

It is noticeable, in every battle
of opinion, that honest sincere
moral earnestness has a certain
advantage over mere intellectual
cleverness.—Mrs. Stowe.

Are you alive? Not simply phy-
sically alive, but spiritually alive!
Is the life-connection with Jesus
clear and undisturbed? If so,
maintain this at all hazards. A
little holiday indiscretion will dis-
turb it. Guard well the sacred
treasure.—Selected.

Are you joyful in the Lord? Re-
member the divine injunction: "Re-
joice in the Lord always." Well,
but I am sick, or poor, or in sore
conflicts, some will say. No matter;
the injunction is upon you. "Rejoice
in the Lord always." Be an obedient
child. Let the songs rise from your
heart and home.—Selected.

Every duty, even the least duty,
involves the whole principle of
obedience. And little duties make
the will dutiful; that is supple
and prompt to obey. Little obediences
lead into great. The daily round
of duty is full of probation and
discipline; it trains the will, heart,
and conscience. We need not to
be prophets or apostles. The com-
monest life may be full of perfec-
tion. The duties of home are a
discipline for the ministries of
heaven.—H. E. Manning.

If Christ holds the heart He will
hold the pocket-book also, and
giving will be a luxury, even if it
costs sharp self denial.

The very core of healthy and
happy dispossession is the willing-
ness to deny self and to let the
Master have His way. This prin-
ciple runs through all the deepest,
richest experiences of the blood-
bought and consecrated believer.
God's people are never so exalted
as when their pride and self-seek-
ing are down in the dust; never so
enriched as when they are emptied;
never so advanced as when they
are set back in their worldly ambi-
tion; never so near the crown as
when bearing a cross for Jesus.
Nay, all our crowns are made out
of cross borne for Him. O, that
God would empty us, at whatever
cost, that our souls might be filled
unto his glorious fullness, and over-
flow with benefits and blessings
unto others!—The Rev. Dr. Cuyler,
in *Christian Intelligence*.

She is kind, generous, unselfish,
considerate, always wanting to do
something for somebody. What
she does is done with such delicate
thoughtfulness as to make it always
acceptable. Her doing seems nat-
ural, spontaneous. And she has
no patent in it. The secret of it
all is sympathy. Real sympathy
is a force. It breaks, subdues,
softens. It opens closed doors. It
finds a way into human hearts.
Some can hear, some eloquent;

but all can love, and love is both
great and eloquent.—Selected.

If any one is restless there is a
cause for it. There is no use of
reading books or of longing for
rest in order to get it. Christ says:
"Learn of me, and ye shall find
rest." If we learn of him we shall
find rest at once; if we accept him
as our teacher, and take lessons of
him how to live, we will obtain
rest. It is the same thing he meant
when he said: "Take my yoke
upon you"—not a burden remember.
What is a collar to a horse? Is
the yoke of the horse the burden?
No, the collar is what helps him to
bear the burden easily. Christ
saw men borne down with burdens.
He said: "Try life as I live. My
yoke is easy, and therefore my
burden is light." Instead of Chris-
tianity adding to the burden, it is
the secret of the amelioration of
life. It enables one to take the
burdens of life without finding
their weight. He actually goes on
to specify what we are mainly to
learn of him. "For I am meek and
lowly in heart." Do you see the
connection between being meek
and having rest? Most are not
meek and lowly in heart. Many
worry, thinking they are not in
their right place; that they have
been looked down on, and at night
they are bitter and lose their rest
from wounded pride and from im-
agining people are slighting them.
These things would be impossible
to us if we learned of Christ and
were meek and lowly in heart.—
Professor Drummond.

Homiletics.

Hymns 574, 575, 593.
Scripture Lesson, Matt. 5.
Text, Matt. 5, 15: "Neither do men
light a candle, and put it under a bush-
el, but on a candlestick; and it giveth
light to all that are in the house."

Introduction. The text is taken
from the most wonderful sermon
that ever was preached. It is tak-
en from the sermon on the mount.

The preacher was the most won-
derful preacher that ever delivered
a sermon. Jesus was the preacher.
The sermon contains the broad
foundation of all gospel truth.

The duties we owe to ourselves,
and to our fellow men and to God
are clearly set forth in this sermon.

It ought to be read, studied, and
preached from much more than it
is.

The Lord Jesus says in John "I
am the way the light and the truth;"
here in the 14 verse he says his
followers, all his true disciples are
the light of the world.

The light they have comes from
Christ, but if they are real Chris-
tians they are lights, sure lights,
pure lights.

The first thing and all important
thing for Christians is to let their
light shine.

If they have really got the light
it will shine if they only will let it.
It is not necessary to blow it, and
coax it as when people try to kin-
dle a fire with wet wood.

It is not like trying to make a
lamp burn that has no oil.

The Christian's light must not be
hid, must not be covered and then
it will shine.

There are two places where the
Christian must let his light shine.
First in the world.

(a) The Christian must earn his
daily bread, and in his daily em-
ployment he must let his light shine.
He must be a faithful honest work-
man.

If he is idle and careless, and
unfaithful to his employer he will
bring a reproach upon the cause of
Christ, and people will stumble
over him and lose their souls.

(b) If the Christian is a business
man he must be honest. He must
conduct his business honestly. He
must deal fairly with all. He must
tell the truth.

(c) The Christian must let his light
shine when he is among strangers,
when he is where he is not known.
Must let his light shine on the
street when he mingles among his
fellow men.

In the second place, the Christian
must let his light shine at home.

(a) The text says "It giveth light
unto all that are in the house."

Many people try to act like Chris-

tians when they are in company
away from home.

Many will try and act like Chris-
tians when they are at church.
But when they are at home, with
their own friends, and kindred,
and their own families they do not
act like Christians at all.

They are impatient.
They scold and find fault with
little things.

They are cross, and ill tempered.
They do not give light unto all in
the house. They cover up the light
as soon as they come home.

(b) Home religion, the light in
the house is what this world needs
much more than it needs pulpit
religion and church religion.

The father and husband must be
kind and loving and true in his
home. He must provide for his
family. He must be temperate. He
must set a good example. He must
pray in his family. He must be
and do all these things if he wants
to be a light to all in the house.

(c) The wife and mother must be
neat and tidy, and take good
care of everything about the house.
She must be gentle and patient,
and train the children in everything
that is good. She must not gossip
and go from house to house as a
tale bearer. She must pray with
and for the children. She must be
faithful in all things. If she will
be and do this she will give light
to all in the house.

(d) The sons and daughters must
be faithful and obedient to fathers
and mothers. They must be kind
and affectionate, and true to each
other. They must avoid everything
that hurts the feelings of one
another. They must be helpful to
each other. They must read and
study good books, especially the
Bible, and try in every way to
improve in manners, and in morals,
and in Christian behavior. If they
will heed these suggestions they
will give pure gospel light to all
in the house.

(e) The world needs more home
religion. The preacher must have
it in his own family. The official
members must have it in their
families. All the members of the
church must have it in their fam-
ilies.

If there is plenty of light in the
house it will shine out through all
the doors and windows, and it
will attract and bless all who see
it.

REV. A. B. Logan, Shubuta,
Miss., writes us of the injustice
visited upon him and wife by the
railroad officials on his trip from
Macon to Shubuta, Miss. He and
his wife were crowded into a smok-
ing car, wherein white men were
smoking, drinking and telling vul-
gar jokes. This too, in the face of
the fact that they had paid first-
class fare, and that the law of the
State requires that the railroads
provide separate but equal accom-
modation for the two races.

While we deny the right of the
State or any corporation to separate
citizens from each other on the
score of race or color, we may be
reconciled to the separation, if no
discriminations were made what-
ever. The sting of the thing comes
in when Negroes are denied access
to the first-class white coach, while
white smokers, drinkers and vil-
lains are permitted to roam in the
colored coach at pleasure, and do
their own sweet will. The race
smarts under the sting of this in-
justice. By all means, the separate
car laws of these Southern states
should be tested before the Su-
preme Court of the United States.
The effort of the American Citiz-
ens' Equal Rights Association of
Louisiana to raise funds to test
these laws should be supported by
every friend of equal justice. Call
the matter to the attention of your
church, your society and your
friends and get them to contribute
to the cause. One decision by the
Supreme Court of the United
States will decide the matter for
every state in the Union. Let
everybody join in testing the on-
taneous measure. Send contribu-
tions to J. T. Newman, M. D.,
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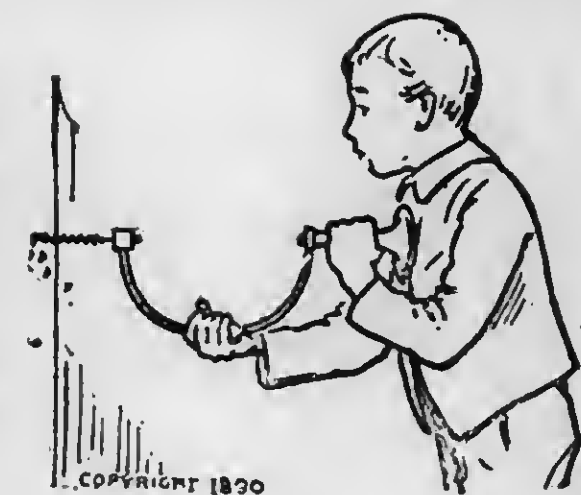
THE statement by ex-Minister
Phelps, which will appear in the
April number of *Harper's Magazine*
on the controversy between the
United States and Great Britain is
clear, full and conclusive. After
showing the extent of the destruc-
tion of seal life in the open sea
surrounding the Pribiloff Islands,
so great that during the past four
years four-fifths of the revenue
from an important American in-
dustry has disappeared. Mr.
Phelps exposes the wanton and
wasteful character of this destruc-
tion as contrary to the ordinary
dictates of humanity as it is to the
requirements of self-interest. He
shows that the convention pro-
posed during President Cleveland's
administration for the protection
of seals during their breeding pe-
riod was thwarted by the objec-
tions of Canada, whose citizens
were obtaining a certain profit
from their depredations, wasteful
as these were. The question now
presented is, says Mr. Phelps,
"whether the United States Gov-
ernment has a right to protect its
property and the business of its
people from this wanton and bar-
barous destruction by foreigners,
which it has made criminal by act
of Congress; or whether the fact
that it takes place upon waters
that are claimed to be a part of
the open sea affords an immunity
to the parties engaged in it which
the Government is bound to re-
spect."

"Our controversy," says Mr.
Phelps, "is really with Canada,
though in our complaint we must
address Great Britain, who thus
stands between us and Canada,
not as an umpire, but bound to
support the claims of her colony
so far as she can." Hence the
policy of evasion pursued by her
Majesty's ministers. Mr. Phelps
does not favor arbitration, which
in the present case "is more at-
tractive in theory than valuable in
practice."

Mr. Phelps's general support of
Mr. Blaine, and his plea for the
instant protection of seal and of
the seal industry by putting an
end to the depredations of individ-
ual foreigners, will commend his
paper to the good sense and pa-
triotism of every American.

The Texas and Pacific Railway.

Owing to the break in levee at
Company Canal trains on this road
will run via Mississippi Valley road
and Baton Rouge until further no-
tice. Passengers for points on T.
and P. and all points in Texas,
Colorado, California and Mexico
will take train at Mississippi Val-
ley depot at 8:30 a. m., where the
ticket agent and baggage master of
the Texas and Pacific will be in
attendance. The 3:50 p. m. train,
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cate women need it. It's a legiti-
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period of change from girlhood to
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agent, and can produce only good
results. It is equally efficacious and
valuable in its effects when taken
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A RIOT took place among the
coke miners near Mt. Pleasant,
Pa., the other day, wherein nine
were killed and forty wounded.
Gov. Pattison's action in the
premises was in striking contrast
with that exhibited by our city and
state authorities in connection with
the Italian lynching in this city.
Gov. Pattison immediately dis-
patched troops to the scene of the
trouble and squelched it.

Marriages.

Harrisburg, Tex.—Mr. Charles G.
Ober and Miss Amanda Edwards. Rev.
G. W. Norris officiating.

Mansfield, La.—Mr. Alexander John-
son to Miss Hanna Hill, March 25.

Also, on the 19th of the same month,
Mr. Milton Smith to Miss Alice Thomas.
Rev. Emerson Hutchinson officiating.

Ecola, La.—March 12, Mr. Adolph
Hilrah to Miss Luc Anna Johnson.

Also, March 25, Mr. Wu. Gihure to
Miss Nettie Bates.

At Hempstead, Tex., Feb. 26, Mr. Al-
fred Vanduren to Miss Anna Williams.
Rev. Nason Reddick officiated.

March 19, Mr. Sie Evans to Miss Sarah
Washington.
H. Roundtree officiated.

New Iberia, La.—Mr. Scott B. Obee to
Miss Melinda Taylor, Feb. 4.

Mr. John W. Cooper to Miss Edith
Houston, March 19.
Rev. W. B. Anderson officiated.

New Orleans—April 4, Mr. Morris
Jackson and Miss Lizzie Cloud, of Pear-
lington, Miss.
Rev. A. E. P. Albert officiating.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Alice Coor, wife of A. C.
Coor, of Jefferson, Tex., and daughter
of Mahala Harris, a member of Wesley
Chapel M. E. Church, died in this city
Feb. 19. Her husband was called from
Jefferson to her deathbed only a few
hours before she expired. She was a
member of the M. E. Church in Texas,
and died a happy Christian. Her funeral
was preached at Wesley Chapel by the
writer.

J. E. Toombs, P. C., Little Rock, Ark.
Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Sister Easter
Virginia Lawrence, a member of Law-
rence Chapel M. E. Church, died in full
triumph of faith March 4. She was a
member of the M. E. Church for 10
years, and was a true Christian. She
leaves a husband, father, brother, two
little children and a host of friends to
weep. Our loss is heaven's gain. Her
funeral was attended by the writer.
P. R. Woodson, P. C.

Bellville, Tex.—Bro. Ephraim Allen,
a member of the M. E. Church, is dead.
His last words were, "I am just waiting
for the Lord to do his will; my soul is
happy." He leaves a wife and four
children. His funeral was attended by
the writer.
Wm. Josey, P. C.

Kendleton, Tex.—Mr. Robt. Park de-
parted this life in triumph March 19.
He leaves six children and a host of
friends to mourn him.
N. Axel.

Atoka, Tenn.—Bro. Isaac Green de-
parted this life March 20. He went
home in triumph. He was about 85 or
90 years old. He said that he wanted
all of his children to meet him in heaven.
I preached his funeral, assisted by Rev.
B. Maclean.
H. Dunlap, P. C.

Frank Miller died Tuesday, March
22, 1891, near Donaldsonville, La., aged
about 35 years. The funeral took place
from St. Peter M. E. Church, of which
he was a faithful member. Rev. H.
J. Wright, Pastor.

Bro. Miller owned property in town
and rented a house to one Dr. S. C.
Reese, who owed him \$18, and told
him he, Reese, would pay him Saturday
evening. Miller went for the rent,
when Reese's wife interfered. They
exchanged words, when Reese collared
Miller and drew his pistol; then Miller
drew and fired. Reese's ball struck
Miller in the pit of the stomach, rang-
ing upward. Miller fired and shot
Reese in the neck. Reese's pistol
failed the second time. He then threw
it down and ran. Miller fired the sec-
ond shot and hit him in the hip. Reese

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ents. The Largest Lamp Store in the World.

fell about 100 yards from his gate, and
died surrounded by his wife and five
children. Miller was carried to Mr.
Jacobs' place, where he died Sunday
afternoon at 3 o'clock p. m. He said to
his pastor just before he died, "Breath
is just in the body and that is all.
Well, Lord, I have done all I could do;
you will have to do the balance." He
died, leaving a wife and five children.
A large funeral followed both men;
Reese from the Baptist Church Sun-
day, and Miller from the Methodist
Church Monday, at the same hour they
were shot and died. Both were car-
ried by the same spot where the shoot-
ing took place, and buried side by
side. Both were young men of about
35 years.

The Spring.

Of all seasons in the year, is the one for
making radical changes in regard to
health. During the winter, the system
becomes to a certain extent clogged with
waste, and the blood loaded with im-
purities, owing to lack of exercise, close
confinement in poorly ventilated shops
and homes, and other causes. This is
the cause of the dull, sluggish, tired
feeling so general at this season, and
which must be overcome, or the health
may be entirely broken down. Hood's
Sarsaparilla has attained the greatest
popularity all over the country as the
favorite Spring Medicine. It expels the
accumulation of impurities through the
bowels, kidneys, liver, lungs, and skin,
gives to the blood the purity and quality
necessary to good health, and overcomes
that tired feeling.

O'MALLEY, against whom such
a howl was set up in connection
with the Hennessey case, has re-
turned and surrendered to the
authorities. He is out on bond.

Why wear out with coughing, at night,
when Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will re-
lieve and cure?

THE CHILDREN'S health must not be
neglected. Cold in the head causes ca-
tarrh. Ely's Cream Balm cures at once.
It is perfectly safe and is easily applied
into the nostrils. The worst cases yield-
ing to it. Price 50c.

WHAT IS SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, ac-
cumulating in the glands of the neck, pro-
duces unsightly lumps or swellings, which
causes painful running sores on the arms,
legs, or feet, which develops ulcers in the
eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or
deafness; which is the origin of pimples, can-
cerous growths, or the many other manifes-
tations usually ascribed to "humors," which,
fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption
and death. Being the most ancient, it is the
most general of all diseases or affections, for
very few persons are entirely free from it.

How Can It Be CURED

By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, by
the remarkable cures it has accomplished,
often when other medicines have failed, has
proven itself to be a potent and peculiar
medicine for this disease. Some of these
cures are really wonderful. If you suffer from
scrofula, be sure to try Hood's Sarsaparilla.
"My daughter Mary was afflicted with scrofu-
lous neck from the time she was 22 months
old till she became six years of age. Lumps
formed in her neck, and one of them after
growing to the size of a pigeon's egg, became
a running sore for over three years. We gave
her Hood's Sarsaparilla, when the lump and
all indications of scrofula entirely dis-
appeared, and now she seems to be a healthy
child." J. S. CARLISLE, Naughton, N. J.

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Don't Buy any Whiskey To-Day.

BY REV. J. C. MCADAMS.

You are going to town, papa,
And there's one thing please let me say.
Whate'er you do, whate'er you buy,
Don't buy any whiskey to-day.

Just think what happened last Satur-
day—
You fell from your horse on the way.
Papa, dear papa, kind papa,
Don't buy any whiskey to-day.

Oh, how much mama is saddened,
Whenever she hears that you say
You are going to town; she fears.
Don't buy any whiskey to-day.

Buy me some books and some pencils;
For that is a much better way
To spend money so hard to earn.
Don't buy any whiskey to-day.

Now papa, goodbye, remember
The last words you heard daughter
say,
I'll repeat. Do not forget it
Don't buy any whiskey to-day.

Alcorn College, Miss.

The Household.

Motherhood.

BY MRS. MARY HAVEN THIRKIELD.

Dear Mothers:—

The editor has kindly asked me
to talk with you through a "Mothers
Column."

I am glad to join hands with you,
and send you a few of my heart
thoughts from time to time.

We have lately commenced a
mothers' meeting, and many help-
ful plans and suggestive thoughts
have come to us, as we have dis-
cussed the many sides of that won-
derful word "motherhood." Do we
realize all the richness and respon-
sibility which that word implies?

"A cradle-side may oft-time be
an altar; and the ministry of homely
toil is dearer far to Christ, than
idle anthems are."

Perhaps some of you are so bur-
dened with cares, and filled with
anxiety about obtaining the bare
necessities of life, that you fail to
drink in the beauty and innocence
of these little souls looking up to
you for guidance and protection.
And yet, to even the weariest
mother, there must come moments
when the loving look and gentle
touch of her little one will reveal
the new joy which has entered her
life. She will take up her work
with renewed zeal, and feel that
any sacrifice is blessed, if her chil-
dren but grow up with pure and
noble characters.

I know how some of the mothers,
who read these lines, toil and strug-
gle. I have visited many homes
like yours, and yet, however humble
the cabin, if a true mother dwelt
within, the atmosphere has been
full of sunshine and peace.

When work presses you, and the
cares seem heavy, don't push aside
your little ones with careless word
and frowning face, making them
feel that you long for their absence
rather than their presence. Give
their little fingers some employment,
make them feel that they are ma-
ma's helpers rather than hinderers,
and you will find the few rooms you
may own, as rich in home delight
as the ten or twenty rooms in the
mansion across the way.

While the task of educating these
little ones may seem a great one,
you will find that in thus training
the little minds and hearts, you
will gain a liberal education your-
self.

Characteristics that you had not
dreamed were yours, will be devel-
oped and strengthened.

Patience, firmness, gentleness, for-
bearance, will rapidly come to the
surface. Many Christ-like qual-
ities will be ingrained into your
nature, for no woman can be a true
mother without drawing nearer to
Christ; and no mother can trust
herself at all times in governing
her child, but must look upward
for divine guidance.

Just as the little ones begin to
liap their A. B. C's, and then rap-
idly pushing on through readers
and numbers, draw us with them
as they enter the higher studies,
and inspire us to more and better
reading that we may keep pace
with their progress; just so do their
young hearts grasp the A. B. C's,

of morality and spiritual life, until
they lead us up to diviner heights,
as we strive to be their models and
living examples of the truth.

Hence all mothers must be imi-
tators of Christ, as we have mis-
sionary work to do. Every day
little eyes are watching us, little
ears are listening, little lips are
quick to repeat whatever our lives
may teach them.

Did you ever take in your arms
a little forsaken babe, and realize
that as father and mother had gone,
it was God's child alone. Then
you felt the truth of those words,
"Ye do it unto me," as you opened
your loving arms to clasp and shel-
ter it. Just so let us hold our little
ones, as it we were holding that
holy child, who purified and up-
lifted all childhood!

All Methodism has been exalting
the name of Susannah Wesley, as
they have drawn vivid pictures of
the home scenes in the English
rectory. We may not have the in-
tellect and culture which was
granted that gifted woman, we
may not possess the firm will and
steady nerve which was hers, but
we may all, as mothers, find much
to copy in that early Methodist
home.

Surely her hands were full of
cares, and her family was large
enough to tax the keenest brain
and the most tireless worker. We
may well look to her perfect system,
as she managed all parts of the
household with equal tact and wis-
dom; because she not only had
method in her work, but kept
closely to it.

We may all follow her in keeping
sacred some time for the children
no matter how busy the day, or
how weary the head. We may not
always give them a full hour, but
we can surely spare some moments
for a quiet, earnest talk.

Look into that home, and see
how closely she kept in touch with
her children; their studies were her
care, their ambitions she shared
with them, in their life work she
was their truest friend and adviser.

You may not all have her love
for reading, her active, busy brain,
but cultivate and improve what
powers you have!

Begin with the little folks while
they are yet babies, and let your
sympathies be touched by theirs,
and as they grow older, you will
appreciate that with the gift of
motherhood comes the great re-
sponsibility, and your soul will be
eager to grasp its opportunity and
grow with the growth of others.

But, as John Wesley said—and
equally true was it of his mother,
Susannah—"Best of all is, God is
with us." Everyone of us may not
only envy, but seek after and ob-
tain her devout nature, and implicit
confidence in God.

Through all her teachings ran the
Christ-like spirit, and from the first
opening of the infant mind, until
the bird was old enough to fly
away from the home nest, the in-
fluence of her Bible talks and deep
spirituality was felt upon the grow-
ing mind.

We may all, however humble our
home, or narrow our surroundings,
have Christ in the home, and bring
up the children "in the fear of the
Lord." A little boy lay dying—the
friends and physicians had done
all in their power to save his life,
but it was in vain. Love could
not keep him, and the fond mother
bent over him in speechless agony.

Suddenly the dear child gazed
around him, placed one little hand
in his mother's, and stretching the
other one out as if clasping another.
his lips moved, and he uttered
these words: "One hand is mama's,
and one hand is Jesus."

Let our little ones feel the clasp
of these hands from their earliest
years, and then as we send them
forth to school or business, to
homes in strange cities, the many
temptations crowding around them
will have no avail, for they are
safely, strongly guarded, one hand
in mother's, the other holding on
to Christ.

"God keep us mothers all to live aright,
And let our homes all truth and love
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they are mighty, the mightiest for
God. Church leaders may be gifted
in all else, but without this great-
est of gifts they are as Samson
shorn of his locks, or as the temple
without the divine presence, or the
divine glory, and on whose altars
the heavenly flame has died.—
Nashville Christian Advocate.

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nal youth when the Bible has fil-
led its mighty office, and passed
away from that heaven where there
is no temple. Religion is not a
knowledge of certain things; it is a
state of the heart in which all
knowledge should be received and
used. How can any good teacher
help but teach religion? It is co-
extensive with the universe. It is
not mere ecclesiastical or academ-
ical tenets; it is not any part of
life it is only the whole science and
art of life animated and inspired
by a universally pervasive and per-
fect philosophy, the very alphabet
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whose Alpha and Omega are un-
selfishness.—*Geo. W. Cable.*

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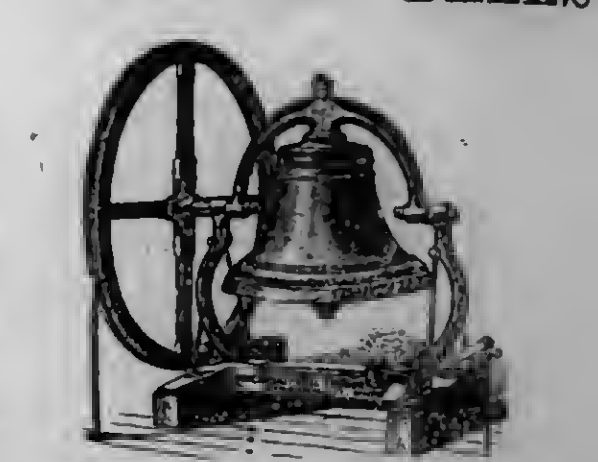
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HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 10. 18-27. Tu. 2 Kings 10. 28-31. W. 2 Kings 10. 11-17. Th. Zeph. 1. 7-18. F. Rom. 11. 13-32. S. Gal. 4. 12-18. S. Matt. 6. 1-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. (1 Sam. 16. 7.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own his cause,
Or blush to speak his name?

Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by thy word.

Time—B. C. 884.

Place—Samaria, the capital of Israel.
Ruler—Jehu, the tenth king of Israel.

Connecting Linke—Jehoram, the king who was besieged in the city of Samaria, was afterward wounded while fighting against Hazael, the King of Syria. He went back to be healed of his wounds in Jezreel. Elisha sent a prophet to Jehu, one of Jehoram's generals, to anoint him King of Israel. Jehu immediately started a revolution, rode to Jezreel, killed Jehoram, and established himself on the throne. He then gathered the people together as told in this lesson.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. What Jehu did, v. 18-28.
2. What did Jehu say to the people about serving Baal?
3. Whom did he summon, and for what reason?
4. What was his real purpose?
5. What proclamation did he order?
6. What worshippers came together?
7. In what place were they gathered?
8. What order was given about clothing?
9. What warning did Jehu give in the house of Baal?
10. How many guards were stationed without?
11. What was said to these guards?
12. What was done with the worshippers of Baal?
13. What became of the images of Baal?
14. To what use was the house of Baal put?
15. What then did Jehu do?
16. 2. What Jehu failed to do, v. 29-31.
17. Whose evil example did Jehu follow?

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What did the Lord promise for
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About what was the king heed-
less?
What is said of him who fails to
obey any commandment?
(Jas. 2. 10)
By what does the Lord judge men?
(Golden Text.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That we ought to obey God's commands?
2. That God rewards obedience?
3. That true obedience requires us to avoid wrong-doing?

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Find who built the house of Baal.
Find who made the golden calves that Jeroboam worshipped.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What idol did Jehu falsely promise to worship? Baal.
2. Whom did he gather together into one temple from all parts of the nation? The worshippers of Baal.
3. What did he do with them? Slew them all.
4. What did he do with the images of Baal and his temple? Destroyed them.
5. Wherein did he do right in the sight of the Lord? In destroying false gods.
6. Wherein did he do wrong? In not worshipping God with all his heart.

Doctrinal suggestion—Religion of the heart.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

39. How did he become man? Christ, though God, took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man, having a human body and soul.
40. What example does Christ's life afford us? An example of perfect goodness and holiness.
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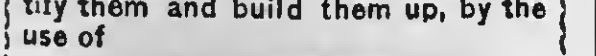
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Editorial Notes.

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

—THOS. MOORE.

Why can't we have a few more night schools for the benefit of the young people who have been forced out of school by adverse circumstances, and for the older people who have never had school advantages? Education is power.

The French and Italian Protestant papers, such as *L'Evangeliste*, *L'Italia Evangelica*, and our own *Evangelista*, have been full of the John Wesley commemoration. They produce elaborate wood cuts, and speak of him as one of the greatest benefactors and apostles of the race.

A CORRESPONDENT to the *Christian Recorder*, calls the Rev. Dr. A. M. Green the "Sleeping Giant of the Southwest." Why call the Doctor the "Sleeping Giant," when he is one of the most wide-awake and "go-ahead" giants of any church in all this region?

THE plea for the education of the children of the non-slaveholding whites of the South, by the Methodist Episcopal Church and the national government, by Rev. James Mitchell, D.D., of Atlanta, Ga., read before the last session of the Georgia Conference, was a masterly effort. It will bring conviction wherever read, and will no doubt be productive of much good. We thank the Doctor for a copy.

THE state of Europe can only be described as an armed truce. The relations of France and Germany are exceedingly strained. Russia is, as always, mysterious. It is the unexpected that always happens, and startling events are liable any day to occur. One thing only we are certain of—"His kingdom is coming." Thrones and dynasties are still to topple, but the coronation of him who is the only "King of kings and Lord of lords," draws ever nearer.

NOTWITHSTANDING the notification to our readers that we could not afford the room to publish where their correspondents may write them, we continue to get such requests. Please don't send them, and thereby save your stamp and us the trouble of going over the matter. We publish the appointment of every pastor in our territory, and that is sufficient, except in the cases of Presiding Elders and pastors whose appointments are not named as postoffices. In such, and only in such cases, will we publish such requests.

Easter Gleanings.

M. F. Park, Edwards, Miss.
We had a grand time on Easter Sunday. Missionary collection, \$5. The church was beautifully decorated. The following took active part in the exercises: Messrs. E. H. White, A. Christian, R. Nickles, and Misses Mary Leonard, Mattie Stovel, Ophelia Parks and Minnie Moore. Our beloved pastor, Rev. L. J. S. Bell, preached the Resurrection sermon to a large congregation. At 3 o'clock, Rev. S. Jossel, pastor of Clinton, Miss., preached a grand sermon. On the first Sunday in April, Silver Dollar Day, we raised \$34.10 for our pastor. Rev. H. R. S. Erby, of Jackson, preached a good sermon, and at night Rev. J. F. Nicholson, of the M. E. Church South, preached a grand sermon. Presiding Elder J. Campbell is much beloved.

P. H. Hill, Rosemeath, Miss.
The young people had a nice time. Collection, \$7.60 for missions.

W. S. Thompson, Piedmont, S. C.
Easter missionary service was held by a union of the Sunday schools of the Williamston circuit. The service was good and interesting. Missionary collection, \$19.75. Rev. S. A. King, our beloved pastor, preached an edifying sermon, in the afternoon, on the Resurrection of Christ.

Geo. W. Branner, Tazewell, Tenn.
We had interesting services, notwithstanding the inclement weather, and collected \$1 for missions.

E. Holiday, Spring, Tenn.
We had a good time. Collection, \$2.15.

L. J. Hogan, Dodge, Tex.
The services were successful and the church was beautifully decorated. The services were conducted by the superintendent, Miss M. O. Mann, and Mr. Ohas. Minter. At 3 p. m. Rev. F. Park, our worthy Presiding Elder, preached a soul-reviving sermon. Collection for missions, \$19.50.

D. Frierson, Free Hope circuit, Tex.
It was grand. Raised for missions, \$7.35.

Peter Swearingen, Gainesville, Fla.
The exercises were highly interesting. The children's program was carried out under the direction of our Sunday school superintendent, L. E. Chestnut. The day's collection was \$94.46.

Luciell J. Shallowhorne, St. James Church, Shreveport, La.
The Resurrection sermon was preached at 5 a. m. to a crowded house. The Easter missionary program was nicely carried out by the Sunday school. Under the direction of superintendent D. W. Boatner. The church was beautifully decorated. Collection for missions, \$11.

S. M. Bolden, Jefferson, Tex.
The services were well attended all day. The church was beautifully decorated. The children acted their parts well.

R. S. T. White, Kendleton, Texas.
We had a grand time. There were several addresses made and many Bible verses recited. Collection, \$4.70.

John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Our Easter services were grand. We had a beautiful day and a tastefully decorated church, crowded with worshippers.

M. H. Robinson, Boynton, East Dallas, Houston.
Our membership is very small, but our Sunday school did well in our Easter services, conducted by our superintendent, Sister Martina Burke. Collection, \$2.75; subscription, \$7.

"An Open Appeal To My Brethren."

BY J. W. HAMILTON.

To the members of the Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church:
Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Is it no longer possible for the Methodist preacher who thinks soberly, according as God hath dealt, to every man the measure of faith, but who may differ from certain of his brethren, to speak his thoughts, without incurring railing accusations? By what revelation and mastery do these certain of his brethren, assume to say "The Lord rebuke thee."

The Apostle who is presumed to be plaintiff, shall frame much of my answer: Hear ye my defense which I make now unto you. I am verily a man which am a Methodist, born in Weston, a town in Virginia, yet brought up in the Pittsburgh Conference, at the feet of a long time member of that honored body, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

My brother, the Rev. Milton S. Terry, D.D., professor in Garrett Biblical Institute, has written "An Open Appeal" in which he makes attempt to judge me after the law, and command me to be smitten contrary to the law. I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest. But if it be so, so be it. He has not found me in the temple disputing with any man; neither raising up the people; neither can he prove the things whereof he now accuses me. But this I confess that after the way which he calls heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets and have hope towards God which he himself must also allow.

Neither against the law of the Methodists, neither against the order and sanctity of the Christian, nor yet against the state have I offended anything at all. Of the work of woman in the church of God, I am called in question. And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers unto which promise our General Conferences, composed of holy men, instantly serving God day and night hope to come. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise up holy women to serve him anywhere in the Christian church?

Now that I have my accuser face to face and have license to answer for myself, I find that he has brought none accusations of such things as I supposed; but has certain questions against the Christian women of his own superstition. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing to both small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come.

Men and brethren, are we not all followers of John Wesley, Richard Watson and Adam Clarke? Do we not also honor as scholar and teacher D. D. Whedon, and are we not readers of his commentaries? How readeth the law and what say these interpreters of the law? To the testimony. But first let us hear again the accusations. Mine accuser has stood up like other accusers of their brethren to bring the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of the M. E. Church. He would not only forbid all Christian women to have authority in the higher and more general government of the church, but he would revoke the authority of all women who now share in the local government and thereby refuse in the very nature of the revocation,

even to allow them the equitable and indisputable right to vote, which is conceded in so many churches, and has been granted in his own church. He would destroy the understanding and deny the great scholarship of the Methodist fathers. Like the Athenians, and the strangers at Athens who spent their time to tell or to hear some new thing, this novel interpreter of doctrine would have us believe that arbitrary power, like an estate, had been established and settled by a sort of imperious and perpetual legalism on the man of the race, and the woman must regard conformity to such law as a ground of salvation. Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

My brother, the Rev. Dr. Terry, solemnly declares, "Better far to revolve such a question fifty years than to rush it through amid the excitement of a heated controversy." But who, pray, is heating this controversy? Whose ink is vehement, steaming, hissing, lirid as it settles over such passionate language as this? "Sophistry of superficial thinkers", "sneers of the scorner", "coarse gibes of the infidel", "exploded fables of a mythic age", etc., etc. Who is it that talks of "a mandamus", "injunctions", "courts"? Who is threatening, if this question be carried, to resign all official position in the Church? Who avers he is going off to the Presbyterians, and that he knows some of the most intelligent Methodists who will go with him? Who sees the horizon black with hordes of the M. E. Church South, coming North like the plague of the locusts? Who prophesies scandals among the members of the General Conference if the Christian women go there? After the tribulation of those days, shall the sun be darkened? Shall the moon not give her light? Shall the stars fall from heaven and the powers of heaven be shaken?

My brother, the Rev. Dr. Terry, plaintively affirms: "To me it is a matter of humiliation and alarm that such a question is submitted to a vote." Does my brother recall that the very first motion made in the General Conference to submit the question to the vote of the laity, was offered by a brother who voted against the admission of the women? Does my brother recall that the very first motion made in the General Conference to submit the question to the vote of the laity, was offered by a brother who voted against the admission? Does my brother recall that the chair-man of the committee who reported the plan submitting the question to the vote of both the laity and the members of the conferences, did not vote in favor of the admission? Does my brother recall that all the motions made relative to the plan for the submission of the question after it was reported, were made by brethren who voted against the admission? Does my brother recall that it was the General Conference which refused to admit the women that submitted this question? Does he now not know that it is the party which is defeated thus far that is not satisfied simply with its own doings, and is crying out that the Church is making void the law of God?

My brother, the Rev. Dr. Terry, complacently observes: "When a proposed measure is obviously 'repugnant' to the word of God, no plea of possible or probable advantage should be allowed the slightest weight in the argument." He then proceeds by "three immutable facts" to make known his "obviously repugnant" as follows: "The first is the original law of creation, which constituted man-

kind male and female, assigning headship to the man." Would my brother claim that the original headship in the family gave similar headship to every man over every woman, every where, family or no family? Or to all men over all women, in the market place, in society, in Church, in State? Has the one woman—have all women—no voice in the headship, not even that of consent? Such a teacher speaks as never man spoke. He teaches as one having no authority. What was that original headship but headship in marriage? John Wesley, in speaking of woman before her fall, says she was "a she man, differing from man in sex only, not in nature." "The original law," says Richard Watson, "had an admirable adaptation and tends more than any other to make them one soul, as well as one flesh." Adam Clarke says, "At their creation both were formed with equal rights, and the woman had as much right to rule as the man."

My brother the Rev. Dr. Terry, offers the following eccentric account of the punishment incurred by the women for her original sinning: "The woman was to be a helpmate for man, and after the transgression, in which she was the first to fall, it was ordained that her relation to man should be that of subjection, not of rule." "Would my brother claim that the woman's sin, subjected her to more than one man? Would my brother claim that the one woman's sin subjected every other woman to every other man irrespectively, or all women to all men irrespectively? How readest thou? 'Unto the woman he said * * * and thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.' Genesis iii, 16. Adam Clark says 'subjection to the will of her husband is one part of her curse.' John Wesley says, in speaking of woman after her fall, 'she is here put into a state of subjection: the whole sex which by creation was equal with man, is for sin made inferior.' It is amazing to see with what gleeful delight, good men take advantage of the woman's punishment for sin and insist that such sin must be perpetuated even in the Christian church. The claim is that man by reason of the order of creation must govern women and not one woman in marriage only, but the whole world of women, and the women must simply endure, because she was the first to fall; it was ordained that her relation to man should be that of subjection." What then, shall we sin, because we are not under the law but under grace? God forbid. We should serve in newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. Has the Gospel done nothing for woman?

My brother, the Rev. Dr. Terry assumes to an answer. He has a "second immutable fact" which "is the word and example of Christ, who affirmed the enduring validity of the ancient law, (Matthew 19, 5) and in founding his church did not appoint a woman as an apostle, nor commission her as a public teacher of mankind." But what ancient law did Christ affirm? The subjection of women? Sin brought that law. The ancient law to which Jesus in this quotation from Matthew refers was simply the law of the first marriage, "In the morning of the world when earth was nigher heaven than now."

Jesus affirmed, Mr. Watson says, "The spirit and influence of his own religion in bringing in again the original law of marriage in all its force." And this implies as Dr. Clarke says, "that the woman was to be perfect resemblance of the man possessing neither inferiority nor superiority, but being in all

things like and equal to himself." "The true idea of the family" according to Dr. Whedon "is a unity of love in which the command is the expression of the common happiness, and obedience is a loving concurrence of wills."

As to the other half of that "second immutable fact," that Jesus did not select a woman to be an apostle how much force has it? It is simply *petito principii*, begging the question. The argument simply stated would be: What He did not do, He would not do; therefore the church ought not to do. Then the church will have to stop the nineteenth of what it is doing. Jesus did not select Saul of Tarsus or Paul, to be one of the twelve apostles. He "did found a church"—Yes, but he gave it no particular form of government. From the Greeks and Romans comes much of what we have. When a scholar like Edwin Hatch declares "the study of primitive Christianity is only in its infancy" and has been laying about him so dexterously the idols which our old time brethren are hugging still so tenaciously to their hearts one is looking for Methodist scholars who, at least can tell the date of this year of our Lord. When Harnack is through with what Hatch has so well begun, there are a number of Methodist writers, who will pose for scholarship more cautiously, and will write and speak less dippantly.

By what sort of reasoning does my brother hope to exclude women from the General Conference when he quotes Eph. v, 23, 24? Paul does not say, "The husband is the head of the wife as man is the head of the Church," etc. His general topic is not the church at all, but the family; the duty of husbands to wives and wives to husbands, and he says "The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church."

Finally, my brother, the Rev. Dr. Terry, has a "third fact," which "is the apostolic prohibition." He says, "Not only does Paul repeatedly affirm the primordial law of the wife's subordination to the husband, but on the particular subject of woman's bearing rule in the Church, it is difficult to see how he could have been more direct and positive." I have already shown how utterly confused my brother seems to be in his not clear conception of the distinction between the relation of the wife to the "divinely ordained headship" of Adam in the family before the fall, and the relation of the wife to her husband, under punishment for original sinning. He assumes now correctly to punctuate and literally to translate the prohibition in 1 Cor. 14, 33, 34. This I must presume he assumes to do without looking up his Greek. He will find that both Westcott and Hort, and Tischendorf, in the margin, tell him to supply *among the churches*. And if he will turn to the new translation from the Greek Text of Tregelles, critically emphasized by Joseph B. Rotherham, he will find himself corrected and more literally translated as follows: AS FOR THE WIVES, in the assemblies let them keep silence, for it is not permitted them to be speaking, but let them be in submission, according as even the law says." The literal rendering of the context also shows how manifestly correct is this translation and how appropriate were the instructions to the women of the Corinthian Church.

But I know how difficult it is to rid one's self of opinions which are inherited; I have much charity for brethren who will turn and read their own legislation when it has brought them defeat. And I presume we must expect them to discard Wesley, and Watson, and Clarke, and Whedon, when they would wrest the Scriptures to the destruction of Methodist doctrine and usage. Forget not, however, that we be brethren, and some of us are Methodists.

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Letters from the Districts.

Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference.

My Dear Brethren:—God is with us; let us launch out into the deep and cast in our nets for a sweeping revival, both spiritual and financial in all our charges this year. Let us fill up our list of probationers with many new converts and our treasury with larger collections. I wish you to also bear in mind that the quarter centennial jubilee day of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is set for the 10th of May.

We are expected to raise our apportionment in full by that time and have every dollar in hand. Send to Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Cincinnati, Ohio, for programs; they are beautifully arranged for both Sunday school and church services. He will forward you as many as you will need free of charge. Begin work at once. One notice of the amount you are to raise will be sent to you.

My brethren, please use all your powers of body and mind to the end that our district will press forward to the very front of the Lord's work on all sides. Let us keep in mind Gideon's triumph over numbers and Paul's success amid opposition and persecution, and that God helps those that help themselves.

S. E. H. MORANT, P. E.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

W. W. Pope, Asheville, N. C., reports twenty-five conversions.

H. Evans, Statesville, N. C., six conversions and two accessions during the past quarter.

W. H. Hairston, Maxton, N. C., has had thirty-eight accessions to his church. He is abundant in his praise of Presiding Elder E. Collett, who is such a faithful friend especially to the young men on his district.

W. H. Mius, Pelahatchie, Miss., is delighted with the warm reception tendered him by his people on his return for the second year. The good is good, but he is working to make it better.

DeWitt Frierson, Free Hope circuit, Tex., reports the recent quarterly meeting held there by Presiding Elder P. Morgan as a season of great blessing. The church and Sunday school are spiritually alive. Paid Elder \$10, pastor \$24.80. There has been considerable sickness among this people. Sister Reaves, district secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was present and did much good.

A. C. Culbreath, Columbia, Tex.

Our three weeks' revival resulted in forty conversions and forty-six accessions. Baptized twenty adults and five children. The meetings continue with an average of from one to three converts every night. Glory to God in the highest.

M. J. Dyer, Jeanerette, La., informs us that Rev. Vincent of St. Peter had a grand rally the fourth Sunday in March and raised \$94.80 and he is loved by all his people.

W. J. Cunningham, Conway, Ark.

Our first quarterly conference convened at Green Valley March 28. Rev. W. H. Morris held a very satisfactory conference. The Elder preached two soul-felling sermons. Paid Presiding Elder \$3.35, pastor \$9.90. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. The Presiding Elder spoke highly of it. I will do all I can for it, as I have ever done. I am striving to raise all of my assessments.

F. H. Bunton, Aberdeen, Miss.

We are arranging to repaint and reset our church, also to purchase a new bell. Our collection for all purposes on Easter amounted to \$90. Aberdeen is second to no charge in the state, and we feel safe in saying that we have the best Sunday school in the state.

C. E. Goings, Monroe, La.

St. James M. E. Church's rally day is the fourth Sunday in May. Each tribe is to raise \$10 on debts of church lot. Revs. C. W. Cershaw, M. H. Hunter, M. S. Goings, F. M. Lashington, H. H. Phillip, J. W. Lewis and others are expected to assist in the exercises. All are invited.

Reuben Turner, New Roads, La.

Our first quarterly conference was held by our Presiding Elder and he preached a splendid sermon. Paid Elder \$8, pastor \$22.50; accessions 3, baptized one.

J. M. Lampkin, Hopewell, Miss.

My first quarterly conference met at Hopewell, March 28, 29. Rev. R. Sewell was on time and gave a grand talk to the conference, and preached two able sermons. Collection, \$8.65.

Emerson Hutchinson, Mansfield, La.

Last Sunday, March 29, we had a combination of celebrations. Mrs. M. J. Wilson read an essay on the life and work of John Wesley, which was creditable to her and Methodism, as did also Messrs. W. A. Colman, David Mayo, James McCoy, Alexander B. Johnson, W. C. Sharp, Howell Washington and Mrs. Cynthia Colman.

G. W. Marsh, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Our revival resulted in 18 conversions and 16 accessions. Bro. Jessie Stanfield was with me and preached some good sermons.

S. L. Edwards, Brownsville, Tenn.

My work is moving on nicely. Our church had blown down and the members were scattered and discouraged, but by the help of God we have bought a lot at a cost of \$160, paid \$104, and have half of the remainder in the treasury. My meeting resulted in one accession. We hope to build our new church soon.

D. B. Hanston, Bunkie, Ark.

My first quarterly conference was held March 21, 22, by Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, Presiding Elder. The reports showed a great degree of progress. All of the brethren had their reports. Elder Duncan is doing a good work. Collection during the quarter, \$17. The SOUTHWESTERN is being looked after, and we will soon be able to send a good many names with the cash.

J. Jones, Anderson, Texas.

This is my second year on this circuit. The dear friends of Anderson gave me a pound party at the parsonage Feb. 13. We have completed our new church at Yarrowburgh. We dedicated it Feb. 15. The Presiding Elder was with us Feb. 8, and held his quarterly conference. He preached two edifying sermons and administered the Lord's Supper. Collection, \$6.40. I am doing all I can for the paper. I think it is a good paper.

P. R. Woodson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

My second quarterly conference was held March 21, 22, at Spencer Chapel, Rev. J. P. Price presiding. Revs. John H. Coppage and Wesley L. Lillard, ex-pastor, were present. Rev. J. P. Price preached a soul-stirring sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to about 40. Paid pastor, \$26.70; Presiding Elder, \$7.25. Raised some thing on all the benevolent causes.

A. M. Quinn, DeSoto, Miss.

Rev. J. M. Shimpert, Presiding Elder, held my first quarterly conference at St. John Church March 11. God has blessed this place with great success. We have sent in 18 subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

F. D. Bowers, Houma, La.

Writes that the young sinners of Houma organized themselves into a band styled Pride of Houma Jubilee Club. M. O. Dumas, president; A. D. Dumas, vice-president; J. A. Arseneaux, treasurer; Bndd Davis, secretary; C. S. Lukerson, general manager. And gave on the evenings of Mar. 27, 28, a grand concert and exhibition for the benefit of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, and made the sum of \$51.10.

G. W. Norris, Harrisburg, Tex., is rallying his people to build a parsonage. They raised \$27.10 on

a recent Sunday toward that cause. He speaks in high terms of his people, who have given him two pound parties since conference. Bro. Norris says call again. We don't blame him. We wouldn't be sorry if such parties visited us once in a while.

S. H. Viel, Warrior, Ala.

My first quarterly conference was held March 21, with Rev. I. Townsend in the chair. This is a new circuit and has never been known as a place for the church until the last year. When I came to this place I found five brothers and six sisters. They had bought a lot, on which the church now stands. We have a very good Sunday school, and the people are falling in line with us, and we are moving onto perfection. We have got our church and parsonage inclosed now, so that we use them very well. Rev. I. Townsend is the right man for the Birmingham district. He preached two edifying sermons to a large crowd. Collection for Elder, \$14. We give thanks to the Sunday School Union for the great help they gave us. We are doing all we can for the paper that stands so close by us, and may God bless and save the church, with the world converted to Christ.

Appeal for Help.

Dear Brethren of the Meridian District: I appeal to you all for a little aid. I have not been to my work, for I am not able to go, and my wife has been sick for three months. My doctor's bill is high, my house rent is due, and my work is very poor. Please help me. Your brother in tribulation.

J. HESLUP, Durant, Miss.

[Dear Brethren: The above statement is true. Sister Heslup is very low. We are looking for her to die.—D. GREEN, pastor of Durant, Miss.]

D. C. Cook, Christiansburg, Va.

Our second quarterly conference was held Feb. 7, by Presiding Elder G. T. Wright. We had a pleasant session. The Elder asked the following questions, which you will notice are not in our Discipline, to each member of the conference:

1. Do you hold family prayer?
2. Have you a copy of our Discipline?
3. Do you take your church papers, especially the SOUTHWESTERN?

Whenever a negative answer was given to the two last questions the Elder gave the conference the benefit of a stirring lecture on the benefit of all the officers of our church having a copy of our Discipline, and of taking their church paper. Sunday, at 11 a. m., he followed up what he said in the quarterly conference by a sermon on downright Methodism. He took particular pains to enlarge upon the subject of books and literature of our people. The result I hope will be a number of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. The 22d of February was our rally day for our new church, at which time we took in \$100. Our work is now begun,

F. L. Teague, Marion, Ala.

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and as soon as the weather opens it will be pushed to completion. Among those who subscribed and paid on our rally day are: Thos. Jones, \$10; Philip Carter, \$5; Francis James, \$5; Bettie Clark, \$3; M. L. Jones, \$2; Dicy Johnson, \$2; Jane Walker, \$2; Andrew Cephas, \$4; Jennie Mitchell, \$1.50; Susan Bailey, \$1.50. The following each gave a dollar, viz: A. M. Jones, Willie Cephas, James Blackson, James Gleas, George Brown, Ed. Gardner, Hubert Thomas, Sadie James, Vick Campbell, Susan Lertes, Monroe Bailey, Susan Arnoil. Others gave smaller amounts.

H. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.

We found \$122.25 in the treasury in the hands of the trustees for the purpose of building a new church here. Rev. John Qualls, the former pastor of this church, and now of Pine Bluff, Ark., came for his family, and preached for us on Sunday. The church gave him a collection of \$5. He left on Wednesday. Rev. C. D. Shallow, of St. James, Shreveport, was with us and preached on Friday night and left for home Saturday. The African M. E. Church here held their quarterly conference in the Baptist Church, Rev. T. P. Jackson, Presiding Elder. The conference was made up mostly of sinners, the Presiding Elder, pastor in charge, and two of our young men.

A. M. Mason, Oakland, Texas, was given a surprise party recently by members and friends of his church. They brought him and his family many choice gifts, for which he expresses many words of appreciation. In the party were: Bro. R. L. Smith, Rev. E. E. Cooper's family, Philip Munford, Ellis McNealey, Misses M. Chatman and Ada Jarman, Mrs. R. W. Ward, Mrs. Basha Brown, Mr. Henry Hodge, Mrs. Louis Adams, Mr. W. H. Isaac, Mrs. Fannie Ward and little Fannie Ward, Mr. Dallas Ward, Miss M. E. Isaac, Mary Munford, Lucy Chatman, Pearl Isaac, and many others.

Raphael Beaver, Dangerfield, Tex.

Our first quarterly conference convened at Liberty March 21, Rev. Wade Hamilton, the Presiding Elder, in the chair. The conference was largely attended. The Presiding Elder gave us a profitable lecture on Saturday, which opened the eyes of all the brethren by telling them things they never heard before, and made the session the happiest I have witnessed on the circuit. Collection, \$8. The Elder's sermon on Sunday was grand.

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Letters from the Laity.

W. H. Whitlock, Columbus, Miss.

Columbus Normal Institute, of Columbus, Miss., is an accomplished fact. Too much praise cannot be accorded the Rev. J. L. Wilson, the principal. It can be truly said of him, "Young man you are called because you are strong." When he took charge of our church, not quite two years ago, he saw, as it were, a little seed springing up in the form of a school, having been planted and nurtured by Miss Georgie H. Byrd, a devoted member of our church, to whom alone belongs the honor of laying the foundation of whatever the institution will amount to. Seeing that by cultivation it might grow as the mustard seed, to a very large tree, he placed his hand to the plow, regardless of remuneration, and today he has the satisfaction of seeing the results of his labor. When he took charge it was only a little primary school of about forty pupils; now it has enrolled about 300, ranging from five to thirty years, among whom are several of our preachers of the Upper Mississippi Conference. Within its walls are taught all the branches taught in our first-class graded schools. The faculty are: J. L. Wilson, principal and Professor of Mathematics and Languages; Miss M. E. Chisolm, grammar and music department; Miss G. H. Byrd, primary department; Mr. Campbell, printer. If all of our young men entering the ministry, as well as all other professions of usefulness, had the zeal of J. L. Wilson to accomplish some good for the uplifting of their people, the race problem would soon be solved; as a race we would soon be the peers of any other race in business, society, morals, industry, and in every way.

M. R. Hite, Bertie, La.

Our beloved pastor, Rev. A. Luster, on his return opened a mourners' meeting, four weeks ago, and the Lord has blessed us with 76 souls and 64 mourners yet at the bench to be prayed for. Pray for us.

M. T. Gillum, Paulding, Miss.

Since Rev. M. Cooper has been here we are holding services under our own vine and fig tree. Rev. M. Cooper has bought the land for four churches since he has been here. God bless our pastor and the Paulding work.

E. C. Collier, Starkville, Miss., says that our people at Starkville are perfectly delighted with their new pastor, Rev. P. O. Jamison, and his wife. They succeeded in raising \$60 in three weeks.

C. Brown and Anna Whalen, Union Church, Miss.

The Bishop made no mistake in sending Rev. A. Reed to Union Church. Our Elder, S. A. Cowan, was with us on March 6, 7. We owe him much gratitude for the kind manner in which he conducted the conference. We have paid to Elder and pastor up to this time \$35. We have given our pastor two pound meetings. We intend to take care of him.

V. M. Cole, Jr., Paris, Tex.

Rev. P. Morgan, Presiding Elder, held our first quarterly conference March 25. All of the officers were on hand with written reports. We estimated for pastor's salary, \$700; and Presiding Elder, \$80. The pastor made a grand report, showing \$14 for benevolences; for the sick, \$8; for old indebtedness, \$36. Nine have united with the church; 1 conversion. Class meetings are better attended now than ever. Rev. W. H. Jackson is a good manager; under his plans there will be more money raised, more debts paid off this year than ever. Paid pastor, \$58.55; Presiding Elder, \$20; poor, \$3.50. The new fence around the church and parsonage looks handsome. The Presiding Elder was well pleased with the work. We are carrying the largest congregation in this city. We are soon to give a tea entertainment which will make the SOUTHWESTERN a present of two cash subscribers. We love the SOUTHWESTERN and will show our love by sending some money soon.

James Madison, Rockdale, Tex., feels keenly the adoption of the separate car law in that State, and pledges to contribute himself, and get everybody he can influence to contribute something to assist the American Citizen's Equal Rights Association of Louisiana, in its purpose to test those laws before the national courts of the country.

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Last Letter From Bishop Taylor.

I left Monrovia on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Fifty-five miles to Grand Bassa, thence ninety miles here to Sinoe, arriving on Wednesday, the day before yesterday. I preached Wednesday night, and ordained one Deacon and one Elder. Yesterday morning I went with Z. Roberts, in his boat, eighteen miles up Sinoe river to his station, Ebenezer. He has many acres of breadstuffs and sugar cane, and eighteen hundred coffee scions set out. He has baptized twenty-two converted children, many of whom can recite, from memory, selections from the Scripture, including the Ten Commandments; and the Apostles Creed, etc., and can sing. That mission, though he had to buy the land, and built an iron house for worship and school, and a story and a half frame dwelling, has cost us less than \$500, and is moving on for absolute self support. On our return trip, five miles down the Sinoe river we visited Jackson mission—J. W. Bonner, preacher in charge; and Bro. Gatlin, school teacher. We have there only a native house, costing about \$20, but Bro. Bonner has most of the lumber on the ground for the erection of a story and a half frame mission house. He has a large quantity of bread stuff growing, and a few hundred coffee scions—mission not yet one year old, about twenty little boys and girls there, nearly all naked, repeated from memory the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, etc., and sang. I gave them a talk. My interpreter was a boy eight years old, in the same full dress in which he was born, with the exception of a single twine string around his lions. He was ready, and emphatic in "passing the word." I had to partake of a good dinner, according to my limited capacity, at each station. We got back by dark last night, and I preached again, and ordained a Deacon and an Elder who could not be present the night before. I don't think I ever felt more vigorous in health for forty years than I do now. God seems to have renewed my youth. Glory to his name!

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

General Church News.

Rev. Jacob Freshman, pastor of the Hebrew Christian Church, New York city has issued a circular in which he recites in brief the history of that work, and the remarkable answers to prayer, which he and his people experienced in connection with the work of the Lord among the Jews in that city.

The number of additions to the Congregational Churches throughout the country since Jan. 1, reaches nearly 15,000.

H. L. Hastings, of Boston, speaking of the decay of secularism, says: "In England a few years ago, the infidel societies took in 1,583 members; the next year 1,500; then 1,300; and so on, down to less than 500. Last year 13 infidel halls were closed."

Mrs. Spurgeon, the wife of the great London preacher, though an invalid, is a fairy godmother to poor ministers. She sends gifts of clothing to their wives, which a small society under her supervision have fashioned, and to the pastors themselves she makes gifts of books. During the past year 6,916 volumes, making a total of 115,262 volumes given since the book fund was established, have been distributed among 560 ministers of different denominations.

The Christian Endeavor Society has 430,000 members.

Newfoundland has a population of 200,000; of these 50,000 are Methodists.

There are in the United States, Canada, England, and Scotland, 34 woman's missionary societies,

and they have 1,397 missionaries in the field.

England has 8 Jewish missionaries; Scotland, 5; Ireland, 1; and these employ 312 agents. The United States has 7 societies, with 34 in their employ.

The North Africa Mission has in all 58 missionaries engaged in its field of operations, embracing Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli, and North Arabia.

It is said that not more than one-eighth of the people of Japan live in cities having more than 10,000 inhabitants; the vast majority are farmers or fishermen.

Two new editions of the Burman Bible are being printed by the Baptist Missionary Union, one in Rangoon and another, from reduced plates, in Boston.

General News Items.

The colored people of the District of Columbia will celebrate their emancipation day on the 16th inst.

A Greenville, Texas, correspondent, informs us of the lynching of a colored man by the name of Harper, by the white people of that section. His crime consisted in his intended elopement with a white girl. The girl had gone to Oklahoma, from whence she was brought back home by her parents, where the colored man was to have joined her and where they intended to marry. The plot was discovered before the intended marriage took place. Our correspondent pleads with white men to let colored women alone, and for colored men to let the whites alone.

Germany gave Bismarck, the man of blood and iron, an ovation, April 1st, in honor of his 76th birthday.

The Georgia Hotel of Dallas, Texas, was destroyed by fire, and one guest perished in the flames.

The Pope is very sick.

Palestine, Texas, is having a small-pox scourge.

The colored people of Atlanta, Ga., have organized a loan and trust banking company.

J. P. Johnson Howard, formerly known as the "black prince" was killed by a fall in the Auburn state prison. He inherited \$150,000 from his father a few years ago and spent all in about five years. Not long ago he became mixed up in show bill proceedings in New York and was convicted of perjury and sent to the state prison for seven years. He was steward of the prison at the time of his death.

A fire at Syracuse, N. Y., destroyed property worth over a million dollars.

The United States ship Galena and the brig Nina were wrecked off Vineyard Haven, Mass.

The sudden and mysterious disappearance of Col. L. L. Thompson, one of the leading Democratic politicians of Arkansas, has created a sensation in Little Rock.

Near the Pratt coal mines, Birmingham, Ala., Saturday night, a hand car on which three miners were riding was struck by a freight train. Allen Brown was instantly killed and Otto Motley and Joe Baugh were seriously injured and may die. None of the trainmen were hurt.

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Science.

Women as Inventors.

The steady increase of patents granted to women since scientific studies have been opened to them explains in part why inventions by that sex have been heretofore so rare. A list recently published gives the number of patents granted to women inventors by the U. S. government, from 1790 to July 1, 1888, as 2,300. After 1809 to 1815, only one patent was issued. From 1857, the number of women inventors increased rapidly. In 1870, the number was 60; in 1887, 179.

If last year's list were published, it would show a still more rapid advance. And these inventions take a wide range, from mere household and dress inventions to railroad journal boxes and submarine telescopes. In addition to the better scope and invitation for inventive genius which wider knowledge gives, the more independent position of women now requires less moral courage on their part to apply for patents than would have been necessary at an earlier period.—Sara Underwood, in *New England Magazine*.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

The Lost is Found.

Mr. Editor: The lost is found, and my dead hopes are made alive. I have found, by advertising in your paper, my lost brothers, from whom I was separated ever since the surrender. On the 18th of this month I received two letters, one from Bro. Henderson and one from Mrs. Ella McKinney, of Huntsville, Ala., a first cousin. May God bless the *SOUTHWESTERN* and its noble editor. I intend to help to circulate that noble christian paper that seeks and finds those that are lost.

S. H. CANNON.

Enola, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my brother. His name was Henry Cook. We were owned by a man named Samuel Cook. He lived in Stewart county, Tenn., near Indian Mound. Henry left home when Fort Donelson fell in 1863, joined the army as a drummer, and we have not heard from him since. Any one knowing his whereabouts will do me a favor to write to me at Christiansburg, Va. D. C. COOK.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my brothers. Their names are Houston and Henderson. Bro. Houston and I were brought to Mobile and sold by a speculator named Black. We left Bro. Henderson in Louisville, Tenn. He was owned by a man named Abraham Talley. I have never seen him since. When I last heard from Bro. Houston he was in Mobile, Ala., and went by the name of Houston Johnson. Any information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received.

MINERVA CONNOR.

Shubuta, Clark county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my folks. I was taken away when five years old. I was born in 1860. My name is Milaudar King. I belonged to Huber King. My wife's name is Rebecca. My sisters are named Liza, Millie and Lucinda; brothers, Elax and Matthew. My aunt died before we left Alabama. My step-father's name is Steve Eanran. Jim, George and Hanna yet live. I have not seen Ben since we left. My mother's name is Jaue Ann. Any one who knows either of the above named persons will please write. My mother was sold to Alex Bailey in Alabama. Address communications to

MILANDER ALLEN.

Houston, Texas.

Books and Current Literature.

Littell's Living Age. The numbers of The Living Age for March 14 and 21st contain The Paintings of Pompeii, Edinburgh; Wit and Pathos in Suetonius, National; Three Finnish Scholars, Scottish; Turnerian Landscape—an Arrested Art, Nineteenth Century; The South African Doctrine of Souls, Nature, etc.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Harper's Weekly, published March 25, contains illustrations of the scene of the recent occurrences in New Orleans, with portraits of some of the principal actors in the tragedy.

Harper's Bazar, Easter number, contained many special attractions. It is unusually attractive.

Harper's Young People for Mar. 24 contained, among other features especially appropriate to the Easter season, an interesting article by Bishop John H. Vincent, a characteristic Easter story by M. E. M. Davis, and an Easter ballad by Margaret E. Sangster.

The last addition to the Franklin Square Library, published by Harper & Brothers, is The Lost Heir, a Tale of Love, Battle and Adventure, by Ernest Glanville.

Southern as well as Northern readers will find matter to surprise them in Dr. John A. Wyoth's article in the April Century, on the experience of Confederate prisoners at Camp Morton, Indianapolis. Mrs. Mason's paper on the Salons of the Revolution and the Empire throws side-lights on the Talleyrand Memoirs. The question as to what were the relations between Washington and Frederick the Great, and whether Frederick the Great is authentically reported to have said anything complimentary of Washington, are discussed by Mr. Conway.

The battle between Prof. Huxley and the defenders of theology is still going on. The Popular Science Monthly for April will have an essay by the Duke of Argyll, entitled Prof. Huxley on the War-path, in which the professor is charged with treating theological questions inconsistently with his treatment of scientific subjects.

W. D. Howell's Hazard of New Fortunes and Annie Kilburn have just been published in a cheaper form by Harper & Brothers, and are the latest additions to their Franklin Square Library. Harper's Young People has something attractive to offer to young gardeners in the way of a Cotton Contest. It proposes to give one hundred prizes to those who prove the best cotton "planters." Anybody may compete, whether subscribers or not, and schools are especially invited to do so. Tomlin Dresser's Wife is the title of an entertaining story which Kate Upson Clark will contribute to the forth-coming number of Harper's Bazar.

One of the most important journalistic achievements of the day is the publication in Harper's Magazine for April of an article on The Behring Sea Controversy, by the Hon. E. J. Phelps, late United States Minister to the Court of St. James. Coming as it does from an authority so eminently qualified to speak of these matters—this article must be regarded as the most valuable contribution yet made to the discussion of this international controversy. Gen. Lewal, ex-Minister of War for France, writes for the same number of the Magazine an extremely picturesque and entertaining account of the development of The French Army. T. Mitchell Prudden, M. D., in a paper amply illustrated by H. D. Nichols, gives some exceedingly interesting glimpses of the bacteria, and describes the influence which these microcosms have upon the life and health of other organisms. The editorial departments, under the control of George William Curtis, William Dean Howells, and Charles Dudley Warner, are, as always, scholarly, entertaining, and unsurpassed in the variety and appropriateness of the subjects presented for discussion.

In his article on The Fate of the Election Bill, in the April Forum, Senator Hoar declares that the Republican party, if it should permanently abandon that measure, would turn its back on the essential principle that has made Republicanism what it is; and he vigorously scolds the Northern business men who, he says, by refusing adherence to the party, have played into the hands of the opponents of honest money. Dr. W. S. Rainsford, in a noteworthy study of the cause of increasing poverty in our great cities, places foremost amongst these the unwillingness of the poor to help themselves; and asserts that the inside force that shall compel them to do so must be furnished by the Christian Church. Roger Q. Mills thinks that the recent census is as trustworthy as if it had announced that a certain proportion of our people had red eyes and blue hair; and gives figures in support of his view. Prof. Goldwin Smith makes the Birchall murder a text for a discussion on the relations between religion and morality. The Forum Publishing Company, New York; 50 cents a copy, \$5 a year.

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Conference.	Place.	Dates.
Wyoming.....	Wavory, N. Y.	April 1, Bowman
East German.....	Baltimore, Md.	1, Hurst
Dulaware.....	Cambridge, Md.	1, Mallallen
New York.....	Yonkers, N. Y.	15, Fitzgerald
North Indiana.....	Huntington, Ind.	1, Joyce
New York East.....	Patchogue, L. I.	1, Goodell
New England.....	Lynn, Mass.	8, Bowman
Newark.....	Washington, N. J.	8, Mallallen
New England.....	New London, Conn.	15, Bowman
New York West.....	Westtown, N. Y.	15, Hurst
New Hampshire.....	Newport, N. H.	15, Goodell
Troy.....	Johnstown, N. Y.	22, Hurst
Maine.....	Brunswick, Me.	22, Goodell
Vermont.....	Northfield, Vt.	23, Mallallen
East Maine.....	Damariscotta, Me.	23, Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

Conference.	Place.	Dates.
North India.....	Moradabad, India.	Jan. 7, Thoburn
Africa.....	Virginia, Liberia.	14, Taylor
Bengal.....	Jalapur, India.	15, Thoburn
Mexico.....	Pachuca, Mexico.	15, Nide
South India.....	Bangalore, India.	20, Thoburn
Formosa.....	Foochow, India.	Mar. 4, Thoburn
Malayan Mission.....	Malacca, India.	Apr. 15, Thoburn
China.....	Nanking, China.	Apr. 15, Thoburn
Bulgaria.....	Rutchnik, Bulgaria.	22, Walden
Italy.....	Florence, Italy.	May 7, Walden
N. China.....	Peking, China.	June 3, Walden
W. China.....	Chun King, China.	June 3, Walden
Korea.....	Seoul, Korea.	June 10, Foster
Switzerland.....	Zurich, Switzerland.	11, Walden
Germany.....	Heilbronn, Ger.	17, Walden
Denmark.....	Velle, Denmark.	July 1, Walden
Japan.....	Tokio, Japan.	8, Foster
Norway.....	Bergen, Norway.	8, Walden
Sweden.....	Upsala, Sweden.	23, Walden

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1891.

HAVE you sent for a copy of the House of Bondage? Price 75 cts. For sale at this office.

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DON'T send us marriage and death notices after they are three or four months old. Such stale news only serves to fill much more rapidly our very convenient waste basket.

BRETHREN, don't neglect the young people. Whether they are members of the church or not, get personally acquainted with them, organize them into various kinds of working bands for the church, and give them something to do. They will appreciate it. It will help you, and it may lead to their conversion and salvation, if unsaved. Try the Epworth League.

CUBA, the pear of the Antilles, will at no very distant day belong to the United States. Premier Blaine, with remarkable astuteness, is quietly working things that way. The American colonies went to war with the mother country over a tax on tea, and the matter of sugar and breadstuffs will yet force Cuba, for economic salvation, to the United States. Her more enlightened people, at any rate, are tired of the mediaeval rule of Spain, and long for annexation to the United States.

THE persecution of the Jews in Russia is one of the most outrageous spectacles presented to modern civilization. By their well-known financial ability they are gaining great wealth among the semi-barbarous subjects of the Czar, and because of this are driven from the Empire. Russia is an anomaly among the nations. She is a military terror and governs her people by brute strength. And yet there are parishes in Louisiana and Arkansas where hoodlums in their treatment of the colored people would make the Cossacks blush.

It is stated in the cable dispatches that "the Pope has the greatest admiration for the democratic institutions of the United States." This reminds one of the ancient saw, "When the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be; when the devil was well, the devil a monk was he." The Holy Father is quite sick in his old home; the "effete monarchies" of Europe, his beloved Italy especially, have ceased travelling to Canossa, and the successor of Hildebrand is looking towards "democratic institutions" for new pilgrims. His "admiration" is as touching as the traditional affection of the wolf for the lamb.

THE Romish hierarchy is making the usual fight in the British province of Manitoba over the school question. The legislative body of that province has ordained that the schools shall be entirely secular, and that neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant tenets shall be taught therein. The hierarchy is not content, and has brought pressure to bear on the Canadian Premier, Sir John McDonald, to persuade him to disallow the act. He refuses to interfere, and the matter will now be taken to the courts. It is Rome or ruin—always and everywhere. The most determined enemy of the free school system of the United States is the Church of Rome, and the most worthless and incompetent schools, teachers and scholars, are found in its own parochial institutions.

The A. M. E. Church Bishops and the Southern Ministry.

The Bishops of the A. M. E. church have issued an address to that church in which they contradict Prof. Washington's senseless and malicious slander of the colored ministry in the South. They mildly but frankly do the same for Bishop Payne's fortunate endorsement of the same: The venerable Father united with his colleagues in condemning his own absurd endorsement of the slander. The address says:

"We do not recognize any moral, social or literary difference between local sections in ministers and members. Vice or virtue have no topographical limitations or spheres of operation. There are good and bad in all sections and climes, and all denominations have through the ages been more or less annoyed by the bad, vicious and hypocritical. Therefore we disclaim the truth of some recent publications, notwithstanding the hasty approval and unfortunate endorsement of our aged and venerable senior. Our Southern ministers of the gospel who have braved every opposition—in many instances death itself—merit the highest honor for the faithful discharge of their Christian duties. They have organized religious congregations by the thousands, built churches in almost every community, and erected colleges, universities, seminaries and parochial schools by the scores. And when we survey the degraded condition in which slavery left our people South, and the marvelous progress they have made, to our knowledge, in so short a time, we are compelled by a sense of justice to pronounce the ministry of the South in the aggregate, the greatest moral and even intellectual heroes the world has ever seen. The Southern ministry when viewed collectively, and in connection with the work accomplished, which confronts us in all directions, stand unparalleled in the history of mankind. No other race can point historically, or otherwise, to such a body of achieving victorious, and self-sacrificing workers for God, his church and mankind in general."

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* is averse to the appointment of a Negro to the bench of one of the U. S. Circuit Courts, provided for under a recent act of Congress. It justifies its opposition upon the gratuitous and baseless ground that "there is not a Negro anywhere who is capable and worthy to hold a position of that kind." None are so blind as those who have eyes refuse to see. Mr. Langston was for many years dean of the law department of Howard University, and won high honors as a jurist. D. A. Stroker, the Michigan jurist, has made a name for himself in his profession that points him out as the equal of some of the foremost jurists of this country. So has T. McStewart of New York, and a score of others. If the *Globe-Democrat* has not heard of them, it is because it is either too stupid or too prejudiced to recognize their merit.

REV. Howard Henderson, D. D., has rescued from the hands of infidels the important subject of "Cremation," and given it Christian treatment; for which he merits the thanks of the Church. His arguments in favor, based on economy, health and taste, are forcible, while his answers to objections will silence many. Read, ponder, and decide for yourself. Copies can be had post-paid, by addressing the author, 23 Clark street, Cincinnati, O.

CANADA is divided into two parts—The province of Ontario on the west, and the province of Quebec to the east. There is a wonderful contrast between the two. Ontario is Protestant and Quebec Roman Catholic. Ontario has cities of great wealth and intelligence, like Toronto. Quebec has the ignorant and priest-ridden municipalities of Montreal and the City of Quebec. The Protestant

province, in a word, is prosperous, enlightened and happy,—the Roman Catholic, slow, stupid, superstitions. Strange, is it not, that the same contrasts between Protestant and Roman Catholic communities is seen the world over—in Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Ireland—and everywhere else. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

"THE *Methodist Advocate*, of Chattanooga, while owned by Dr. Carter who was also the editor, has been semi-official in its character, and has been the recipient of a considerable subsidy by authority of the General Conference. The field is difficult, and the paper has not been very successful financially. The Book Committee authorizes the purchase of the plant from Dr. Carter, and it is expected that the journal named will cease to exist."

The *Pacific Christian Advocate* is responsible for the above statement. It would seem a pity to blot out the *Methodist Advocate* as there is unquestionably a large field for it, if the right man was at its head. Let the Book Committee select its editor, and put some vim and business into the organ, and it will live.—*Inland Christian Advocate*.

Way say, "if the right man was at its head?" Dr. Carter is the right man. Dr. Cobleigh and Dr. Fuller two of the mightiest giants of Methodism could not float the *Advocate* successfully. The trouble is with the field and not with the editor. The work is purely missionary, it is necessary and in our judgment should have been sustained.

Opinion of the Press on "The House of Bondage."

The story is simple, artless, and true. It is thrilling in its details, and an impressive lesson on the horrors of slavery and the possible hope of our colored fellow-citizens under freedom. The book beguiled us into reading until midnight, which we regard as a piece of imprudence, but the stories kept us awake, and we closed with a devout prayer that God would lead us to right conclusions about our colored people.—*California Christian Advocate*.

"The House of Bondage, or Charlotte Brooks and Other Slaves," from the pen of the late Mrs. Octavia V. Rogers Albert. Vivid pictures are drawn of actual slave life as it existed both on plantation and in city; sight and insights are also given of those who were once slaves in their new relation as free men and citizens. The writer herself belonging to the long embowed race, and having experienced the joys of deliverance, writes from a warm, sympathetic heart. The book is another effort to assist in telling that story of suffering which never will be fully told. As we read its pages it is hard to realize that we are scanning a recital of actual conversation and occurrences, and not a mere production of the imagination. The introduction is written by Bishop Mallalien. Cloth, 12mo, 161 pp., price 75c. New York: Hunt & Eaton.—*Central Christian Advocate*.

The author of this volume was the wife of the Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN*. Its several chapters appeared first in the paper edited by her husband, and were received with so much favor that after her death he was prevailed upon to publish them in book form. It contains recitals of actual experiences under the awful system of human slavery. From it we learn somewhat of the unspeakable evils of this system. The whole truth can never be told. The story is told in a plain, simple and exceedingly interesting manner, the evident truth and sincerity of which deeply impresses the reader. The work will help to perpetuate the story of slavery.—*Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*.

Subscribe for the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

THE Delaware Conference *Bulletin* is sound on the woman question concluding an exhortation, on the question, to the Delaware Conference it says:

"We cannot agree with those who hold the Scriptures have nothing to do with this question. With us who believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures the teachings of Paul and Peter are not obsolete. Their influence and authority extend not only to one age or one class of people, but to the church in every age."

Let us not be swayed by the modern sentiment that would make man more just than God and more holy than his Maker. Remember we can add nothing to the divine order of things, and woman can never be elevated by thrusting upon her rights and privileges inconsistent with her ordained sphere."

OUR complications with Italy continue. Nothing definite can be learned as to the progress toward an adjustment of the difficulties. It is rumored that the Italian Government would order our minister, Gov. Porter, from Rome, and discontinue all diplomatic relations with our government, if they got no satisfactory answer from our government by last Tuesday. It is generally conceded however that good sense will doubtless prevail on all sides and that there will be no war.

SPEAKING of the New Orleans outrage the *New York Tribune* says: "Under our system the Federal government can take no direct action to punish the leaders of the mob." Well, we'd better get a new system as soon as possible. The blood of thousands of innocent Afro-American victims of mob violence in the South cries out loudly for the change.—*Cleveland, (O.) Gazette*.

The system that cannot afford protection to citizens nor aliens, under the shadow of its flag, is worthless, and calls for some radical changes.

THE *Southwestern Christian Recorder*, after a few weeks' intermission, consequently upon the death of its lamented editor, Dr. M. E. Bryant, whose death we chronicled some weeks ago, has again made its appearance. We most cordially welcome it again upon the watchtower of Zion; and extend to its new editor, the Rev. C. L. Bradwell, a brother's heart and hand, with the hope that he may be crowned with abundant success in this new field of his experienced ministry.

THE suggestion of the Michigan *Christian Advocate* that "A committee be appointed by the General Conference to edit the Discipline and to codify all Episcopal decisions, giving us in a single volume the combined, or rather the aggregate, wisdom of bishops, judges, courts and conferences upon all questions of Methodist law and order," is a timely one. Baker on the Discipline and Merrill's Digest are excellent expositions of Methodist law, but they are not official. Let us have such an official Methodist Digest.

A PERSONAL note from Mrs. Mary Haven Thirkield, wife of the popular and very efficient president of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., says: "Your paper has a wide influence for good, and must elevate and uplift the people wherever it enters their homes."

YOUR article on "Consummate Meanness" was to the point, and was highly appreciated by all who read it. We are glad that we have such a man as Dr. Albert at the head of our Church paper, to defend our church and its doctrines against all such infamous letters as the one to which he referred in that article. I hope he will be kept at the head of this paper as long as he lives. We are standing by him.—Rev. W. R. Butler, Baton Rouge, La.

Political Review.

The President has reappointed the Hon. James Hill, Postmaster at Vicksburg, Miss., and the unwashed democracy of that city are creating quite a rumpus over it. They are now trying to get Mr. Hill to resign. Of course, Mr. Hill will do no such thing "of his own free will and accord."

Senator Geo. F. Edmunds, who has served the State of Vermont and the nation so faithfully for the past twenty-five years, as a Senator, has resigned. Secretary Proctor is the man most prominently mentioned for the succession.

Florida is about to ballot for a Senator to succeed Senator Call. The Senator is anxious to succeed himself, but the field is against him, and the outcome is rather uncertain.

The Western elections, during the past week, resulted in many sweeping victories for the Republicans, and satisfactory gains nearly everywhere. This was especially true of Cincinnati and Chicago, which succeeded in the election of Republican Mayors.

Personal.

—Bishop Foss is president of the commission to arrange for the great Ecumenical Conference.

—Bishop Joyce says he has not been at home ten consecutive days since he began his episcopal itinerancy.

—Bishop Fitzgerald will be welcomed this spring by a host of old friends at the New Jersey and New York Conferences.

—Bishop Waldeu has been appointed a delegate to the World's Evangelical Alliance, which meets in Florence, Italy.

—A note from Rev. John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark., informs us of the continued illness of sister Lucy, wife of Rev. G. W. Ivey. The physician says there is no hope for her, but she is bright in the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

—The Rev. Dr. Robt. M. Hatfield, for many years one of the most prominent Methodist preachers in this country, is dead. He was a member of the General Conference of 1860, '64, '76, '80 and '84.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Rev. H. C. Armstrong, of Asbury Chapel, Algiers, says: "The Ames Crevasse is bringing distress to me and my church and people. We are all in the water, and it is still coming on us. We are troubled about what the end will be."

There will be a grand union meeting at Mallalien Chapel, Sixth street, Rev. S. Davage pastor, on Sunday, April 26.

Rev. H. C. Wilson, of Boynton Chapel, Gretna, has recently been tried by both fire and water. On the night of January 10, his house and all that he had in it were destroyed by fire. Now his church and people have been flooded out by the Ames crevasse, which broke through the protection levee, which had been built to protect the town. We bespeak for Bro. Wilson the sympathy and help of the brethren.

The collection realized at the union meeting at First Street Church, reported in last week's paper should have been \$102.40 and not \$14, as was then reported. We cheerfully make the correction; as the figures of last week did Rev. T. G. Montgomery and his people an injustice. They raise \$14 or more at any ordinary collection.

Our first quarter at the First Street M. E. Church was grand. The members are well pleased with their new Presiding Elder, and paid him his quarterage in the conference. They pay the pastor every week \$19.25. We are on the upward march.

T. G. MONTGOMERY.

Rev. T. G. Montgomery and wife were the happy recipients of many choice and valuable presents, brought them by a surprise party made up of members and friends of First Street Church, March 2. They say, call again.

THE colored citizens of this city did themselves credit in the mass meeting which they held and the resolutions complimentary to the Hon. Henry W. Blair which they adopted and forwarded to the distinguished statesman and patriot who soon leaves for China, as U. S. Minister, to that empire. Mr. J. Wesley Pierce was the foremost leader in calling the meeting.

THE South Alabamian, a Democratic paper, says: "Every year since the first year of freedom, the Negro has been more friendly disposed and less and less inclined to join violent issues with the whites." Bulldozers, take notice, and govern yourselves accordingly.

Church Polity.

J. W. B. M. will find the word "appeal" in the following places in the New Testament: Acts, 25 ch., 11 and 21 verses; Acts, 26 ch., 32 verse, and in 28 ch., 19 verse.

M. J. A. wants to know whether a minister who vows to an annual conference that he would renounce the use of tobacco, but who continues in its use, is a fit example for the flock of Christ to follow?

Ans. No man who makes a solemn religious vow and flagrantly violates it is worthy of the confidence and following of his people. If such a man finds out that he is unable to keep his vow, the honorable thing for him to do is to confess his inability to perform the vow, and to ask to be released therefrom.

Q. Can a pastor enforce any claims for any portion of his unpaid salary after his removal from a charge?

STEWART.

Ans. No. If he failed to collect during the term of his pastorate, he cannot enforce the collection of any unpaid balance after that. This fact should prompt every church to see to it that the pastor's claim is paid in full before the Annual Conference.

In view of the late reverses to the Republican party, the solidity of the Southern Democracy, and the fact that the Republican party while in power in every branch of the national government, accomplished absolutely nothing for the protection of the Negroes, the Fair Play, of Meridian, Miss., is advising the colored people of that State to extend the olive branch of peace to the white people. It says: "The history of the country during the past sixteen years demonstrates beyond question the fact that the safety of the Negro's political and civil rights cannot be maintained in the South by the Republican party."

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Richmond, Va., each have a prosperous penny savings banks, operated entirely by colored men. Why can't we have one in every city and town in the South? Such institutions would inspire habits of economy and industry among our people and accomplish immense good. Study out the thing, and reorganize them.

Half Fare to Cincinnati.

Excursion tickets at ONE FARE for the round trip to Cincinnati, and return from New Orleans, Jackson, Meridian, and Vicksburg, will be sold by agents Queen & Crescent Route on April 19, and 20th, good for return until April 27th, on account of the National Convention Republican Clubs.

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Dyspepsia's victims are numbered by thousands. So are the people who have been restored to health by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

DAILY BREAD.

My soul with Thy whole armor arm;
In each approach of sin alarm,
And show the danger near;
Surround, sustain and strengthen me,
And fill with goodly jealousy,
And sanctifying fear.

—Charles Wesley.

The difference between temptation and sin is generally plain enough to all that are simple of heart; but in some exempt cases it is not plain; there we want the unction of the Holy One.—John Wesley.

To the public constantly add private means of grace, particularly prayer and reading. You may as well expect a child to grow without food as a soul without private prayer; and reading is an excellent help to this.—John Wesley.

Up with the banner of your Lord Jesus! Raise it with firm decision, with quiet earnestness, and with humble prayer; keep it with unflinching fortitude, and be ready to die rather than dishonor it.—Wm. M. Taylor.

If I wished to raise up a race of statesmen, higher than politicians, animated, not by greed or selfishness, by policy or party, I would familiarize the boys of the land with the characters of the Bible.—John Hall.

O for the spirit which is content with nothing less nor lower than the highest help. To turn in temptation directly to the power of God; to cry out in sorrow for God's company; to be satisfied in doubt with nothing short of the assurance that God gives; to know that there is no real escape from sin except in being made holy by God's holiness—these are what make a man's complete salvation. It is your privilege and mine, as children of God, to be satisfied with no help but the help of the Highest.—Phillips Brooks.

If we will only have patience with God's leading he will always show us the way as fast as we are really ready to go on. The trouble with most of us is that we want to see the path through to the end before we take the first step. We want to know, before we start, how we are to come out. But this is not God's way for us. A man who is traveling in a dark night on a country road does not have the whole way lighted at once by the lantern he carries. It shows him only one step; but as he takes that the lantern is borne forward, and another step is lighted, and then another and another, until, in the end, the whole way has been illuminated, and he is safe at his destination. God's word, as a guiding light, is a lamp unto our feet, not a sun flooding a hemisphere. In the darkest night it will always show us the next step; then, when we have taken that, it will show us another; and thus on, till it brings us out into the full, clear sunlight of the coming day. We need to learn well the lesson of patience, if we would have God guide us.—Selected.

Simply to be tempted does not constitute sin. Many a good man is apt to condemn himself for the very thing which God approves in him—the shrinking of the soul from evil suggestion. His error lies in the failure to recognize the office of temptation in the economy of the spiritual life. This office is something like that of gravitation in the physical universe—the power which preserves the harmony of matter in its proper relation, but which out of its proper relation dashes it to atoms. Gravitation works no harm in the physical universe so long as it is resisted. Likewise temptation works no harm in the moral universe while the soul arrays itself against it. Both principles demand resistance; and this resistance, so far from being an interference with the beneficent operation of the law, is the one essential condition of that operation.

The christian who reproaches himself simply because he is tempt-

ed, reproaches God, who has established it as one of the laws of his moral being that he shall be tempted. Let the young christian recognize this fact, and no longer indulge in self chiding because sin is presented for resistance.—Selected.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," was the concise answer of Paul to the jailer's vehement and anxious question: "What shall I do to be saved?" This is simple and is to be taken at its face value. It means just what it says—no more, no less. It was a frank and honest answer to an honest and blunt question. I fancy there was no hair-splitting by the apostle with the jailer concerning the difference between historical and evangelical faith. "Believe," was a common every-day word with a common and every-day meaning. When it was applied to the Lord Jesus Christ, it did not change its meaning in the least, only it mounted from earth to heaven, and grappled with an object it had hitherto had no dealings with, so vast and grand, so laden with life and love, and joy and peace, not for time, but for eternity—that it became transfigured in its new relation. That only is the difference between "secular" and "Scriptural" faith. In the one case faith deals with man, with reference to temporal things, in the other case it deals with God in Christ, laden with grace and glory, concerning spiritual and eternal things.—Guide to Holiness.

Homiletics.

Hymns 7, 171, 141.
Scripture Lesson, Ps. 103.
Text, Habakkuk, 3:17, 18: Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labors of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Introduction, The Prophet Habakkuk was a Hebrew. He lived and prophesied about 625 years before Christ. He lived at about the same time the good and pious Josiah was King of Judah.

The Text is one of promise and encouragement.

It shows what the experience of all may be who trust in God whatever may be their earthly losses and trials.

It is their privilege to rejoice in the God of their salvation even when they lose every good thing that earth can give them.

The first verse tells us what the people of Palestine depended upon for their support.

Figs, grapes and olives were used by all the people for food.

The "meat" that is spoken of means the grain, such as wheat and barley. Then the people had larger flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle. Upon these fruits, and grains, and the milk and flesh of their flocks and herds the people depended for their food.

The Prophet considers what he would do if all these things should fail him, and he should be reduced to poverty.

He says in the second verse, "Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

There are lessons that we may learn from this text.

1. That christian people may be called to suffer loss, and be poor.

(a) God has never promised that those who serve him should surely be rich. They may lose all and be poor.

(b) In all ages his faithful servants have been called to suffer.

Joseph was sold into Egypt for a slave. He was thrown into a dungeon because he would not sin against God.

Daniel was cast into the lions, den because he prayed to God with his windows open towards Jerusalem.

The Hebrew children were cast into the burning fiery furnace because they would not worship the idol the king had set up.

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews tells how God's people have suffered.

(c) God's people have afflictions in this world, just the same as oth-

ers. Death enters the home of the christian and takes away his loved ones.

Sickness and pain come to the christian just as to wicked people.

The christian may have many sorrows.

2. We learn that God does not cease to love those who are his children.

(a) God sometimes afflicts his children so that they may be weaned from the earth.

If they always had just what they want they might love this earth too much.

They might forget that heaven is their home.

The old eagle has to stir up the nest where the young ones are in order to teach them to fly.

(b) God has special opportunities of showing his love to those who are in trouble and affliction.

"God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

There is always a silver lining to every cloud.

3. We may learn that it is the christian's privilege to rejoice even amid the greatest losses and afflictions.

(a) This he can do because God is still his friend.

The divine promise is "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Though all earthly friends forsake, God will protect us and be our friend.

(b) The christian can rejoice in affliction and trouble because he is not dependent upon the things of earth for his comfort and happiness. He eats the heavenly manna. He drinks of the crystal stream that flows from the throne of God.

(c) The christian can rejoice in the darkest hours, because God is Almighty, and knows how to help.

He puts the everlasting arms under and around the weakest and most helpless souls that trust in Him.

The eternal God will be a sure hiding place, and refuge when the storms are the hardest.

Sin, death, and hell cannot harm the christian if he trusts in God.

Finally, (a) Let not the christian lose faith and courage even in the darkest hours.

(b) Let him expect that God will surely come to his help when he needs him most.

(c) Above all things let the christian rejoice in God and praise him every day for the glorious hope of heaven.

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Schools and Colleges.

Peck Home.

The ladies of the West Southern Bureau of the W. H. M. S., return thanks to their colored friends in New Orleans for their generous contribution of trees and shrubbery for the grounds of Peck Memorial Home.

The front grounds present a very pleasing appearance since so many trees have been planted, and a variety of roses blooming. The little Sunday school children who meet at the home each Sabbath, have also learned the beautiful lesson of helping, and the tiniest hands have brought some floral offering "in His name" to adorn the grounds. Our superintendent and pupils enjoy the lovely flowers and greatly appreciate any donations in this line. We hope soon to have the promised tallow trees planted on the front side-walk. Already six churches are represented. We would kindly suggest that each church number its tree for satisfactory recognition. Rev. Stephen Priestly has the honor of planting the first tree in the name of Williams Chapel, and Rev. Hilton planted the third tree on the banquettes, also met the expense of

filling in the grounds, an act which is greatly appreciated by everyone connected with the home. Rev. Ernest Lyon planted an orange tree in honor of Bishop Mallien, also a fig tree for himself, Rev. Marshall planted two fig trees and Mrs. Eliza Ghant planted an orange tree and a pomegranate which are growing nicely.

Long may their branches overshadow the beautiful home erected for the sole benefit of the colored daughters of the South-land. There are now ten pupils in the home and thirteen day scholars, all happy in aiming to become useful christian women. Few Northern Industrial Schools furnish better opportunities or more pleasant surroundings. The building will accommodate twenty-four pupils, and is so conveniently constructed for industrial training, that the superintendents, Misses Hegeman and Elliott, spare no pains in endeavoring to instruct, and educate those entrusted to their care. The family discipline is that of a refined christian home, the golden rule being a household motto. The rooms occupied by the pupils are large, well ventilated, tastefully furnished, with every incentive promoting health and neatness.

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Many Northern friends are interested in the success of this model home, and it is hoped that its influence will extend far and wide, to bless those for whom this great christian effort is being made.

MRS. M. B. HAGANS.
West Southern Bureau, W. H. M. S., of the M. E. Church.

A recent dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., says: "The refusal of Secretary Noble to pay Georgia's share of the Hatch fund until provision was made for the establishment of a Negro college has had the effect of stimulating that movement. Gov. Northern appointed a Board of Control, and the singular spectacle was at once presented of Negroes of the various cities offering gratuities for the location of the college in their midst. The Negroes of Savannah offered \$15,000, Americans \$13,000, Milledgeville \$12,000 and Columbus \$10,000. The college will go to one of these places. The most singular phase, however, is an endowment for a scholarship, offered by Elbert Head, now seventy-two years old, and formerly a slave. He bought his

It was Ben Johnson, we believe, who, when asked Mallock's question, "Is life worth living?" replied "That depends on the liver." And Ben Johnson doubtless saw the double point to the pun.

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James A. Jefferson, Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, sends us an impressive appeal to the young people to seek an education.

Rev. Charles W. Baldwin, of the Baltimore Conference, has been appointed secretary of the proposed national university at Washington.

The Summer session, 1891, June 16th to July 17th, of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, will be held at Petersburg, Va. The work will consist largely of reviews and will have reference not only to the matter, but largely to the method of imparting a thorough common school education.

At the end of the Summer session, a certificate of attendance and proficiency will be awarded each member of the institute who has been present at least two weeks. Teachers desiring to be examined for any grade above the first, must be present at the opening of the session. Among those to deliver lectures and addresses are the following prominent educators:

Hon. John E. Massey, superintendent of Public Instruction, John L. Buchanan, LL.D., Randolph Macon College, Prof. J. A. McGilvray, secretary Board of Education, Pror. R. W. Flourney, principal East End School, Richmond, Va., Dr. M. Brown, M.D., superintendent schools, Petersburg, Va., E. M. Brawley, D.D., pastor Harrison Street Church, Petersburg, Va., Hon. E. E. Smith, ex minister to Liberia, etc. Board will cost \$2 per week in advance. Arrangements will be made with the railroads by which all parties attending the institute can obtain reduced rates.

Dr. C. H. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, is giving at the spring conferences and elsewhere, an outline plan of a system of education looking to a federation of all our Methodist institutions of learning, so as to give greater unity, breadth and efficiency to all our educational work. The plan has met with the heartiest approval. He addressed the Cincinnati Preachers' Meeting recently, and that body passed a resolution unanimously and emphatically endorsing the plan and the Doctor's efforts in this direction.

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Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference.

Third Round.

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Mt. Zion cir. " 16-17

Lebanon sta. " 23-24

North Lebanon cir. " 30-31

Levee and Seay's. June 6-7

Braden Chapel, Nashville. " 13-14

Gallatin sta. and Hartsville cir. " 20-21

Springfield cir. " 27-28

Clarksville Mission. " 29

West End Mission, Nashville. July 4-5

Gordonville cir. " 11-12

Gainsboro cir. " 18-19

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A. DEBOSE, P. E.
Gainesville, Fla.

Notice.

To the preachers of the Paris District: Please send me the names of the delegates that are to attend the district conference at Bonham, Tex., April 28.

AARON TAYLOR.
Bonham, Tex.

Presiding Elders, pastors and others concerned will please take notice that the Louisiana Conference Board of Church Extension will meet on the second Wednesday in May, at the SOUTHWESTERN office at 1 p. m., and every quarter thereafter.

A. E. P. ALBERT,
Secretary.

Bowling Green District, Lexington Conference.

First Round.

Hawesville. April 4-5

Connell and Lewisport. " 6-7

Cloverport cir. " 8-9

Hartsville. " 10-12

Hartford and Hall's Creek. " 18-20

Beaver Dam. " 21

Vine Grove and West Point. " 25-27

Irrington. " 28

Litchfield. May 2-3

Morgantown and Indian Camp. " 9-11

Sonora and Cave City. " 16-18

Greenville and Horton's. " 22

Eddyville and Grand Rivers. " 23-25

Princeton and Dulany. " 26-27

Paducah and Smithland. " 29-31

Owensboro. June 6-7

Aburn and Franklin. " 13-14

Bowling Green. " 20-21

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He will not make the flame too strong,
He will not leave the flame too long;
No fear have I of furnace-fire,
Since what He wills I most desire.

In all His words believe I must—
For though He slay, in Him I trust:
He is my Light, my Life, my All;
What could affright?—what can appall?

His purpose chose me in the past,
When, in the billowy fire cast,
My dazed eyes all my treasures saw
Born like the stubble and the straw.

No, not my erring will be done!
The Master's work is but begun;
He'll take the silver from the flame
To stamp His image and His name.

—Clara Jessup Moore, in *March-Lippincott's*.

The Household.

Things Here and There.

For removing mildew stains soak the article in milk for forty-eight hours. Or, rub with lemon juice and salt.

In roasting meat it is a good plan to turn with a spoon instead of a fork, as the latter pierces the meat and lets the juice out.

Clear boiling water will remove fruit and other stains; pour the water through the stain, and thus prevent its spreading over the fabric.

Egg shells crushed into small bits or small white beans shaken well in decanters, three parts filled with cold water, will thoroughly clean the glass.

Two or three "holders" are indispensable to the cook. One holder should be attached by a tape to the cook's apron band, so she can always have it at hand.

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Every sleeping-room should have its windows open an hour every morning, and all the bed-clothing laid open to the air, where, if possible, the sun can shine upon them.

GEMS.—One pint of milk, one pint of ice-water, three-quarters of a teaspoonful of salt and one quart of flour, stirred together well for five or six minutes. Have the iron gem-pan well buttered and very hot, on top of the stove. Fill while on the stove, set in the oven and bake for thirty-five minutes.

RYE DROP-CAKES.—Mix together two cupsful and a half of rye flour, half a cupful of rye meal, one cupful of wheat flour, and one teaspoonful of salt. Stir in gradually three cupsful and a half of milk, and add four well-beaten eggs. The rye meal can be done without, but the cakes are much better with it. Fill the iron gem-pan and bake as directed for gems.

JOHNNY CAKE.—Cream together one tablespoonful each of butter and sugar, as for any cake, add the beaten yolk of one egg (beat the white separately to add later); stir in one cupful and a quarter of flour, in which have been sifted three heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one cupful and three-quarters of Indian meal. Add half a teaspoonful of salt and stir in two scant cupfuls of milk. Lastly, add the beaten white of egg, and bake in a buttered ginger-bread pan in a hot oven.

RICE WAFFLES.—Sift a pint and a half of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, add one pint and a half of sweet, cold milk, two teaspoonfuls of melted butter, three-quarters of a teaspoonful of salt, and three well-beaten eggs. Then add one cupful of cold, boiled rice. Heat the waffle-iron, and grease well before filling. This recipe can also be used for plain waffles by omitting the rice. Butter and sugar the waffles after they are baked, and serve them two laid together.

Our Symposium.

A few weeks ago Dr. John F. Spence, the Chancellor of Grant University at Chattanooga, made some very plain statements in the *Bi-monthly Review*, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, concerning the Negro question. We knew that he would pay a severe penalty for such rashness, and sure enough the avalanche of criticism is on him. The *Western Christian Advocate* has dissected his views most mercilessly, and other church papers have followed the example. At the recent anniversary of the Freedman's Aid Society in Cincinnati, one of the colored brethren, the Rev. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, poured several volleys of hot shot into him; and now comes another in the *SOUTHWESTERN*, the Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, charging him with "treason." In the "interior depths" of his own soul Dr. Spence probably wishes that he had taken counsel of prudence and said nothing.—*Nashville Christian Advocate*.

And now they tell us that those renegade Republicans, the silver Senators have caucussed, and decided to push Hon. James G. Blaine's candidacy for the Presidential nomination in 1892. They are "sore" with President Harrison for killing their pet measure. However, they will do well to remember that there are thousands of Republicans who are patiently waiting to, and will, sooner or later, pay them back for their defeat of the Federal Supervision Bill.—*Cleveland Gazette*.

Live out your christianity. A stiff, proud, formal religion may be a thing of art, but is not a work of God. After all, the heart is more potent than the brain; the feelings are the fountains of influence. Leave snobbish notions alone. Do not put on religious airs. Cliques spoil success and unity. Be friendly and you will win friends for the Master. Breathe into social relations love and God will smile upon you. Carry into your work a burning enthusiasm and you will have full, rich fruition.

Be true. Be aggressive. Be social. But—more than all—be spiritual. Keep near Jesus and the commonplace things, the homely, every-day experience, will glow and glisten with divine glory.—*Rev. Isaac L. Hunt, in Northern Christian Advocate*.

The stoutest difficulties, when overcome by grace divine, may be transformed into stepping-stones leading upward to the attainment of the perfect life.—*Alabama Baptist*.

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Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a boy 11 years of age. I go to school every day. My studies are history, geography, arithmetic, grammar and spelling. Our teachers are Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, Mrs. Jessie E. Threlkeld and Mrs. L. C. Brown. We have a large school about 140 scholars. There was a question asked in the SOUTHWESTERN by one of my friends, it is found in Exodus, xli, 36. I want to ask on what day did Christ enter Jerusalem?

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Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my first letter. I am a little girl 14 years of age. I am going to school every day. I have a good teacher, Mr. Geo. Beacham. My studies are fifth reader, spelling, grammar, arithmetic and geography. I am a member of the M. E. Church, Rev. T. L. Ingram is my pastor, and is loved by all. We desire his return. Mother and my stepfather take the SOUTHWESTERN. It is a good paper. I love to read it. I hope this letter will not reach the waste basket.

Your Niece,
IDELLA WEBB,
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Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my second letter to you. I am a little girl 14 years old. My father takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I enjoy

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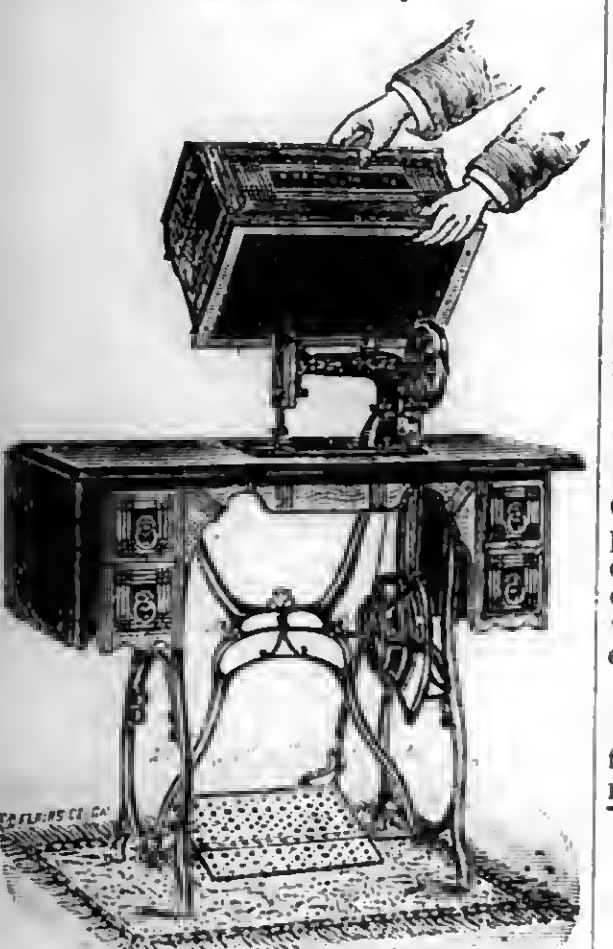
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HOME READINGS.

M. Jonah 1. 1-17. Th. Jonah 2. 1-10. W. Nahum 1. 1-10. Th. Psa. 107. 23-30. F. Ezek. 33. 1-11. S. 1 Kings 13. 11-24. S. Psa. 139. 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. (Jonah 3. 2)

LESSON HYMN, S. M.

Gracious Redeemer, shake
This slumber from my soul!
Say to me now, "Awake, awake!"
And Christ shall make thee whole."

Lay to thy mighty hand;
Alarm me in this hour;
And make me fully understand
The thunder of thy power.

O do thou always warn
My soul of evil near;
When to the right or left I turn
Thy voice still let me hear.

Time—About B. C. 862.

Places—1. Galilee. 2. The Mediterranean. 3. Joppa. 4. Tarsish. 5. Nineveh.

Ruler—Jonah prophesied either before or during the reign of Jeroboam II of Israel.

Connecting Links—We cannot tell exactly where in the history of the kings the story of Jonah would come. He was a prophet of the northern kingdom. His birthplace was Gath-hepher, not far from Nazareth. He was probably an old man when Hosea and Amos prophesied.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Hiding in the Ship, v. 1-10.

Who received a message from the Lord?

What was Jonah bidden to do?

Where did he determine to go instead?

How did he propose to go to Tarsish?

How did the Lord interfere with Jonah's plans?

What did the sailors in their fear do?

Where was Jonah at this time?

Who was around him, and what was said to him?

What did the sailors propose among themselves?

Upon whom did the lot fall?

What four questions did they ask Jonah?

What did he answer?

What did the men then ask him?

Why were they afraid?

What is God's message to each of us. (Golden Text.)

2. Cast into the Sea, v. 11-17.

What did the sailors ask?

What was Jonah's reply?

How did the men try to save Jonah from his fate?

What then was their prayer?

What did they do with Jonah?

What was the result?

What did the sailors at once do?

Where did Jonah go?

How long was he in that strange prison?

What did Jesus say about Jonah and the whale? (Matt. 18. 40.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That men cannot hide from God?

2. That disobedience brings trouble?

3. That disobedience brings punishment?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Find an account given in the

New Testament of a ship-wreck on this same sea.

Find other miracles where God made use of dumb animals in a miraculous way.

Find a comparison made by our Lord to Jonah?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What great city was the prophet Jonah sent to call to repentance? Nineveh.

2. To what place did Jonah flee from the presence of the Lord? Tarsish.

3. What did God send to arrest his flight? A great storm.

4. How did the sailors find out on whose account the great storm was sent? They cast lots.

5. What did Jonah tell them to do to him? Cast him forth into the sea.

6. What happened when that was done? The sea ceased from her raging.

7. What became of Jonah? The Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The omnipresence of God.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

42. Why did Christ thus suffer and die? To offer to divine justice full atonement for the sins of the world.

43. How are we benefitted by Christ's resurrection? He rose for our justification, and ascended to the right hand of God, where he ever liveth to make intercession for us. (Rom. 4. 25; Eph. 1. 20; Col. 3. 1; Heb. 7. 25.)

44. Did Christ make this atonement for all mankind? By the grace of God he tasted death for every man. (Heb. 2. 9.)

Marriages.

Bunkie, La.—March 11, Mr. Thomas Samel to Miss Clara Moore.

Jeanerette, La.—Feb. 4, Mr. B. Baldwin to Miss Ardel Nathan.

Feb. 17, Mr. Tole to Miss Pachey Young.

Mar. 5, Mr. Louis Garden to Miss Winnie Branch.

Mar. 12, Mr. Henry Green to Miss Mintie Rock.

Rev. M. J. Dyer officiated.

March 25, Mr. E. D. Crusey to Miss Sarah McIntyre.

Rev. J. R. Britton officiated.

Valhalla, S. C.—Mr. Thomas Brown to Miss Maggie Moss, both of Glenn Springs, at Pine Grove M. E. Church.

Mr. John C. Brown to Miss Ida Brown, of Paolet. S. C., at the bride's residence.

Rev. E. W. Adams officiating.

Gainesville, Fla.—Mr. Reed J. Jones to Miss Mary Roberts, March 22.

Rev. Peter Swearington officiating.

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Obituary.

Hockley, Tex.—Sister Ida Henderson departed this life March 24. Sister Ida joined the church in 1876. Age, 35 years. She died in full triumph, and leaves a husband, two children, two brothers and a host of friends.

H. R. Smith, P. C.

Crawford, Miss.—Sister Francis Longstreet was a faithful member of Wright Chapel M. E. Church. She was born in the year 1859, and died March 30, 1891. She spent fifteen years of her life in the church. Her life was a bright light to all who knew her. Her last words were her record was in heaven. She left a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

D. L. Tubbs.

Brazoria, Tex.—Miss Georgiana Boone departed this life March 10, in full triumph of faith. She was born April 1, 1865. Two brothers, one sister, and her father mourn her loss.

Louisa Baldige.

Kansas City, Kansas—Sister Louise Bailey, after a short but severe illness, a paralytic stroke, died March 24, at her home in Kansas City. Deceased was born in 1840, in Jackson, Miss.; united with the First Street Church, New Orleans, in 1864, since which time she has lived an earnest, consistent and useful christian life, culminating in a triumphant death. She murmured on her dying bed the beautiful hymns, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," and "Ask the Savior to help you," and with an upward wave of the hand exclaimed "Victory," and passed from life temporal to life eternal.

J. H. Bailey, 1018 Jersey Avenue.

Butler, Tex.—Bro. Jas. Gabriel was called from labor to reward Feb. 24. He

died in full triumph of faith. Brother Gabriel was a local preacher and a faithful worker in the church. Age, 59 years. He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn his loss.

D. Adkins, P. C.

Huntsville, Tex.—Sister Betty Brown, a member of St. James M. E. Church, departed this life March 23. She was a faithful member of the church for many years. She leaves a husband, six children, relatives and many friends.

W. L. Duncan, P. C.

Eola, La.—Sister Dina Jones, aged 70 years, departed this life March 30. She had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church 20 years. After suffering 18 months, she died the death of the righteous. Her last words were, "My robe is on and it fits well." A husband and friends mourn her loss.

A. H. Banks, P. C.

Bull's Gap, Tenn.—Rev. H. S. Priestley, a devoted minister of Christ, having charge of the Warrensburg circuit, Bristol District, departed this life March 27, after some weeks of suffering. He died in full triumph of faith. He joined the church at the age of 17, and was in the ministry 19 years. Aged, 39 years. He leaves a loving wife and four children, with one adopted, to mourn his loss. He was beloved by all who knew him. May the gracious Comforter support and comfort the bereaved family.

C. Boyd, P. E.

Slaughter, La.—Bro. Jerry Traves, a faithful member, class leader and district steward of Sweet Home M. E. Church, died March 24, in full triumph of faith. He leaves a dear wife and a daughter and brother to mourn his loss. Revs. N. R. Randolph, Jack Mitchell, Dennis Johnson and the writer attended the funeral.

Sister Harriet White, the wife of Bro. Jerry White, died March 14, in full triumph of faith. She died in the Methodist Old Folks' Home. She was 99 years of age. She leaves a husband and father to mourn her loss. She was buried by Rev. A. A. Lacey, assisted by Brothers Abe Blackman and Dennis Johnson.

A. A. Lacey, P. C.

Tullahoma, Tenn.—Bro. Ed. Parks, a member of the M. E. Church here, departed this life March 24, after a month and a half of sickness, in full triumph of faith. He leaves a host of friends, both colored and white, to mourn his death.

I. W. Kenser, P. C.

Coatville, Tenn.—Sister Buckley Price died in full triumph of faith. She went home a shouting. She leaves a mother, father, several brothers and sisters, and friends to mourn her loss.

Sister M. S. Cullom is bereaved of her baby, which has gone to heaven. Sister Ann Carr mourns the death of her son, aged 19 years.

F. Smith, P. C.

[Bro. Smith reports LaGrippe as raging with very disastrous results in his neighborhood. He asks for the prayers of the church.—Ed.]

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Editorial Notes.

Sinners, obey the Gospel word:
Haste to the supper of the Lord:
Be wise to know your gracious day:
All things are ready.—come away.

The Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost,
Are ready, with their shining host;
All heaven is ready to resound,
The dead's alive! the lost is found!
—Charles Wesley.

THE people demand other qualifications in their preachers besides a pious look, a long frock coat, and an abundant capacity to eat spring chickens.

THE *Crusader* has been enlarged and makes a splendid appearance. Its matter, as usual, is of the ringing crispy kind, which never fails to command attention.

"THE White Fields of France," the story of a personal visit to the great Evangelical Mission of Paris, will be the subject of a lecture by Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, at Ames Church, Sunday, April 26, 3 p. m. All are invited.

THE war in Chili is still raging. The Revolutionists have conquered the entire Northern provinces, and are now preparing to make a Southern raid. Many of the government leaders and troops have deserted. The entire naval fleet is in the hands of the Insurgents.

The distinguished author, Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh, of Warren, Pa., has been tendered by unanimous vote of the board of trustees, the presidency of the Red River Valley University, located at Wahpeton, N. D., and under the patronage of the North Dakota Conference. The school has just come into existence, and will open its first term in September.

LET every charge observe the second Sunday in May as Freedmen's Aid Jubilee Day. Rally, rally, brethren, and make the occasion the grandest ever observed. Let the contributions of the day, which we hope will be the most liberal ever taken for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, be forwarded to Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Cincinnati, O., the following day.

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Held at Old Bethel, Charleston, S. C.

April 2, 1866, this conference was organized by Bishop O. C. Baker, in Charleston, the metropolis of South Carolina. At that time the Revs. T. W. Lewis, of Mass., and Alonzo Webster, of Vermont, duly appointed missionaries were in charge of the work.

Outside of an infant theological school, a handful of devoted men, and a few churches in South Carolina, this conference then embraced portions of Georgia and Florida.

Twenty-five years in the history of this conference have passed. At the Preachers' Meeting of the Charleston district, held previous to the last session of the Annual Conference, initiatory steps were taken to celebrate the return of the natal day of this, now the banner conference of the South. Under resolutions, Bishop Warren appointed the Rev. J. E. Wilson and others a committee to arrange for the occasion. And, accordingly, on the 2d of April, 1891, a goodly number of the members of the conference assembled in that historic old church building now occupying its third position in Charleston.

Be it said to the credit of the ladies of said church, that they exhibited much taste in the decoration of Old Bethel.

In looking over the audience one is struck by the striking appearance of the oldest member of the conference, in the person of Rev. J. A. Sasportas. He is truly a father in Israel, and though not on the effective list now, is still active and deeply interested in our work.

Another at once recognized as a pre-eminent personage, is that flaming star from Gammon School of Theology. I refer to President C. N. Grandison, now at the head of Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C. He was here by invitation, and delivered one of the best addresses ever presented to our people in Charleston. Well may the whole church feel proud of this able leader of our race in North Carolina.

While here President Grandison preached and lectured very acceptably to large gatherings, and I assure the church at large that this distinguished official will always receive a cordial welcome anywhere within the limits of the South Carolina Conference.

It is much regretted that notwithstanding the persistent efforts of the secretary of the committee, he could not secure the presence of one of our bishops, nor one of our church secretaries, nor Sunday school agents.

But from beginning to close the meeting was full of interest, congregations large, and on the whole the occasion was instructive and edifying.

With but few exceptions, the excellent program was faithfully carried out. The papers read, the resolutions presented and the addresses delivered were well prepared, and showed clearly that the South Carolina Conference has developed along all lines.

By resolution, the able productions offered to this Quarto Centennial are to be collected and compiled for publication, by your correspondent, the Revs. C. C. Scott, and E. H. Coit, as a souvenir of this grand event.

Among the marked features of this meeting was the reception at the parsonage of Old Bethel, by ladies of our three churches here. Not only was the welcome to friends and strangers warm and hearty, but the entertainment at the various homes was all to be desired.

It became the duty of Rev. Wm. Wilson, Presiding Elder of the Charleston District, to preside over this assembly, and it need not be here stated that he did his part well.

The Rev. J. B. Middleton, for several years conference secretary, was chosen to serve in this capacity for us, and to him, as well as our chairman and those having entertained the ministers, resolutions of thanks were tendered.

The distinguished founder of Methodism, and the departed dead of this conference were tenderly and touchingly considered.

From day to day a number of ministers of various denominations were introduced and given seats among us. Truly the fraternal spirit grows on Carolina soil.

On the afternoon of the second day Bro. Arthur L. McBeth, the only colored photo-artist in this State, photographed this body of divines on the porch of Old Bethel Church, and for the small sum of fifty cents this group, by which this Quarto Centennial was celebrated, may be obtained.

Here allow me to add a few more pleasing features. We had present four of the conference members contributed by the grand old church in which this demonstration was held. I have mentioned the Patriarch. Now, modestly but truly, be it said that Revs. A. and his brother, J. B. Middleton, also your humble writer, are credited with having done credit to their Mother Church, and their Alma Mater, the Baker Theological Institute, which was the first school established by our Church in South Carolina.

Gammon was ably represented by President Grandison and Rev. E. H. Coit. The South Carolina University by Revs. A. G. Townsend and C. C. Scott. The diploma of the latter bears the signature of ex-Gov. Wade Hampton. Revs. D. Minus and T. Clarke clearly demonstrated by their papers that Claflin University is a success as a plant of our glorious Methodism.

We cherish fondly the contribution of the Rev. D. Johnson, educational secretary of the A. M. E. Church, whose presence we had on the third day of our assemblage.

The songs, led by the excellent choir, were of choice kind and well rendered.

Sabbath, April 5, opened with love feasts at Old Bethel and Wesley. It was a great day with us. Not only were our churches well attended, but large congregations assembled at various churches of other denominations to listen to able sermons by the ministers who gathered at our Quarto-Centennial. The closing scenes were full of tenderness and interest, and long will be remembered the First Quarto-Centennial Celebration of the South Carolina Conference.

The following took part in the several exercises: Revs. J. A. Sasportas, B. F. Witherspoon, J. A. Brown, N. T. Bowen, A. Middleton, A. M., D. D., S. S. Lawton, E. M. Pinckney, J. B. Middleton, I. B. Smith, Stewart Simmons, T. J. Clark, E. O. Brown, A. M., James R. Rosemond, D. M. Minus, A. M., W. G. White, B. M. Pegues, W. M. Hanna, A. B., A. G. Townsend, A. M., F. L. Baxter, J. H. Johnson, A. M., McLees, M. M. Monzon, I. E. Lowery, A. M., Prof. O. N. Grandison, President of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; R. A. Cottingham, C. C. Scott, A. B., and F. E. McDonald.

The Quarto-Centennial committee consisted of J. E. Wilson, A. M., D. D., chairman; A. C. Dutton, C. C. Jacobs, W. S. Bailey, E. H. Coit, B. F. Witherspoon, secretary. E. M. PINCKNEY, Reporter.

Lexington Conference.

The twenty-second annual session of the Lexington Conference was convened in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Lexington, Ky., on Wednesday morning, March 18, 1891, Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., presiding.

The conference was called to order promptly, and the roll being called, it was found that nearly all the members were present. Edward L. Gillam was elected secretary, with D. E. Skelton and R. L. Dickerson as assistants. H. W. Tate, G. A. Sissel, and N. A. Ellett were elected statistical secretaries. W. C. Echols was elected conference treasurer, with J. F. Moreland assistant.

Several pastors of the city churches, being present, were called forward and introduced to the conference; namely, Revs. J. H. Smith, R. Davis, of the African Methodist Episcopal; George Moore, Baptist; William Gunner, Congregational; H. Tuckley, of Centenary; and Dr. Southgate, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The character of J. Stanley, of the Lexington District, was passed, and his district reported in a flourishing condition.

The second day's session was preceded by an interesting sermon of song and praise. A most interesting feature was the Question Drawer. Many questions, touching our ecclesiastical economy, were answered by the bishop to the edification of all. It is fair to say that these early meetings were more largely attended than ever before.

From the first opening, the bishop had matters well in hand. Personal acquaintance with many of the members gave him some advantages not possessed by an entire stranger.

The characters of E. W. S. Hammond, Ohio District, W. S. Rollins, Indiana District, G. W. Thomas, Louisville District, and Daniel Jones, of the Bowling Green District, were passed, and their respective districts reported. A healthy increase was shown in the benevolent collections, in the organization of new churches and Sunday schools, in building and improving churches and parsonages, and in soul-saving. With but a single exception, the characters of all the effective men on the several districts were found to be clear.

In many respects, this has been the most remarkable year in the history of the conference. Many precious souls have been brought to Christ. There were thrilling reports of hardship, toil, and sacrifice for the Master,—high waters, storm, malaria, a mighty battling with the various and varied forms of sin, which often brought a tear to the eye and a shudder to the heart. We venture the assertion that there is not another conference in all our great Methodism which can present a better showing when the surrounding circumstances are taken into consideration. If there have been failures, they are very largely due to a lack of association with the purer and better and higher phases of that civilization and culture and piety enjoyed by our more highly-favored fellow-citizens.

Twenty years have wrought great changes. We miss the faces of the fathers, who have wrought faithfully and well. Younger men fill their places. Yet these heroes are not forgotten, and the retirement from actual service of those who remain with us is made pleasant by the reflection that they are still loved and honored by their sons in the ministry.

Bishop Joyce extended a new revolution when he started an invitation to all who might desire to

talk with him on matters pertaining to the appointments, etc. It is feared that the invitation so generously extended was abused, which doubtless added to the perplexities incident to a proper adjustment of the forces for efficient service. However, those who had the benefit of an interview went away with the reflection that they had been counseled by a great and good man—a father and a brother.

Friday was a great day. The vote on the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day. The lay vote, as canvassed, showed a majority in favor of the proposition. There was intense anxiety as to the result of the clerical vote. The roll-call showed that 85 votes were cast. Of these 61 voted for admission, and 24 against, showing a majority of 37 in favor of admission.

High ground was taken on the subject of education, and a committee appointed to secure a Conference Academy within its bounds. We were very highly favored with the presence and addresses of Revs. Drs. Parks, of Gammon Theological Seminary; M. B. Carrel, of the Epworth League; W. L. Davidson, of the Sunday School Union; C. H. Payne, of the Board of Education; W. A. Spencer, of the Church Extension Society; D. H. Moore, editor of *Western Christian Advocate*; G. W. Gray, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; G. S. Savage, of the American Bible Society.

The Sunday services were unusually interesting and profitable. The love feast, which was a season of great spiritual profit, was conducted by M. McOomer. The sermon of the bishop was a masterly presentation of truth, yet in such plain and simple manner that the vast audience was swept by its resistless logic and power. After the sermon S. H. Ferguson, F. W. Kennedy, T. R. Prentiss, and G. L. Firman, were ordained deacons. Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., preached a very able sermon to a vast but interested audience in the afternoon, after which E. L. Gillam, E. A. White, W. Langford, and Joseph Adkins were ordained elders.

Bishop Joyce made a splendid impression. His wonderful talks, his patient and painstaking interest in the management of the difficult matters brought before him, his genial and kindly bearing to the humblest member, have made an impression that will not be very soon forgotten. The conference holds its next annual session in Indianapolis, Ind.

Benevolent collections: Missions, \$725; Church Extension, \$302; Sunday School Union, \$64; Tracts, \$50; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$18; Woman's Home Missionary, \$16; Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, \$499; Education, \$141; Episcopal Fund, \$156; Conference Claimants, \$102.

There were three changes in the Presiding Eldership, and one appointed for the fifth year. Of the new men, two are from the ranks of the younger men of the conference. Zealous, studious, pious, safe, we are expecting great things of them. Thus we face about once more to meet the responsibilities of another year.

After a few touching and tender remarks by the bishop, the minutes were read and the appointments announced.—*Western.*

Central Missouri Conference.

STATISTICS.
Probationers.....1,015
Full members.....7,071
Churches.....131
Probable value.....\$141,410
Parsonages.....49
Probable value.....\$19,000
Collections:
Missions.....\$488
Church Extension.....194
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.....288
Education.....150

APPOINTMENTS.

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.—W. G. Colby, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Marshall, Mo.)
Arrow Rock, to be supplied.
Butler and Harrisonville, Christopher Tays.
Carthage, Benj. Steele.
Centre View, Henson Baker.
Clinton, Wm. C. Ellis.
Dresden and Lamonte, Simon E. Sanders.

Georgetown and Houstonia, John T. Knapper.
Gillam, to be supplied.
Higginsville, Anthony Coleman.
Holden, George E. Curry.
Joplin and Neosho, to be supplied.
Kansas City:
Asbury, J. W. Hughes.
Mission, to be supplied.
Knobnoster, to be supplied.
Levington, B. M. Taylor.
Malta Bend, Martin Reed.
Marshall, R. H. Smith.
Odessa, to be supplied.
Pleasant Grove, to be supplied.
Pleasant Hill and Lee's Summit, to be supplied.
Salt Pond, to be supplied.
Sedalia, Taylor Chapel, J. Will Jackson.
Sedalia Circuit, A. W. White.
Slater, G. B. Abbott.
Sweet Springs, Silas P. Johnson.
Warrensburg, Beverly D. Dixon.
Wellington, Henry G. Gibson.

NORTH MISSOURI DISTRICT.—R. E. Gillum, P. E., (P. O., Mexico, Mo.)

Auburn, George Grady.
Bowling Green, C. M. Keeton.
Clarksburg, Andrew Ramsey.
Columbia, Anstin H. Higgs.
Curryville, to be supplied.
Danville, Thos. L. Francis.
East Kingston, to be supplied.
Fayette, J. S. Cravens.
Foristell, to be supplied.
Fulton, James A. Dorsey.
Fulton Circuit, to be supplied.
Glasgow, Richard Davis.
Hannibal, Samuel Evans.
Huntsville, to be supplied.
Lonsiana, George Reeves.
Mexico, Charles W. Holmes.
Moberly, Jeremiah Wright.
Montgomery City, Alexander Hubbard.
North Fayette, J. P. Bishop.
Richmond, James L. Smith.
St. Charles, to be supplied.
St. Joseph, J. S. Burton.
Seabee, to be supplied.
Shannondale, G. W. Patton.
Sturgeon and Yates, Henry South.
Troy, John Jeffers.
Warrenton, Major A. Johnson.
Wellsville, Wm. R. Bivere.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.—J. W. Brown, P. E., (1008 Wash street, St. Louis, Mo.)

Bridgeton, John H. Nolan.
California and Jamestown, Wm. McEntee.
DeSoto and Crystal City, Bariah McCain.
Farmington and New Tennessee, W. H. Smith.
Fredericktown and Mine La Motte, L. Thomas.
Greenfield and Stockton, Elijah P. Geiger.
Hartville and New Hope, to be supplied.
Ironton and Caledonia, D. J. Kenoly.
Lebanon and Marshfield, Frank C. Taylor.
Mount Vernon and Newtonia, Allen Abanatha.
Jefferson City, to be supplied.
Odessa and Humansville, Dennis Peyton.
Pacific, Readsville and Denmark, to be supplied.
Rolla and Saline, Wm. M. Davis.
St. Louis—Baden and Carondelet, to be supplied. Elliott Ave., J. W. Hill. Rock Springs, F. H. Small. Wesley Chapel, W. H. H. Brown.
Smithton and Otterville, J. W. Payne.
Springfield, H. H. McAllister.
Springfield Ct., to be supplied.
Tipton and Versailles, W. G. Deboe.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.—J. J. Clark, P. E., (1155 St. Lane street, Topeka, Kan.)

Alma and Wamego, Chas. W. Howlett.
Burlingame, J. A. Lec.
Chetopa and Oswego, Chas. P. Thompson.
Clay Centre and Manhattan, Cyrus A. Walker.
Dunlap, to be supplied.
Ft. Scott and Erie, to be supplied.
Independence and Coffeyville, James McBea.
Kansas City—St. James, Richard Rush. Mission, T. H. Lookwood.
Kingman and Wichita, to be supplied.
Larned, to be supplied.
Pratt Center, to be supplied.
Rosedale, to be supplied.
Salina and Abilene, to be supplied.
Topeka, Asbury, Oage Holford.
Mount Olive, Samuel W. Hawkins.
Valley Falls and Atchison, to be supplied.
Winfield and Wellington, to be supplied.
—Central.

Letters from the Districts.

Program of the Theological Institute of The Nashville District, Tennessee Conference.

Will convene at Shelbyville, Tenn., April 29, 8 p. m.
Opening sermon, Rev. C. B. Wilson.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30.

Nine a. m. The Aim of this Meeting, Jesse P. Price.

Twenty-five Articles of Religion of the M. E. Church, J. Braden.

Regeneration, W. H. Vaughn.

How to Bring Charges Against Church Members, J. Kensser.

How to Try Preachers, G. C. Harden.

How to Try Appeals, A. P. Blakemore.

Visiting from House to House, James Pickett.

The general educational work of our Church will be discussed each day. Let all prepare.

Dr. J. Braden will give special lectures on Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Thirkield, of Gammon School of Theology, is expected to be with us and lecture on "The Study of the Bible."

There will be preaching each day. Each undergraduate in the conference is requested to give an outline of his knowledge of the books in his course of study for the present year. All who cannot attend will forward their examinations by mail. We will take up a book at a time.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

On Trial—G. C. Harden, J. F. R. Summerhill and J. Pickett.

First Year—C. B. Wilson, W. H. Vaughn and Samuel Knight.

Second Year—J. Braden, P. R. Woodson and A. P. Blakemore.

Third Year—J. C. Wade, John Kensser and James Pickett.

Fourth Year—J. Braden, James Pickett and Samuel Knight.

FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

For License to Preach—C. B. Wilson, J. Braden and J. F. R. Summerhill.

For Local Preachers in each of the Four Years' Course of Study—P. R. Woodson, G. C. Harden and W. H. Vaughn.

For Admission into Traveling Connection—A. P. Blakemore, J. R. Reasonover and Samuel Knight.

For Orders—J. F. R. Summerhill, W. A. McKissack, and W. Thompson.

J. P. PRICE, P. E.

P. R. WOODSON, Secretary.

Alexandria (La.), District.

S. E. H. MORANT.

The Lord is with us in the work. All along the line of our visits we are receiving baptisms of the Holy Ghost. Revivals are in progress throughout the district. We are laboring for a sweeping revival on the Alexandria district. Pray for us.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

G. J. Izard, Richmond, Tex.

Preachers of the Texas Conference, I now plainly see a mistake so many of us have made. The mistake is this; we do not give enough attention to the young people and children of our charges. I find at this, my present appointment, more young people attending church services than at any of my previous appointments. Some of them are members of the church while a great many are not, but love the church, will attend and liberally contribute. On coming in personal contact with them I find they very much desire to be placed in such a position, relative to the church as will make them known and recognized by name. To this end we have gone to work to organize them into church helping societies. To this they come at once and lay hold. There are many young people of this charge who were once members. On visiting them and entreating reclamation they claim that lack of recognition by pastors and older

members had thrown them into a backsliding condition, while pastors seemed to love and respect them they would not give such work to do in the church as would make them love to attend and sustain their membership. We are having a revival with encouraging manifestations on the part of the sinners to be saved. Several come forward for prayer each night.

M. C. McEwen, Tupelo, Miss.

The brothers and sisters all met me with a warm reception and gave me the assurance that they were going to lift the standard of Christ higher, so we began to work. We have decided to build a parsonage, which is much needed. The following contributed liberally: Henry Giles, \$5; J. W. Baker, \$5; Moses Williams, \$2 50; Prof. C. C. Slack, \$2 50; Prof. R. J. Price, \$1 50; Mr. C. R. Head, \$1 50. We collected \$29 to buy land upon which to build, and some of the lumber on the ground in our first effort. Many gave from \$1 to 25 cents. We bought a nice lot. It is paid for and deeded to us. To interest the young people we organized a young peoples' christian association. President, C. L. Borgs; C. B. Head, vice-president and general manager. We have thirty-five members at present.

T. S. McMorris, Bryan, Tex.

Our first quarterly conference convened March 2, Rev. W. H. Logan presiding. Our quarter was excellent. The Elder commended the cordial relation existing between pastor and people. The service on Sunday passed off very profitably. Elder W. H. Logan preached a good sermon which conquered sinners and comforted saints. Collection for Elder \$14. The Lord's supper was administered by the Elder assisted by the pastor, and seventy-three partook of the same.

T. Larkins, Morgan City, La.

March 29th, Easter Sunday, was a high and beautiful day with Union Chapel, M. E. Church, Young and old were out in large numbers and the services were observed in grand style. Mr. Joshua Thomas, the superintendent, had things nicely and neatly arranged. Too much honor cannot be given him and the ladies who decorated the church with fine taste. The music was rendered by Mrs. Dora Liggins. Our church has some strong opposers but that only makes us stronger. We have some strong friends however. Some lunatic is always talking about us and our white bishops; they call them our masters. A bigger lie could not come from hell. We have no time to talk about white or black bishops; we talk about Christ and his kingdom, man and his soul. The command is, "go ye in to all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Is not that enough to do? God bless our bishops and the church. We know no color; caste is a sin and we preach against it. We know God and man, education, religion and money. Collection \$72 25.

P. H. Hill, Rosemeath, Miss.

My first quarterly conference was held March 21-25, Elder J. Campbell in the chair. Reports evinced success in every department of work. Sunday service at 9 a. m., Sunday school in full attendance, at the close of which it was ably addressed by the Presiding Elder. At 11 o'clock a. m., the Elder preached an able sermon and administered the Lord's supper to 112, and received one in church. At night we had a good old love feast. Four precious little babes were baptized. Collection \$38 90. We are arranging to erect a new church building. At second call for this cause we realized \$216 65. Rev. J. M. Dixon, \$40; M. B. Blackwell, \$30; O. R. Roberts, \$25; S. T. Thomas, \$15; J. O. Martin, \$10; J. J. Martin and others, \$5.

E. Kisby, Harmony Grove, Ga.

Our beloved Elder held our first quarterly conference March 28-29. Sunday 9:30 o'clock lovefeast. At 11 o'clock the Elder preached on the resurrection of Christ to a large

crowded house. The sermon will outlast the ages and never be forgotten. Heaven came down our souls to greet, while glory crowns the mercy seat. Rev. M. M. Alsator, our Elder, preached two sermons Sunday and gave the communion, assisted by ex-pastor Rev. B. Boston and the writer. He is a perfect model and is bound to carry Gainesville district to the million dollar line. Communicants, seventy six. It was a day of fat things. Collected at quarter \$31; paid Elder \$20, pastor \$38 52; raised for all purposes, \$68 97. Send eight subscribers to the dear old SOUTHWESTERN. Still working for her.

B. J. Reddix, Campie, La.

Our first quarterly conference convened with Rev. S. Dannoan, P. E., in the chair. After the conference we had a reviving sermon from Rev. M. T. Fairfax. Elder Duncan was warmly greeted by the members. They grasped his hands and welcomed him in their midst again as a true and loyal christian brother. Collection \$16 50. Prof. R. Barrow is here teaching day and Sunday school. He is succeeding with both Methodists and Baptists. Our church is in debt. Who will give us a subscription? Help us.

P. O. Jamison, Starkville, Miss.

On the night of the 27th of March I heard, at the parsonage door, the melodious strains of "Bringing in the Sheaves." On opening the door there were some of Starkville's finest ladies and gentlemen; also children, came to bring sheaves to the pastor and his wife. They brought many useful things. A short speech was made by Bro. C. E. Moody, to which the pastor's wife responded. Friends, call again.

J. C. Hibbler, Vicksburg, Miss.

It was with much regret that I left Natchez, and with much pleasure that I came here. I received a hearty welcome. We have had already fifty-one added to the church. God greatly blessed us in our revival. We are now praying and preparing for a financial revival. The sign is promising. Rev. S. A. Cowan, P. E., the man for the place, held our first quarterly conference March 21-22. It was an occasion of the Holy Spirit. The new Elder preached with a new and electrifying gift. All present were made to rejoice. The church does not owe the pastor or Presiding Elder anything. She has paid up to date. We go next week to Natchez to help in their rally and great struggle for existence. We ask the church to pray for our success there. The Methodist Episcopal Church cannot afford not to have a church there. It may well be called the "garden spot of the South." Shame be upon us if we do not have a church there. The outlook was never better than now. If we fail in this effort, we may as well quit trying.

S. J. Harris, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Our series of meetings of nearly five weeks have resulted in forty conversions and forty accessions. There is quite a revival in all of the departments of church work, spiritually and financially. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. We have been assisted in the meetings by Revs. W. T. Marley, D. W. Hayes, Presiding Elder, J. T. Henry, J. G. Dinsmore and our local brethren. Pray that the Lord may continue to bless us in our work.

J. T. Gibbons, San Antonio, Tex.

Left his charge at St. James, Waco, with regret. His people too regretted to lose him. The night before he left a selected number of the friends gave him a grand farewell reception at the residence of that noble and most faithful sister, Mrs. Evilena Foster, wife Presiding Elder Foster, and many others had spared no pains in making every preparation to make a lasting impression on his mind. He and his family can never forget that pleasant social gathering that invaded the house of Presiding Elder Foster on that night. Refreshments of all kinds were served to the crowded house to the satisfaction of all, and the

merry voices of the many present made them forget the sadness of their separation, at least for the time being. Arriving at San Antonio they met "the Black Swann" Presiding Elder of the San Antonio District, and that noble old hero C. L. Madison, who had served this people successfully for four years, in the first quarterly conference. Bro. Gibbons says: "We could hear the suppressed murmuring all around, 'they have sent us a little country boy for our pastor this year, and oh, how each one that was called on to pray, would pray for the young brother, who was to succeed Elder Madison.' Rev. C. L. Madison has greatly endeared himself to this people for his faithful pastorate. Very sad indeed was his separation from them. No one could easily resist loving that noble and affectionate wife of his at first sight. We hope to gain a hold upon the hearts of those we have to serve this year in the near future."

O. H. Flowers, Pearlington, Miss.

All the people on this work seem to love me and are treating me nicely. Our first quarterly conference was held March 21-22 by our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. B. L. Ormump. Reports showed the work in a good spiritual condition. Sunday was a grand day. The Presiding Elder preached an arousing sermon after which one joined the church and fifty-nine persons commended. Paid the Elder \$15, pastor \$75 96; raised for the church, \$134 35 this quarter. We expect to build one of the finest parsonages on the district. Total collection up to date \$225. I will do all I can for the SOUTHWESTERN and assure you of my hearty support.

A. B. Venable, Boncheste Circuit, La.

I met a warm reception all over this circuit. My first quarterly conference was held March 4, Rev. Stephen Duncan, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Many of our people own their own homes and plantations and are doing well. The sacrament was administered by the Presiding Elder, assisted by the writer and Rev. J. J. Obee, the pastor of Shady Grove circuit. The Elder preached one of his soul-stirring sermons. Brother Duncan is beloved by the people. We are moving on grandly. I shall do all in my power for the good old SOUTHWESTERN in getting cash subscribers.

J. H. Wilson, Jesup, Ga.

We have started for a big year's work for the Master. We are going in for a big revival to build a parsonage here and a new church at New Hope. I am just recovering from a serious attack of la grippe and liver complaint and hope to be able soon to go to work. Our first quarterly conference which convened at Jesup March 7th, with our efficient Presiding Elder, A. P. Melton, was a decided success. On March 19, as on two other occasions, the pastor was agreeably surprised by a large crowd of brothers and sisters of all the churches, headed by Rev. J. W. Fisher, who brought us many good things. On the 23rd inst., the sad intelligence of the death of sister Elizabeth Grant, a young member of our church here, about 16 years old reached our ears. She was a student of Clark University, Atlanta, and came from there only a few weeks since sick with that dreadful disease consumption. She was a consistent little christian and while we mourn her loss we are thankful that heaven has gained. Just before her death she said, with a complacent smile upon her face, "all is well," and then went up in one of God's chariots to take her place among the saints who have crossed over before her. The funeral was attended by Rev. L. W. Coats, of Blackshear, according to her request. A large procession followed her remains to their last resting place, while the writer remained indoors under medical treatment.

W. L. Duncan.

The first Sabbath after conference found me at my post. As a

stranger I cannot tell so much about the work, but can say this much: things look pretty good. With strong practical preaching and a presentation of all the claims of the church, we shall do a grand work this year. I have found this great trouble in more places, the glory of the church has not been showed up fully. One of the strong hold of our church has been much neglected—the SOUTHWESTERN. The people say my pastor don't say anything to us about the paper. Brethren of the Texas Conference, don't be afraid of your money; press all the claims of the church, forget self. Somebody will see you and come to your rescue. Let us prove to our members that they are losing ground by neglecting the SOUTHWESTERN, which brings joy and gladness to every heart. I spent a short while in Sherman and Corsicana. Both of them are growing towns, but Methodists have not any hold in either place. Some of our preachers go to a place, hardly get off of the train, if things don't suit them. They get a square meal, then stand around waiting for the next train; when it comes off they go, saying the people are devils. Brethren, let us get out of that, for we have more to do with, and more to talk about than any other church on the globe. This is a good deal to say, but it is only a very small part—the half has not been told you. Pretty soon we shall send you some cash subscribers. May God give you good health this year.

S. M. Boleen, Jefferson, Tex.

We are moving on nicely. Our first quarterly conference was held March 14-15, by Rev. W. Hamilton, our new and efficient Presiding Elder. He spoke in high terms of our Sunday school, which is doing well. After preaching Sunday at 3 p. m., 156 persons partook of the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Collection, \$36 20; accessions during the quarter, fourteen, baptized, three; paid pastor, \$51 55; Presiding Elder, \$15; benevolent money raised, \$5 05. Total money raised during the quarter, \$167 10. Preparations are being made to erect a new church on Broadway street, which is a beautiful site. Our congregation demands a new and larger church.

S. H. Grant, Coldsprings, Tex.

I reached my work January 25, and found a church at Camilla Hill; at Coldsprings no church; a church at Swardout and also one at Wolfcreek. I found a loving and kind hearted people, a people willing to work for the church and pastor. My family being delayed on account of small pox I could not get them here, the people raised the money and sent for them on the 11 inst. We have a good Sunday school at Camilla, also a good day school, Prof. D. S. Wheatly and wife teachers. I have added ten to the church and raised \$109. 35 for all purposes. God is with us.

W. Ellison, Farmington, Tenn.

The second quarterly conference was held on the 28 and 29 of March by Rev. J. P. Price, P. E. The Easter program was read in concert by the pastor and the people, and the pastor gave a lecture and

a blackboard exercise showing the amount of missionary money that had been raised since the organization of the Missionary Society in the M. E. Church to the present, after which the preached a rousing sermon: Paid pastor, \$17; Presiding Elder, \$10; benevolent collection, \$3; mission, \$2; total, \$32.

C. T. Roberts, Troup Factory, Ga.

This is my fourth year on this charge. When I came here we had 250 members; we have 400 now. We have the best Presiding Elder in the conference and I think he is able to lead the church for Christ. My first quarterly meeting was held Feb. 21-22 by Rev. E. L. Hammett. We paid him \$16 50. He preached one of his soul-stirring sermons.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my three brothers. Their names were Robert, Moses and Smith Meyers. My father's name was Moses Meyers; he was a coal-digger. My brother Robert was keeper of the toll-gate at Mayo's Bridge. Brother Moses used to drive the machine at the coal pit. Brother Smith was sold to Halven Cottrell. He was a cooper. My mother's name was Lucy. I was taken from behind the plow and brought to Richmond, Va., and put in the trader's yard. We belonged to the Cottrell family, in Henrico county, Va. My name is Emma Robinson. Address care Rev. P. P. Robinson, 135 Enghein street, New Orleans, La.


Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my son, Robert Virgin, who left Shreveport, La., about two years ago. My son left on a steamboat, and the last I heard of him he was in New Orleans in the hospital, sick. My name is Emeline Virgin. Address Box 375, Shreveport, La.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my brother. His name was Sampson. His first owner was named George McPherson. He sold him to John A. Linton, at Blount Springs, Ala. Mr. Linton sold him to a Mississippi cotton farmer. Any information will be gladly received. Address, Margaret Robinson, Blountville, Ala., or care Rev. G. W. Rivers, Box 23, Walnut Grove, Ala.

Mr. Editor: I desire to enquire about my mother whom I have not seen for years. Her name when I saw her last was Penny Willingham. Her husband's name was John Willingham. My mother had four children, Martha Viney, Mary and Henry. She was in Marshall county Miss., when I last saw her. Any information about her would be highly appreciated. Write to Martha Parker, New Iberia, La., Box 87.

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Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

The year Book of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church just issued, shows that there are now connected with the church, 26,919 Sunday schools, 296,785 officers, and 2,313,644 scholars. This gives an increase over last year of 1,091 schools; 10,017 officers, and 125,576 scholars. The Tract Society printed during the year, 2,254,000 copies of Tracts. This is a splendid showing for the year.

Memorial Home at Washington.

The Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School for Missionaries is an assured fact. The gift of property to the amount of \$10,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Nash, supplemented by several thousand dollars contributed by its citizens secured the location at Washington, D. C.

The institution is to bear the name and will keep in blessed memory the first president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is proposed to make this home a centre for the training of missionaries for both the home and the Foreign fields. The Memorial Fund contributed by the society in various parts of the country, increased by special gifts of the friends at Washington will insure the inauguration of the work under favorable auspices. Changes necessary to adapt the building to the object will be made, and the home will be opened Sept. 1st.

Unlike Deaconess Homes of the Society which are managed and the property held by Local and Conference Boards, this will be under the care of the General Board of Managers and the Baltimore Conference Board, and it will be sustained by the yearly contributions of the auxiliaries throughout the country.

To Miss Jane M. Bancroft, Ph. D., who has so successfully represented the society as Field Superintendent, is chiefly due the interest in Washington which has resulted in gifts aggregating nearly \$15,000 in money and property, and which makes it possible to inaugurate at once this grand enterprise.

General Church News.

The Reign of Rum.

The Select House Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic presented the following facts in its recent report in favor of prohibition in the District of Columbia: "Of the 21,150 arrests in Washington by the police, of the same year (ending June 30, 1890,) 13,341 (over 63 per cent) were for liquor, assault, and battery, assault and battery with intent to kill, disorderly conduct, intoxication, and drunk and disorderly, being offenses chargeable to drink. Of these 13,341 arrests over 19 per cent were under 21 years of age, showing that over one-fifth of the cases were boys. A letter from General Crocker, warden of the jail, says that, after a careful analysis made by himself, he has come to the conclusion that 75 per cent of the crimes committed by the inmates are traceable to the corrupting influence of intemperate habits and associations with others of similar habits, and that the statistics of the workhouse and almshouse will not materially vary from those of the jail. It has been estimated by an ex-major of police that it requires \$90,000 every week to support the liquor traffic in the

District of Columbia, or \$4,680,000 per year, which is a direct tax upon the people. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, according to report from Assessor's office 465 wholesale and 693 retail licenses were granted; for these the fee would be \$80,925. This is all that whiskey contributes toward the relief of the suffering caused by its sale and use, represented in almshouse, workhouse, jail, reform school, criminal and police courts, charitable institutions," etc.

General News Items.

A German statistician says that there are 3,985 paper mills in the world, and that of the 1,904,000,000 pounds of paper turned out annually, half is used for printing, 600,000,000 pounds being required for newspapers alone, the consumption of which has risen by 200,000,000 pounds within the last decade. He alleges that, on an average, an Englishman uses 11½ pounds of paper an American 10½, a German 8, a Frenchman 7½, an Italian or an Austrian 3½, a Spaniard 1½, a Russian 1½, and a Mexican 2.

According to an amendment of the school laws of the state of Michigan, children suffering from consumption or chronic catarrh must be excluded from public schools. The circumstances is interesting as the first step toward a public recognition of a most important truth, the fact, namely, that the disorders of the respiratory organs can be propagated by direct contagion, and that the atmosphere of a consumptive's sick room, unless constantly ventilated, is apt to become a virulent lung poison.

There are 10,000 cases of la grippe at Minneapolis, and there was one death from the malady on Monday.

The Central Republican clubs of Pottsville, Pa., have adopted a resolution in favor of the election of United States Senators by popular vote.

At Newburg, N. Y., Monday, the statue of Washington was unveiled and the tower of liberty, on Washington's headquarters grounds, was thrown open to the public. The cost, \$67,000, was contributed chiefly by the United States Government.

Three colored boys, the oldest 13 and the youngest 4 years old, lost their lives in the crevasse at Conesville, Miss., on last Friday.

We have 247,673 Indians.

Ireland loses 60,000 people yearly.

Uncle Sam has 9,000 female doctors.

Massachusetts has 160,000 Canadians.

In Kansas seventy per cent of the voters are farmers.

Whiskey was first made in Ireland by an English monk.

There are 75,000 colored people in the city of Washington.

A man on the deck of a vessel at sea can see about five miles.

New York has expended \$9,000,000 in buying new land for parks.

There are over 1,000,000 square miles in Labrador that have never been explored.

In China all the land belongs to the state, and a trifling sum per acre, never altered through long centuries, is paid as rent; this is the only tax in the country, and it amounts to about sixty cents per head.

Heathen nations have different legends as to the origin of women. The Japanese believe that she grew on a tree, the Laplanders that she was once a rabbit, the Persians that she fell from the heavens, and Australians that she was once a toad.

About 450 B. C. the Ionians first introduced the present system of writing from left to right; previous to the above date from right to left prevailed, although the method called boustrophedon (that is, alternately from right to left and from left to right) was somewhat extensively practiced.

The United States have 776,550 miles of telegraph wire, and in 1889

no less than 56,000,000 messages were sent through the country. France has 220,899 miles of wire, on which in 1889 were transmitted 30,050,000 dispatches. Great Britain has 180,000 miles of metal line, and in 1889 sent 50,000,000 messages.

Of all the vegetables which furnish nourishment to man the banana is the most prolific; a single cluster often containing 160 to 180 pods, and weighs from sixty to 80 pounds. Humboldt says that a piece of land 120 square yards will produce 4,000 pounds weight of fruit, while the same area will rarely produce more than 30 pounds of wheat or 80 pounds of potatoes.

Canada does not allow a liquor-dealer or saloon-keeper to hold a municipal office.

The Trinity Church estate in New York is worth \$150,000,000, and is rapidly increasing in value.

Letters from the Laity.

A. L. Parker, Edwards, Miss.

On a recent class-meeting night we took up \$6.05 on parsonage. Bro. Bell preaches such soul-reviving sermons. Baptists and Methodists enjoy his preaching.

Mrs. G. R. Smith, Alleyton, Tex., in a letter inclosing her subscription, says: "The SOUTHWESTERN is a paper that should be in every family. I cannot and will not do without it, and I shall ever encourage its circulation. No paper is so interesting to me. I am at a loss when I don't get it."

Books and Current Literature.

Littell's Living Age. The numbers of The Living Age for the weeks ending March 28th and April 4th, contains Forged Literature, Nineteenth Century; The Correspondence of an Old Scotch Factor, Scottish; The Early Diary of Frances Burney, Church Quarterly; Lord John Russell, Contemporary; etc.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

The Season for May just received, and contains an unusually fine and varied number of designs for ladies' and children's costumes. The Season is a publication that should be found in every home. Yearly subscription, \$3.50. Single copy, 30c. The International News Company, 83 and 85 Duane street, New York.

A Son of Old Harry is the unique title of a story by Judge Tourgee, which has appeared in the New York Ledger. It is one of those surprises which this indefatigable writer is always springing on the literary world, to the confusion of the critics, who have no sooner got him fitted to a niche than he jumps down and clambers into another. Utterly defiant of ironical rules, by which under the claim of art they attempt to chain fiction to insignificance and rapidity, he chooses his characters wherever he sees fit and portrays them with a vivid lifelikeness, which compels recognition and stamps each one indelibly upon the reader's memory. A Son of Old Harry is emphatically a horse story.

Fleming H. Revell, Publisher, Chicago and New York, is constantly issuing from his press some of the best literary publications that are being offered to the public. Among these we commend, with pleasure, Messages of Jesus, and First Things in the World; price 20 cents each. These are both spiritual and literary gems.

Forward March! Through Battle to Victory; Talks to Young People on Life and Success, by Rev. Henry Tuckley, is a work whose title very clearly indicates its mission and purpose. The book was not written for theologians nor profound philosophers, but for young people, to whom it will be most instructive in every noble purpose. The author dedicates the volume to his honored friend, Col. Amos Shinkle, whose high christian character may well be given as a model of the highest type of a christian gentleman. Price \$1. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe; New York, Hunt & Eaton.

The second number of the first volume of the A. M. E. Zion

Church Quarterly Review, has made its appearance. Geo. W. Clinton, A. B., is editor. It is full of good things and gives promise of a great and successful career. Its table of contents will compare with that of the best reviews published in this country. We extend to the Review, its editor and able corps of contributors a warm and fraternal welcome. Yearly subscription \$1.50. Single copy 40c., Pittsburg, Pa.

The General Minutes of the Spring and Fall Conference of 1890 have been published in splendid shape. Two volumes, \$1 per volume. Send for a set. You will thereby get the complete showings for all the conferences in Methodism, including every appointment, statistics, etc. Hunt & Eaton, New York.

The Minutes of the First Session of the Upper Mississippi Conference is creditable to Secretary J. L. Wilson.

The Minutes of the Central Alabama Conference, a copy of which has been furnished by Secretary A. N. Jackson, is creditable to all concerned.

Rev. F. A. Clinton, Mobile, Ala., will please accept thanks for a copy of the Minutes of the West Alabama Conference, A. M. E. Zion Church.

Rev. Joseph M. Deas, one of the publishers, has sent us a copy of the Minutes of the last session of the Florida Conference. It is very neatly gotten up.

Guide to Holiness, 62 and 64 Bible House, New York, is now in its fifty-second year and is commended by ministers and people of the several Evangelical Churches. It studiously avoids controversy. It aims to show that Christianity is love, pure love, and urges Christians to claim their privilege, which is a fulness of love in Christ Jesus. The April number contains an able sermon by Rev. R. V. Lawrence on Sin and its Remedy. The departments are supplied with choice matter. The magazine, 32 pages, is issued monthly, at \$1 a year, postage included.

How Josh Worked Up a Concept, by Josh, Senior, has been published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, Chicago and New York. It is a very entertaining production.

The Treasury for Pastor and People for April, the closing number of vol. viii, is on our table. One great feature of this number is the complete index by texts, authors, and topics of the twelve monthly issues of the year. A glance at this index will reveal the wealth and variety of the matter discussed and presented in this religious monthly. The most prominent article in this issue in the sermon line is, The Heroism of the Christian Ministry, by Dr. Jay Benson Hamilton, with a fine portrait, a view of his church, and a sketch of his life. Dr. T. L. Cuyler has a beautiful Pen Picture of Dr. E. N. Kirk. Yearly, \$2.50; clergymen, \$2; single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

Norman Reid, M. A., by Jessie P. Finlay, is one of the most fascinating of the charming Scotch Stories, which have recently been published by our Book Concern. The present story is interesting and impresses many excellent moral lessons. Price 90c. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe. New York, Hunt & Eaton.

Among the many productions of Annie S. Swan, published by a popular house in Edinburgh, Scotland, none takes higher rank than Hazell & Sons, Brewers, which has just been issued from the Western Book Concern. Price, 75c. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe. New York, Hunt & Eaton.

The late Peter Henderson's only daughter, Mrs. Isabel Henderson Floyd, has written a charming little serial entitled Uncle Aaron, which is to be published in Seed-Time and Harvest, beginning with the March issue. The publishers offer to send the three numbers containing this "pathetic life picture" for only 10 cents, or the Journal a full year without premium for 30 cents. Address Seed-Time and Harvest, LaPlume, Pa.

The April Arena opens with a paper by Prof. Geo. W. Winterburn, M. D., of New York, dealing with the future of philosophy. R. Mason Osgood, A. M., M. D., of New York, contributes an interesting contribution on recent discoveries in Hypnotism. One of the most striking features of this issue is Prof. James T. Bixby's contribution on Buddhism in the New Testament. Arthur Dudley Vinson contributes a thoughtful paper on Morality and Environment. The

editor writes on Extravagance and Penny in our Metropolis, Leprosy of the Soul, and White Slaves of New York. This issue of the Arena is at once rich in variety and strong in its presentation of great fundamental problems.

The April number of Romance, the magazine of the New York Story Club, contains nineteen complete stories. Every reader of good stories will find something to his taste. The price of Romance is only 25 cents a number, or \$3 a year, and a specimen number will be sent for 10 cents. Address the New York Story Club, 30 E. 23d street, New York.

Miracles and Medicine is the fruitful subject which Dr. Andrew D. White will take up next in his Warfare of Science papers in The Popular Science Monthly.

A BEAU OF 1829.

When grandpa went a-wooing, He wore a satin vest, A trail of running roses Embroidered on the breast. The pattern of his trousers, His linen white and fine, Were all the latest fashion In eighteen twenty-nine. Grandpa was a fine looking young fellow then, so the old ladies say, and he is a fine-looking old gentleman now. For the past score of years he has been a firm believer in the merits of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. "It renewed my youth," he frequently says. "It is the only blood-purifier and liver invigorator guaranteed to benefit or cure, or money promptly refunded. It cures liver disease, dyspepsia, scrofulous sores, skin eruptions, and all diseases of the blood. For lingering scrofula in its early stages it is an unparalleled remedy."

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No. 5, Baton Rouge no. comm'd n. 10:30 a. m.	No. 6, Baton Rouge no. comm'd n. 3:50 p. m.

Illinois Central.

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No. 43, Chic. & N. O. Limited, 8:00 p. m.	No. 44, Chic. & N. O. Limited, 12:01 p. m.
No. 41, Memphis & Kan. City Fast Ex. 8:25 a. m.	No. 42, Memphis & Kan. City Fast Ex. 8:00 p. m.
No. 5, McComb City accommodation, 10:01 a. m.	McComb City accommodation, 3:30 p. m.

Texas and Pacific.

ARRIVE.	DEPART.
No. 32, Cal. Ex. 7:00 p. m.	No. 31, Cal. Ex. 8:00 a. m.
No. 34, R. I. loc. 10:25 a. m.	No. 33, R. I. loc. 3:50 p. m.

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New York.....	Conkers, N. Y., April 1.	1. Taylor
North Indiana.....	Huntington, Ind., April 1.	1. Taylor
New York East Patchogue, L. I.	1. Taylor
New England.....	Lynn, Mass., April 1.	1. Taylor
Newark.....	Washington, N. J., April 1.	1. Taylor
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Place.	Time.	Bishop.
North India.....	Moradabad, India, Jan. 7.	1. Taylor
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Bengal.....	Jubbulpur, India, April 1.	1. Taylor
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South India.....	Bangalore, India, April 1.	1. Taylor
Malay Peninsula.....	Singapore, April 1.	1. Taylor
China.....	Nanking, China, April 1.	1. Taylor
Bulgaria.....	Russchuk, Bulgaria, April 1.	1. Taylor
Italy.....	Florence, Italy, April 1.	1. Taylor
China Missions.....	Chung King, China, June 3.	1. Taylor
Korea Missions.....	Seoul, Korea, April 1.	1. Taylor
Switzerland.....	Zurich, Switzerland, April 1.	1. Taylor
Germany.....	Heilbronn, Germany, April 1.	1. Taylor
Denmark.....	Ydell, Denmark, April 1.	1. Taylor
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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1891.

THE Jewish Messenger says: "If John Wesley had lived in Biblical times his right to the title of prophet and teacher among the saintly men of old would now be undisputed."

THE Catholic Church is to be "re-organized" in Brazil—it needs it sadly. We have no invitation as yet to be present at the ceremonies, but we suggest the Holy Scriptures as a fine starting point for the new organization.

A. W. COOK, Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., is evidently well pleased with this paper. He says in a note enclosing his subscription: "I find that I cannot do without the SOUTHWESTERN. I am sorry I waited so long before I subscribed for it, but I shall keep up my subscription if I have to take my hat and go around and beg the money. I shall not be without the paper."

A POLICEMAN of the New Orleans force committed suicide last week in a house of ill-fame. He was only 24 years of age and was suffering, the papers said, from an "incurable disease." Are such men to be appointed custodians of the lives and morals of our people? Is this a sample of the regime which the orators of our 14th of September tell us has brought "political regeneration."

THE editor and family spent last Sabbath at St. Charles, with Rev. S. Mitchell and people. The services were highly profitable. The second Sunday in May is Silver Dollar Day with them. They hope then to raise the means with which to build a parsonage. Everybody seems interested and it is quite probable that a considerable sum will be collected on that day.

THE Eighteenth National Conference of Charities and Correction will meet at Indianapolis, May 13-20, 1891. This conference, dealing as it does with questions that affect so many of the troubled and broken, deserves a good representation of all the charitable and reform agencies, public or private, in this country. For further information, write Mr. Oscar C. McCulloch, President, Indianapolis, Ind.

THE Illinois Central Railroad offers a rare opportunity to visit Birmingham, Ala., at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold May 5th, 6th and 7th, good to return within thirty days from date of sale. The occasion of this will be the Southern Baptist Convention, May 8th to 15th, '91. For further information call upon or address Ticket Agent of the Illinois Central at nearest station. The Illinois Central Railroad through its assistant general passenger agent, T. W. Coleman, is especially kind and courteous to our people and we hope they will give the road a large patronage whenever opportunity offers.

FRANCE is rushing on to the Niagara of bankruptcy. It was the grand Monarque who said, "After us the deluge."—And this seems to be the aphorism of her present generation of statesmen. France has all the elements of a great people, but on one side is the Scylla of Romanism and on the other the Charybdis of Ranism. Her Sarbonne and Champ de Mars will never pilot her through. If France could but follow the faith of her glorious Huguenots and listen to Coligny and Madame Guyon, she would become great beyond her dreams. But the sirens who charm her now will, certain as fate, hurl her ere long again upon the rocks.

Wilberforce's Scheme Exposed and Denounced.

The shameful scheme concocted by Wilberforce University, the A. M. E. school in Ohio, to revive the color line in the schools of that State in order to advance a selfish interest of her own, is being exposed by the citizens of that State and is being roundly denounced. A few weeks ago we called the attention of our readers to the fact that Wilberforce was "posing as an agricultural college for colored people, to claim the proportion the colored population of that State would naturally be entitled to in the recent appropriation from the National Government to the States for agricultural education, had the State a separate school system for the two races."

In the name of our people, who are not connected with the sect that she represents, and of all those who are contending against the color line as drawn everywhere we then protested against the scheme. For this we have been roundly abused by some of the African Methodist preachers and people. The best evidence of the correctness of our position is in the fact that the course we have market out is being endorsed by the friends of equal rights, (who are not otherwise selfishly interested) all over the country, and especially in the State of Ohio. We repeat that our objections to Wilberforce getting this money are, that "it is not, and never was an agricultural college. In the next place, it is not a State, nor a non-sectarian institution. Lastly, the provision in the law calling for an equitable distribution of the appropriations between State agricultural colleges of each race, was intended only to cover the cases of our miserable section, where the co-education of the races is not tolerated, nor permitted. It was not intended for the thoroughly civilized portions of the country, where mixed schools exist. Ohio does not ask a child what proportion of white or Negro blood courses his veins before admitting him to any of her public schools. This is the proud condition for which the race is contending in every department of life."

The matter is still pending before the Ohio Legislature with every indication that it will remain buried beneath the protests of the wide-awake colored citizens of that state who are opposed to a revival of the Black Code in that state; and the decision of the U. S. Commissioner of the Interior, which declares that the grant cannot be legally diverted to Wilberforce. Among those who led this vigorous protest was the Rev. James Poin-dexter of Columbus, Ohio, one of the most prominent and influential colored ministers in Ohio. To the House Committee on Agriculture, he made a powerful speech, in which he said that to recognize Wilberforce in the deviation of this fund would simply revive the color line. He for one was willing to lay down his life as a sacrifice at any time if that would preserve inviolate those things which he and the race should cherish above all others; and one of the most sacred of these was equality in the schools.

The division of the fund would indicate that the black man was barred from the chief institution of the State and Wilberforce school designated for those prohibited from other schools, as was found in the South. He was confident that a majority of the colored people of the State were opposed to the bill.

Mr. Clarence Waring, another of Ohio's strongest men, argued against the division and said that it was an infamous proposition—infamous because of its outrageous inconsistency. He said its advocates were the officials of the African M. E. Church, which would be the only beneficiary. The Afro-Americans of the State were not asking for such legislation, as badly as they needed money. The necessity of a higher and more liberal culture was more essential, and the State University offered

exceptional advantages in this direction. They were opposed to the division upon broader principles than merely personal antagonism, and loved Wilberforce none the less, but thought she was wrong in asking for what will be a retrograding step.

The baneful influence of such legislation would be felt by posterity. *Exit Wilberforce.*

"Vive M. le Secretaire Blaine."

Just now Mr. Blaine is the most popular man in America. The lions and the lambs of politics rise up together to do him honor. The press of the Bourbon Democracy that but a little while since could find no epithet too vile for him has suddenly discovered that he is a most astonishing statesman. Mr. Blaine has opened his mouth and the American eagle flaps his wings and fairly screams. No paper as a fact ever went forth from Washington that more completely embodied the sense and sentiment of the American people than Mr. Blaine's note to Italy. Italy has blundered beyond all precedent in her diplomacy. Her traditional Machiavelli like Homer has nodded for once. The case is clear away from its merits now, and this is a misfortune for there were serious principles involved that needed attention.

THE one great dishonor of England in the East is the opium traffic. British war ships forced it on the Chinese ports, and British power maintains it in India to the temporal and eternal ruin of its people. There are signs even of the enlargement of the traffic in the recent opening of opium shops in upper Burma and elsewhere. Mr. Gladstone has been appealed to in the matter, and it proved to the crowning glory of "the grand old man" if the last effort of his lips should be for the suppression of this supreme iniquity. He might then with Simeon sing "nunc dimittis." The opium traffic has the same root as American slavery and the liquor traffic—"the love of money"—but the God who has destroyed the one before our eyes will yet tear up the others root and branch.

RACE troubles at Charlotte, N. C., were reported in Thursday's papers, but we have heard no more of them, and it is difficult to get at the facts. It appears that an Italian was killed, or found dead, and a colored man was charged with the deed. An attempt to lynch him was made, but his friends rallied to his defense. This so enraged the whites that they threatened to butcher the Negroes. The latter assembled in the A. M. E. Church and called on the authorities for protection. A company of militia was sent to protect them, but did the very opposite they were sent to do; they fired on the church and riddled it with bullets. Several of the Negroes were killed or injured. A greater slaughter was apprehended, but what followed we do not know.—*Crusader.*

THE millions of India are restless again. England has achieved wonders in that country, but tasks are before her still. The massacre of the English Chief Commissioner and his staff in the Manipur district has not yet been overgot when trouble breaks out at another point. Now it is Benares, one of the "sacred" cities of India. There has been from immemorial time a temple sacred to Brahmins and Buddhists alike, the shrine of countless pilgrimages. This temple is being demolished to provide a site for new water-works and a riot on the part of the natives is the result. The Sepoy rebellion was precipitated by issuing cartridges to the native troops which they were told it would break their caste to bite, since they had been guaged with hog's lard. But the temple of caste in India must go down, and they must go down in America as well; and the "water-works" of progress will take their place.

Political Review.

The President is now in the South, wherein he has had a triumphal march from Washington to the Mexican borders in Texas. He was given a royal ovation at every point where he stopped in Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas and Texas. His speeches which were happily appropriate, were all well received. He stopped over at Chattanooga, Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Little Rock, Houston, and spent last Sabbath at Galveston.

The President has appointed Enos. H. Nebeker, of Indiana, Treasurer of the United States, vice Mr. Hnston, resigned, and Lorenzo Crounse, of Nebraska, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice General Batcheller, resigned also.

Lawyer Augustus D. Straker, of Detroit, Mich., has been endorsed by several judges and over a hundred members of the Detroit bar for appointment as one of the new Federal circuit judges.

Ex-Senator E. L. Weber has been appointed postmaster of Donaldsonville.

The white Republicans of South Carolina are creating considerable interest in a movement to multiply their power and influence in that State.

The National Republican League meets in Cincinnati this week.

A Chicago Democratic judge of election has been indicted for tampering with the election returns in that city. He and his party did not succeed in stifling the voice of the majority however, and the Republicans rejoice over the election of Mayor Washburn of that party.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

On Saturday and Monday, May 23rd and 25th, there will be given at Thomson Chapel on Poet, between Rampart and St. Oland streets, a grand May queen concert and festival, under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. W. P. Forest, for the benefit of the Sunday school. The committee of arrangements will spare no pains to make it a decided success. Committee: Miss M. E. Holmes, L. D. Thompson, ex officio; Misses Jenny Emanuel, M. Lange, M. L. Wells, Messrs. J. B. Williams, A. Anderson, Thomas Hagen, Miss O. Rock, treasurer; Jos. Ducoing, secretary.

WE have never heard Mr. Henry Watterson on the "Money Devil," but we suggest that while in the South he deals tenderly with the subject. A heroic treatment of the theme, either from an historical or actual standpoint would be exceedingly painful to many of his political (might we not add—religious) associates in this diocese. We might give him a number of first class pointers but we considerately refrain.

CARDINAL Gibbons, of Baltimore, is spending a week in New Orleans. The Cardinal is soft and snave and full of palaver but he is a Jesuit all the same. And that means hostility to civil and religious liberty.

REV. Joseph M. Deas, of Jacksonville, Fla., in a letter enclosing the names of four subscribers, which are the first of the list of twenty-five that he expects to send during the next few days, emphatically endorses the SOUTHWESTERN; and exhorts all of our brethren in Florida to rally to the paper as never before. He was especially pleased with the vindication of Bishop Newman against the unwarranted attack of Bishop Grant, which we published March 12.

The General Conference.

It is now definitely settled that the next General Conference will be held at Omaha. Full particulars next week.

Personal.

—Rev. S. Duncan, Presiding Elder, has returned from his first round on the Shreveport District. He says the district is in a very good condition, except two churches: that is, St. Paul, Shreveport, which owes \$2,487.45. One thousand of this must be raised by May 17. But we have the Rev. T. J. Johnson, our popular pastor there, who is, pushing ahead and will accomplish the end desired. At Compté we owe \$350, which must be paid by the first of September. At Pleasant Hill the new church is to be completed by July 18. Rev. A. McGlocklin is pushing the work. All the brethren on the district are working to make this one of the most successful years of the Shreveport district at every point. The people are pleased with their pastors. The district conference has been changed from August 26th to August 12th.

—Rev. Howard A. Clifford, for several years a professor in the New Orleans University, has returned from Europe, where he profitably spent the past summer, and will resume pastoral work in the Maine Conference, which convenes next week. He promises to favor us with a few letters descriptive of his trip and impressions abroad. His present address is Monmouth, Maine, where he invites his friends to write him.

—Rev. D. G. Harris, of the Mission charge, called on Wednesday of last week. He finds his new work very pleasant, it being made more so by 18 accessions, a revival and a prosperous Sunday school, and general awakening everywhere. He purchased a generous supply of church requisites to help him in the work. Such reports gladden the hearts of the whole church.

—Rev. M. C. B. Mason was prevented by an acute attack from making his intended trip to Charleston, S. C., where he was to have delivered an address on the occasion of the Quarter-Centennial celebration of our Church in that State. He is better now, however, although not able to be about his work as yet.

—Miss Lottie Richardson has returned to her home in Baton Rouge, after spending several months in this city with Mrs. C. Lovengs.

—Rev. S. H. Jordan, whose appointment is not a postoffice, requests his correspondents to address him at Statesboro, Ga.

—Ex-Presiding Elder R. H. Harbert, of Galveston, Texas, is now again a free man. He has been pardoned and restored to citizenship and suffrage by Gov. Hogg, of Texas. We rejoice with those that now rejoice, as we also mourned with those who mourned.

—Rev. Dr. E. D. G. Prime, brother of Dr. Irenaeus S. Prime, of the N. Y. Observer, died on the 7th. He had been associated with his brother in the publishing of the Observer for the past 32 years.

—Rev. Stephen Priestley has returned from a very extensive tour of his district, and is delighted with the prospects of the work.

—Rev. P. Landry called last Saturday. He brings in good reports from every quarter.

—Knowing ones now declare that there will be no American Italian war, but that there are many prospects of a general European war.

—Rev. A. A. Johnson, D.D., formerly president of our college at Fort Worth, Tex., has been elected President of the University of Wyoming, succeeding in office ex Gov. J. W. Hoyt, LL.D. The State of Wyoming, as well as Dr. Johnson, is to be congratulated on this happy relation.

—The Christian Advocate referring to Bishop Mallon says: "He presided over Newark Conference at its recent session in Washington, N. J. His visit, ministrations, and official acts gave great satisfaction to the members of the

Conference. The evangelistic spirit by which he is characterized was clearly manifest, and produced a good effect on the spirituality and zeal of the Conference.

—Bishop Fitzgerald presided for the first time in the New York Conference at the session which has just closed. It was an important session on account of certain questions which elicited earnest discussion, but the Bishop won the respect of all by the skill and ability with which he discharged the functions of his office. Careful consideration of the feelings, interests and rights of all, and quiet firmness and confidence, characterized his administration.—*Christian Advocate.*

—Dr. Samuel H. Nesbit, one of the most prominent members of the Pittsburgh Conference, is dead.

—Mrs. Jane Hodge, widow of the Rev. Robt. Hodge, died in this city April 10. Obituary sketch next week.

Church Polity.

Q. Is a Methodist preacher a member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of his office?

A. He is not.

Q. Where does a supernumerary preacher hold his membership?

A. If he be left without an appointment he shall have a seat in the Quarterly Conference and the privileges of membership in the place where he may reside. If he receive an appointment he bears the same relation to the church where he resides which he would sustain were he pastor without being a supernumerary.

Q. Where does a supernumerary preacher hold his membership?

A. He shall have a seat in the Quarterly Conference and all the privileges of membership in the church where he may reside, whether the said church be within or without the bounds of the Conference to which he belongs.

A. Does the Methodist Episcopal Discipline strictly forbid dancing and card-playing?

A. See ¶ 242, where "dancing, playing at games of chance," with other things, are prohibited.

Q. Has a minister a right to charge \$25 or any other sum for having his furniture packed when going to his next appointment, and report the same among his moving expenses?

A. Moving expenses generally signify the necessary outlay in transporting the goods from one place to another, all expenses incurred from the time they leave the house until they reach the place of destination.—*Christian Advocate.*

THE Southern Christian Advocate of Nashville, Tenn., in an article urging its constituency to do more for the cause of the higher Christian education of the colored people, says:

"But for the past quarter of a century our direct labors for the colored people have been meagre enough. The time has come fully to consider the whole matter on its merits.

The colored people are in the South to stay. Any plan or scheme that looks to their wholesale deportation is foolish beyond measure. If they were to go, it would be generations before we could replace them with a class who would be equally valuable to the country. Besides this, they are in many respects a lovable people—patient, docile, religious. Their religion may not be of the highest type, but it is a restraining force of unusual power. That it will become more and more an enlightening and purifying agency, we confidently believe. Even as the case stands, we should think it a poor exchange to swap off a million Protestant Negroes for an equal number of Italian Dagoes or Hungarian miners."

AN American is to be shot in Mexico for murder. Poor fellow, if he could only have had a New Orleans jury, detective, lawyer, or ward politician, he might have got off scot free and gone on killing folks at his own sweet will.

DAILY BREAD.

Talk with us, Lord, Thyself reveal,
While here on earth we rove;
Speak to our hearts, and let us feel
The kindling of Thy love.
With Thee conversing we forget
All time and toil and care,
Labor is rest and pain is sweet
If Thou, my God, art there.
—Charles Wesley.

This world is very large in our hopes, but very small in our hands.

A man may suffer without sinning; but he cannot sin without suffering.

Shall one even dare to die for a good man? And shall we refuse to die for a good God?

By a christian, I mean one who so believes in Christ as that sin hath no more dominion over him.
—John Wesley.

Though obedience is better than sacrifice, yet sometimes for a man to sacrifice himself is the best obedience.

A christian will be despised anywhere. No one is a christian till he is despised. His being despised will not hinder his doing good, but much further it.—John Wesley.

Come, in the name of God, let us arise, and shake ourselves from the dust. Let us strengthen each other's hands in God without delay. Let you and I, and our house, serve the Lord in good earnest.—John Wesley.

You, who have not the assurance of a day to live, are not wise if you waste a moment. The shortest way to knowledge seems to be this:

1. To ascertain what knowledge you desire to attain.
2. To read no book which does not in some way tend to the attainment of that knowledge.
3. To finish one before you begin another.—John Wesley.

It is not by striking off all allegiance, but finding your true Lord, and serving him with complete submission, that you can escape from slavery. Then give yourself to him completely. Let him mark you as his by whatever marks he will.—Phillips Brooks.

Revivals promote mutual confidence between pastor and people. Revivals promote the social life of church and Sunday school.

Revivals often make a better understanding among the churches. Revivals are divine and human. The human side is not the greater.

The Scripture gives four names to christians, taken from the four cardinal graces so essential to men's salvation; saints, for their holiness; believers, for their faith; brethren, for their love; disciples, for their knowledge.—Fuller.

Did you ever notice that the fellow who loaf around on the corner all day and who goes home at night to his wife, mother or sister, who works hard to support him, can always tell exactly what the country needs to make it prosperous, what a town needs to make it boom, how banks should be conducted, how newspapers should be edited, how to suppress intemperance, how all kinds of business should be run if they should be run properly? It is a fact, whether you have noticed it or not; and such fellows are in existence everywhere.—Dundee Observer.

Some special duties are for certain people, but there are a few general duties that every Methodist ought to do:

1. To pray.
 2. To search the Scriptures.
 3. To attend the means of grace, as public preaching, prayer meeting and class meeting.
 4. To be diligent in business and fervent in spirit.
 5. To cheerfully and systematically pay a part of his possessions for the support of the Gospel and the benevolent enterprises of the church.
- No living Methodist, unless physically or mentally impaired, is

exempt from any one of these duties.

Do you do them?

We are not put into this world to be suspicious of one another. We were put here to make the world better for our tarrying in it and to cultivate a friendly fellowship with souls we are to live with forever in the eternal years. If the guests at a wayside inn, sojourning together only for a night, spend their time abusing each other or in contemptuously ignoring each other's presence, we call them snobs and fools, but what shall we call the tenants of transitory time who spend the fleeting hours of mortal life in doing all that they can to make one another uncomfortable? We have only an hour to tarry together here. Let us try to make that hour a profitable one and a pleasant one to remember after we have journeyed on. If you have been living on bad terms with a neighbor; if you have been preserving a chilling silence and a forbidding reserve with anybody thrown often in your way, I beg of you to have done with such nonsense and live in the world as God meant you should.—Selected.

It seems to be the highest aim of some to be what they call good. They seem to think if they are called good it is all that is necessary, and when they die it will be all right with them. They can understand how everybody can be good, but not how everybody can be best. A school boy cannot see how every scholar can be at the head of the class, but it is not hard to see how every one can be marked 100—be perfect.

It is a good thing to be good, better to be better, and best to be the best by the efficacy of the blood of Christ. It is a good thing to do good, better to do better and best to do the best you can.

It is good to want to be saved, better to be saved, and best to keep saved.

It is good to be convicted of sin, better to be converted, and best to be sanctified.

It is good to think holiness is a good thing, better to think that it is better than some other things, and best to think it is the best thing there is.

No one is doing his best unless he accepts Christ as his personal Savior from all sin, and by God's grace leads a holy life. God commands every one to be holy, and then holds the standard of a holy life where we can reach it, and grow in grace and knowledge of God every day of our lives. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Selected."

Homiletics.

Hymns 442, 447, 450.
Scripture Lesson, John 17.
Text, John 13:35: By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another.

Introduction, The Lord Jesus spoke these words at the last feast of the passover which he celebrated with his disciples.

At this time he changed the passover service to the Lord's Supper.

The slain lamb of the passover was a type of Christ. The bread and wine of the Lord's Supper represents the broken body and shed blood of the world's Redeemer.

The Lord's Supper takes the place of the passover.

After the supper was finished Jesus conversed with his disciples, saying to them many things of the greatest importance.

The text is the test of real christian character and discipleship.

There are various ways by which we show that we are disciples of Jesus.

(a) We may make a profession of religion.

But not all who do this are indeed christians.

(b) We may be baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, to show that we are christians.

(c) We may join the church to show that we are christians. But there are not a few church mem-

bers who are not and never were christians in deed and in truth.

(d) We may attend all the means of grace, public and private worship, and give of our substance to the cause of God to show that we are christians.

But there are some who do all these things who are not the real disciples of Jesus, they are not real christians.

(e) The surest way for all professors of religion to show that they are real christians is to love one another.

Love such as christians have for one another is known by certain signs or marks.

It is patient, even when severely tried. It is patient with all, especially with all other christians.

This love is also unselfish. It lives and lets live. It shares all it has of earthly good with others.

This love is humble. It is not proud, and self-conceited. It does not seek to make display. It does not covet, or run after the praise of men.

This love is steadfast. It is not love to-day and hate to-morrow. It is always the same, whether in prosperity or adversity.

This love is pure. It has nothing about it that is sinful. It abides alone in hearts that are made pure, that are cleansed from sin.

Every christian may have this love. He will have it when his heart is right with God.

Three important things in conclusion are:

1. It is the duty of every christian to have this love. If we do not have it we will not enjoy the smiles and favor of God.

2. If we have this love all who see us will know that we are the true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, for none but his disciples have this love.

3. When sinners see christian people filled with this love their hearts will be touched and they will be convicted of sin, and they can be led to Christ, and saved in heaven at last.

Schools and Colleges.

Philander-Smith College.

This institution is enjoying unprecedented success. The enrollment the past term (winter) reached 320. It is now taking the usual spring vacation and much needed rest on the part of president Mason and his faithful workers. The term examinations showed that earnest work had been done by the teachers, and class application to study by the students. Marked advancement is perceptible in every department. The boarding department is wisely and intelligently run by Mr. and Mrs. Ford, late of Louisiana.

Prof. Ramsey is certainly developing the mechanical skill of those under his care in the carpenter shop, as is Prof. McKinney in the printing department.

Through the generosity of Mr. Budlong, son-in-law of Philander-Smith in the gift of \$3,500, the work on the much needed new building has begun. The brick and lumber for the second story are being put on the ground.

Pastors of the Little Rock Conference, let us remember our pledge at conference, and show our appreciation of this magnificent gift, by raising every cent of our assessments for the new building, and forward them to Dr. Mason as soon as possible. March 3d will open the Spring term when scores of new students are expected, as well as many of the old ones who by force of circumstances have been out teaching and otherwise preparing to re-enter.

Last but not least is the medical department. This department was organized Dec. 1st 1890, with nine students, with W. R. Granger, M. D., Dean. Dr. Granger deserves more than a passing note. He is a practicing physician of color and is both scholarly and profound. Dr. Granger is a graduate from the classical course of Broknell University of Louisiana, Pa., receiving the degrees of A. B., and A. M. from the same, Ph. D. from

the college of Liberal Arts, Syracuse, New York, after which he graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont. He came to this city (Little Rock) two years ago, a perfect stranger to everyone, and after passing a rigid examination before the State Board of Examiners, entered upon the duties of his profession as a surgeon and physician, and by his ability to grapple with the many-sided diseases peculiar to this climate, has won him not only the confidence of his own race, but the respect of all the white doctors as well. A man better prepared for the deanship could not be found. He has given entire satisfaction, and the class under his instructions has enjoyed success, and is now closing its first year.

The Medical Department of Philander-Smith College offers special advantages to young men of whatever race who desire a good medical education and who find it too expensive to go to Nashville, Tenn., or New Orleans. It is gratifying to note the success of Negro doctors in the South, this shows that to them the harvest is ripe, and should induce more to enter the profession. Let scores of our educated young men enter our medical schools and prepare for an honorable and lucrative business. Philander-Smith is centrally located for the young men of Ark., Eastern and Northern Texas, Missouri, Indian Territory, North Miss., etc. My dear friend Dr. Albert was mistaken in the *SOUTHWESTERN* of March 26 when speaking of Dr. I. E. Mullon, the able Dean of the New Orleans University's medical department to say that he is the only Negro in the world that occupies such a position. Dr. W. R. Granger is a Negro, is the Dean of the medical department of one of our best colleges. He is a native of the West India Islands. May this class of professional men be multiplied a thousand times.

A. J. FLETCHER.

Lonoke, Ark.

[We rejoice to learn, and so does Dr. Mullon that there are other worthy and thoroughly qualified Negroes in such positions. Ed.]

Olafin University, Orangeburg, S. C., Commencement Thursday, April 30th, 1891. Annual address by Rev. Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, D.D., one of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and general agent of the John F. Slater fund. The S. C. R. R. Co., will run excursions from Columbia, Camden, Sumter, Charleston, Aiken and all intermediate points. Special rates can be obtained on the regular trains throughout the week. For further information address L. M. Dutton, president, Orangeburg, S. C.



On the mend—the consumptive who's not bereft of judgment and good sense. He's taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. If taken in time and given a fair trial, it will effect a cure. Consumption is Lung-ferofula. For Scrofula, in its myriad forms, and for all Liver, Blood and Lung diseases, the "Discovery" is an unequalled remedy. It's the only guaranteed one. If it doesn't benefit or cure, you get your money back. You only pay for the good you get.

"Discovery" strengthens Weak Lungs, and cures Spitting of Blood, Shortness of Breath, Bronchitis, Severe Coughs, and kindred affections. Don't be fooled into taking something else, said to be "just as good," that the dealer may make a larger profit. There's nothing at all like the "Discovery." It contains no alcohol to inebriate; no syrup or sugar to derange digestion. As peculiar in its curative effects as in its composition. Equally good for adults or children.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

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Marriages.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. William Parker to Miss Carrie Stumps.

Rev. T. G. Montgomery officiating.

April 5, Mr. Abe Wiley to Miss Nancy Kirkwood.

Rev. L. C. McClelland officiating.

Lonoke, Ark.—April 5, Mr. Alex. Tarrence to Miss Mary Dito.

Rev. A. J. Fletcher officiating.

Webb Station, Miss.—April 2, Mr. Julius Suggs to Miss Ella Davis.

Rev. S. W. Mosby officiating.

Hickory, Miss.—Mr. S. W. Warren to Miss Mariana Kidd, April 5.

Rev. P. Blue officiating.

New Orleans, La.—March 11, at Malhieu Chapel, Mr. Laurence Benard to Miss Virginia Johnson.

March 12, at the parsonage, Mr. John Williams to Miss Diana Shaw.

Also, March 13, Mr. William Denis to Miss Amelia Tremie.

Rev. S. Davage officiating.

Obituary.

Sister Mary Bowman, truly a mother in Israel, passed from the home of her son-in-law, Bro. Henry Williams, at Scottsboro, Ala., to her heavenly home, Jan. 19. For many months our now sainted mother had suffered great pain and a gradual failure of her bodily powers, but generally her soul was rapturously happy in Jesus' love. For about 84 years she was a pilgrim upon earth, witnessing great changes and passing through many trying vicissitudes. In 1875 she was clearly converted at Clark Chapel, Nashville, under the pastorate of Rev. C. S. Smith. She was soon a zealous member, helping the cause in every way possible, and enjoying a high and blessed experience. Her walk was consistent, the joys of salvation her constant theme, and her light was shining from day to day. Many were instructed and helped to the Savior by her labors. She was a valuable class-leader, and her class has now been placed in charge of her daughter, Sister Laura Williams. In the family of this daughter Laura, she spent happily the evening of life. Laura has served the Church well, in educational interests, as a valuable member of the Tennesseans, the noted singers of a few years since. Sister Bowman highly appreciated the ministers for their work's sake. Bro. T. M. Joiner, her pastor, helped her greatly by his instructions and counsel, and preached her funeral. Her honored husband was for many years a useful local preacher at Nashville, and entered into rest seven years ago. Her body was taken to Nashville and buried beside his.

Rev. Wesley Prettyman.

Bryan, Tex.—Sister Charlotte Lee departed this life March 35. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church. She leaves a husband, mother, two brothers, five children, and a host of friends to mourn.

Sister Georgia Wilson departed this life in the full triumph of faith.

S. E. Ewing, P. C.

Alleyton, Tex.—Bro. Hiram Wilson was born in Hardimon county, Miss., in 1840, and died here March 6, 1891. He was converted near Columbus, Texas, under the administration of Rev. C. L. Madison. In 1873, joined the church in the same year under the Rev. M. V. Banks, lived a consistent christian and was a faithful class-leader. He was ready and willing to go. His funeral was attended by Rev. Jas. Brawley.

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Detroit Free Press.

The Household.

COTTAGE PUDDING.—Beat half a cup of sugar and quarter of a cup of butter well together, then add the yolks of two eggs well beaten, then a cup of milk, two and a half cups of flour, with two tablespoonsful of baking powder sifted in it; and lastly the whites of the eggs beaten stiff. Beat together thoroughly; bake in a moderate oven. Serve hot with sauce.

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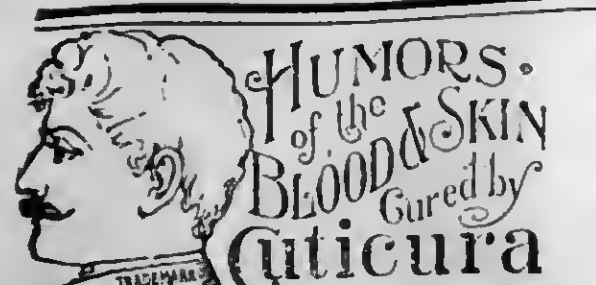
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SECOND QUARTER.—Lesson IV. Nineveh brought to repentance. Jonah 3. 1-10. Commit to memory verses 9-10. April 26, 1891. About B. C. 862.

HOME READINGS.

M. Jonah 3. Tu. Jonah 4. W. Ezek. 18. 25-32. Th. Joel 2. 12-17. F. Isa. 55. 6, 13. S. Eph. 2. 1-10. S. Luke 11. 20-36.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The men of Nineveh shall rise up in judgment with this generation; and shall condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. (Luke 11. 32.)

LESSON HYMN, L. M.

We sinners, Lord, with earnest heart,
With sighs and prayers and tears,
To thee our inmost cares impart,
Our burdens and our fears.

Thy sovereign grace can give relief,
Thou Source of peace and light;
Dispel the gloomy cloud of grief,
And make our darkness bright.

Dear Lord, to thee our prayers ascend;
Our eyes thy face would see;
O let our weary wanderings end,
Our spirits rest in thee!

Time—About B. C. 862.
Place—Nineveh.
Ruler—Possibly Jeroboam II, King of Israel.

Connecting Links—The second chapter of Jonah gives the prayer which the prophet offered while miraculously preserved in the body of the fish. On his restoration to the world of living men he was again commissioned to go to Nineveh.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Jonah's Repentance, v. 1-4. From whom did a message again come to Jonah?

What was the message?
What journey did Jonah take?
What is said of the size of Nineveh?

What did Jonah at once do?
What did he declare to the people?
Whose message was this? (See ver. 2, and chap. 1. 2.)

2. Nineveh's Repentance, v. 5-9. How did the people receive Jonah's words?
How did they show their repentance?

What did the King of Nineveh do?
What did he forbid by a decree?
How were all to be clothed?

What were they commanded to do?
From what were they to run away?
What did he say about God's mercy?

What is God's promise to every true penitent? (Isa. 55. 7.)
To whom was the repentance of Nineveh a rebuke? (Golden Text.)

3. God's Repentance, v. 10. What did God see?
What change did God make in his purpose?

Of what promise was this a fulfillment? (Jer. 18. 8.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:
1. That God hates sin?
2. That true repentance means putting away sin?
3. That God loves a penitent?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG MEN.

Find where a high-priest rent his garments.
Find whether or not there was ever any heathen prophet sent to warn a Gentile nation.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]
1. After Jonah had escaped from the dangers of the sea, against

what city did God send him to preach? Nineveh.

2. What was his message? Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

3. How did the people of Nineveh show their repentance? They mourned and fasted and prayed.

4. What did the king and his nobles do? Urged the people to repent still more earnestly.

5. What did God do? Pardoned the Ninevites.

6. What is the Golden Text? The men of Nineveh, etc.

EXPLANATIONS.

Arose, and went—He obeys with the same promptitude with which he fled on the former occasion. Of three days' journey—The circuit of its walls was equal to three days' steady walking. Exceeding great—One of the greatest known to history. A day's journey—He doubtless went first to the most crowded thoroughfares, but the first day's preaching was sufficient to call the wicked city to repentance. Yet forty days—Probably this one sentence was constantly repeated. It must have been an awe-inspiring scene. Believed God—Believed not only in his justice, but in his mercy. Sack-cloth—The constant emblem of sorrow in the East. From the greatest—To the least—The repentance was heartfelt, and included all.

Man . . . beast—The neglect of the beasts and their enshrouding in sack-cloth was in harmony with the peculiar disposition of Orientals to lavishly express their emotions, and is hardly more absurd than our occasional draping of funeral horses in black. Cry mightily—These words, of course, are to be restricted to "man." Let them turn—This pagan king and his nobles understood that no repentance counts before God which does not include moral reformation.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The forgiveness of sin.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

45. Will all men therefore be saved? No; "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psa. 9. 17.)

46. Will those be saved who die in childhood before they know good and evil? They will, for Jesus said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19. 14.)

47. On what terms are those saved who know good from evil? On condition of "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20. 21.)

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Conference Notices.

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Second Round.

Marion. May 2-3
Newbern. " 16-17
Old Town. " 23-24
Oak Grove. " 30-31
Tuscaloosa. June 6-7
Murphy. " 13-14
Eutaw. " 20-21
Union. " 27-28
Mt. Sinai. July 4-5
Gainesville. " 11-12
Clinton. " 18-19
Mt. Sterling. " 25-26
Selma. " 25-26

Brethren: The district conference will meet in Selma, Ala., July 23d to 26th. Push the benevolent claims. Let us have full reports. \$1 from each is expected for Selma church. God bless you for what you have done.

H. N. BROWN, P. E.

Savannah District, Savannah Conference.
Second Round.

Montgomery. May 2-3
Appling. " 9-10
Reidville. " 16-17
Jesup. " 23-24
Savannah cir. " 30-31
Savannah sta. May 31 and June 1
Blackshear. " 6-7
Waycross. " 13-14
Warehoro. " 20-21
Berrien, by J. C. Allen. " 27-28
Valdosta. " 28-29
Humphrey. " 29-30
Homerville, by L. W. Coates. " 27-28
Camden. July 4-5
St. Mary's. " 11-12
Brunswick cir. " 18-19
Brunswick sta. " 25-26

Brethren: Let down your nets for a draught. By the help of God we must add souls to his kingdom. Take hold on God and do your best. Melton every interest.

A. P. MELTON, P. E.

Corner-Stone Laying.
The corner-stone of St. Paul M. E. Church will be laid by Presiding Elder Duncan Aug. 23. All former pastors are respectfully invited to come over and help us.

B. J. REDDIX, P. C.

Compte, La.

Huntsville District, Central Alabama Conference.
Second Round.

Huntsville. May 23-24
Decatur. " 30-31
Courtland. June 6-7
Athens and Oakland. " 13-14
Triana. " 20-21
Cedar Grove. " 27-28
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Scottsboro. " 11-12
Stevenson. " 18-19
Guntersville. " 25-26
Blountsville. Aug. 1-2
Somerville. " 8-9

WESLEY PRETTYMAN, P. E.
Decatur, Ala.

Tennessee River District.
Third Round.

Ramer. May 2-3
Adamsville. " 12-13
Clifton. " 19-20
Waynesboro. " 26-27
Lawrenceburg. " 30-31
Springville. June 6-7
Dickson. " 13-14
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Franklin. " 30-31
Beach Grove. " 27-28
Grentwood. " 27-28

Now, brethren, urge the collections on every department of the church.
J. B. BRADFORD, P. E.

South New Orleans District.
Second Round.

Donaldsonville. April 29-30
Klotzville. May 6-7
Napoleonville. " 13-14
Bogalusa. " 20-21
Thibodaux. " 27-28
Schriever. " 10-11
University Chap. New Orleans. " 13
Beattville. " 14-15
Houma. " 16-17
Morgan City. " 20-21
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Franklin. " 27-31
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PIERRE LANDRY, P. E.

Shreveport District.
Second Round.

Rush Point. May 2-3
Vanceville. " 9-10
Scott Chapel. " 16-17
St. Pauls. " 23-24
Fairfield. " 30-31
Jewell. June 6-7
Grand Cane. " 13-14
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Compte. Aug. 8-9
Alpha. " 9-10
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To the ministers and members of the Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference: Our district conference will convene in Kosciusko May 28. A full attendance is desired the first day. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., our editor, is invited to attend. Also remember the second Sunday in May is jubilee day all over the South. Let each pastor and superintendent in the district observe the day.

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—Charles Wesley.

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AUSTRALIA is now a full-fledged commonwealth. It has adopted our Constitution minus its defects. A compliment to us, and our system of government. It continues to sustain nominal relations to the British Crown.

D. A. STOKER, Esq., of Michigan, and the Hon. John M. Langston of the United States, are being endorsed all over the country for one of the vacant U. S. Circuit Court judgeships.

Don't fail to read "Daily Bread" and "Homiletics" as they appear weekly in another column. In Homiletics turn to the Hymnal and to the Scripture lessons given and read them to your instruction and comfort. Read them.

LOOKOUT for the moonlight excursions and dancing picnics. The season is upon us, with its threatened ruin to the devotees of such diversions. If thou valuest thy safety and happiness, go not near them. They lead to the chambers of death.

WE have received several communications on various subjects, which we would gladly notice or publish, but cannot do so because they are without signatures. We do not publish the names of our correspondents in our Church Polity column, nor in any other, when the contrary is requested, but we positively cannot take any notice whatever of communications that are not accompanied by the real names of their authors.

THE Louisiana State (Heaven save the mark!) Lottery Company thought to outwit the postal law by establishing a mailing station in Mexico. But the heavy hand of authority has been laid upon its agents there. We are afraid it will be compelled to seek "other worlds to conquer." We suggest *Gehenna* as a favorable locality. It has already an "innumerable company" of patrons whose passage it has paid there. And all things considered it would feel "at home," "be it ever so homely (or even so hot) there is no place like home."

Action of the New England Conference.

Whereas, On the 7th of May, 1888, the General Conference of our Church adopted the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That we submit to the Annual Conferences the proposition to amend the 2nd Restrictive Rule, by adding the words, "And said delegates may be men or women," after the words, "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," so that it will read, "Nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates may be men or women."

And, Whereas, On the 30th of May, just before adjournment, the General Conference provided for a vote on the part of the laity on the question, "Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the lay electoral and general conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church," and at the same time adopted the following order:

"This same proposition shall be submitted to all the Annual Conferences held in the year 1891, by the presiding Bishop, and the vote shall be taken as the Conferences may direct, under the law of the Church, and when so taken, the same shall be certified by the presiding Bishop and Secretary of such Conference, to the next succeeding General Conference, together with the result of the vote of the lay members of the Church." Therefore,

Resolved: 1. That in the vote about to be taken in this Conference, we vote first upon the question, "Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Electoral and General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church?"

2. That hereafter, in order to carry out the exact intent of the General Conference, and to receive a decision of unquestioned legal effect, we will take a second vote, viz: Upon the amendment to the second restrictive rule, as submitted by the General Conference, viz: "By adding the words, and said delegates may be men or women; so that it shall read, nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates may be men or women."

3. That we respectfully request the President of this Conference to cause the above action to be laid before all the Annual Conferences of the Church, at an annual session prior to the assembling of the next General Conference, and in the hope of terminating at the earliest possible moment the controversy now agitating the Church, we entreat our brethren in all the Annual Conferences to unite with us in voting upon the proposition to amend the second Restrictive Rule, as submitted by the last General Conference.

4. That in order to prevent any inaccuracy in reports of our action, we respectfully request the editors of our church papers to print in full the foregoing report as adopted, and we request the Secretary of this Conference to furnish a correct copy to each of said editors.

Whereas, There are members of this Conference who favor the eligibility of women to the Lay Electoral, but not to the General Conference, and whereas these are unable to vote Yes or No on the double question, "Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Electoral and General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church?" Therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference reserves its judgment upon the question of women's past, present, or future eligibility to the Lay Electoral Conference, for expression at a later and more favorable occasion.

JAMES MUDGE,
Sec'y N. E. Conf.

Lynn, Mass., April 10, 1891.

(We reserve comment for a future issue.—ED.)

The Southern Colored Ministry and their Critics.

BY J. B. MIDDLETON.

Human nature in general is so peculiarly constituted, that in nine out of ten cases it is swayed by impulse, and blindly follows the multitude, even though the multitude is controlled by passion rather than by reason. History, both sacred and profane, records many painful instances of the unreasoning, boisterous crowd, emulating each individual member of which it was composed in endeavoring in their individual efforts to surpass, in acts of devotion to some peculiar idea of the day, other members of the same body. It was this constitutional peculiarity of human nature that led to the ostracism of Noah and his family, the erection of the Tower of Babel, the persecution of the prophets, the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and the horrid death of the martyrs Moses was unpopular in Egypt,—as a shepherd, and in the wilderness. So was Paul, Luther and Wesley. Socrates, Galileo, Columbus, Washington, Lincoln and Grant, were at certain periods of their lives, very unpopular with a certain class of men, through no fault of theirs. Their ambitions and sometimes venal cotemporaries, were so anxious to supersede them, in place and power, that they could scarcely wait the slow processes of divine providence and the grave to do their work. Such cotemporaries have sometimes, by innuendoes and slander assisted Providence in removing hence those popular leaders, while they joyfully entered into the positions once held by their predecessors. I am led to these reflections, by the repeated and continuous onslaught made upon the colored ministers of the South, by their so-called friends of both races, North and South, in the churches and in no church. This denunciation of the colored clergymen of the South, has been systematically planned and carefully executed to compass a certain object. In the conduct of this business, there has been a diplomacy exhibited that would be creditable to more exalted motives, and unless correctly understood, will be mistaken for pure philanthropy. The main spring of the criticisms directed against the colored ministry of the South is one grain of disinterested benevolence to nine grains of interested ambition which is not of the holy order. This denunciation had its origin in the South among the white people who are now, as in the past quarter of a century, opposed to the equal civil rights of the Negro with other American citizens. For the past twenty-five years, the latent and active energies of the average Southern editor—with a few noble and notable exceptions—were expended on this line. It is not the fault of the editors and their allies that the colored ministers of the South are not crushed; but rather their misfortune. In every way and manner conceivable the average Southern editor and his Northern ally, for the past twenty-five years, have held up to the scorn of the civilized world, the Southern colored ministry as being unfit leaders of their own race. The colored ministry has been painted in the darkest possible hue, and with his followers denied an even race in life with aliens, and his political and civil rights abridged. The white people of America are not ignorant of the fact that the colored ministry are the political and religious leaders of the Negro race in the South. No one can deny that the Negro as a unit have for the past quarter century of American freedom stood firmly by the

Union and the Constitution as he understood it. The Negro's interpretation of the Constitution may be summed up in two words, viz: "freedom and equal rights." For the stand taken by us, we have suffered and many have given their lives, rather than to sacrifice their principles. Our opponents in the South reason thus: "Destroy the confidence of the American people in the business capacity, the probity and moral integrity of the leaders of the Negro and we render inoperative their influence at home and abroad; and we will easily control the affairs of the South without this disturbing element." The underlying principle in the avowed political code strike at the very vitals of the republic and cannot prevail in a government such as ours, where intelligence is diffused among the masses. The people of a republic must, and will think for themselves and select their leaders without let or hindrance. There is, in the North and West, a large and respectable element, who on account of racial affinity, business and social relations, conform, or profess to do so—to the views of our Southern brethren on this line; and they deem this policy best for the Negro and for the country at large. This is the identical sentiment advanced by Dr. Potts of the Michigan *Christian Advocate*. "White men are needed at every turn" he says, "The Negroes can take care of themselves by and bye, but not yet." This is unmistakable language and is in direct harmony with bourgeois Southern sentiment. This class of Northern men pose as unionists and philanthropists, and they usually whisper in our ears the disgusting word, "supervision." For supervision in a general way by the proper authorities of church or state—we consent. For supervision in its hateful aspects and insolent form as often seen in connection with the ballot box—never. Cooperation, always pleasant among free men, becomes a tyrant when it goes beyond its legitimate bounds. A few men of our own race have now joined the ranks of our traducers, and if possible have exceeded them in the allegations of immorality and ignorance attributed to the colored ministry of the South. It is fashionable to stand with the majority, and young and recent converts are often precocious and vain of their attainments. They sometimes secure large attention by their precocity and succeed in having much importance attached to their deliverances. They speak for applause, secure it and are gratified—even at the pain they inflict upon others. Some of our college presidents and others engaged in educational and church work in the South, together with some of the recent graduates from Southern schools, find it to their interest financially and otherwise to denounce as ignorant, the old men who so nobly wrought in this Southland the past twenty-five years, and into whose labors they have entered. The colored ministry of the South needs no defense from such aspersions. The work that we have done and are doing testify; and God approves it. The twenty-five best years of my life, have been unservedly devoted to God and humanity. Side by side with the Baptist pioneers, in swamps and cane breaks, upon the mountains and under groves, in poison and pest houses, in cities and villages have we delivered the bread of life and secured the peace of the state and nation. Many of our comrades have died by violence, while in the discharge of their legitimate duties; and others equally as brave and devoted took their places in the ranks. The work is now respectable, and the field promising large returns of souls and althly inore—to those who cultivate

them thoroughly. The colored ministry of the South and not the shot-gun policy of the same section, have conserved the peace of the South for, our people are liberty loving as are other races who are willing to die for their freedom. But, the kid glove fraternity of our own and an unappreciative public of the white race are upon us, and they would have us step aside or "down and out" of the leadership. When God, through regularly appointed agencies demands the surrender of our charges to other hands; we will cheerfully obey, without a murmur or complaint. But the demand must be clear and well defined; otherwise, till we reach Pisgah, will we lead Israel, and to God alone resign our trust—a trust to which we have been faithful to the best of our abilities. The older men of the South do not seek popular favor; we cannot, perhaps,—cope intellectually with others who are on the ground and still others who are coming; but we declare before heaven when the coming leaders do arrive, they will find the people,—our people—thoroughly indoctrinated in the cardinal principles of the Gospel, as received from our fathers. They will find them with correct notions of God, heaven, hell, the immortality of the soul, and sentiments of our duplex systems of government, that are founded upon exact justice to all. We preach against lynch law, nihilism, socialism, etc., and corrupt methods in the state and national governments. Here, on these lines, our success has been complete, and our continued aim is to keep our people from shedding innocent blood and from dishonesty. This is important, highly so, for God will not smile upon murderers or their abettors; but will spue them out of the land. "The higher criticisms," new revisions, advanced thought and liberalism, give us but little concern. "That old time religion is good enough for me." In spite of all the carpers here, we are a unit for God, christianity and the Union.

Sumter, S. C.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

The Board of Trustees of Wesley Chapel have adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, At a concert given March 30, by the Armor Bearers' Circle of Wesley Chapel, Mr. R. J. Estey president, and Mr. Parker Lovings general manager, \$100 was raised and presented to the Board of Trustees of Wesley Chapel by Mrs. S. G. Chinn and E. C. Slade, for the purpose of rebuilding or repairing Wesley Chapel M. E. Church; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees and Building Committee return their sincere thanks for this donation; and, Be it further Resolved, That this Board and Building Committee take steps to recompense all faithful workers.

Signed, Wm. Randolph, F. T. Chinn, Chairman. Thos. J. Hill, Secretary.

Dr. Albert preached to a crowded house at First Street Church last Sunday night.

The union meeting at La Harpe Church April 12 resulted in a collection of \$81.05. Pastor Pickett is happy.

First Street M. E. Church is having a grand time in a revival. The altar is crowded every night with seekers.

A grand rally at Williams Chapel April 12 resulted in the following collections: Class No. 1, \$32.50; No. 2, \$13.10; No. 3, \$11.50; No. 4, \$22.25; No. 5, \$4.65; No. 7, \$4.30; No. 8, \$10.50. Total, \$98.80. From

congregation, \$23. Total, \$121.80. Too much cannot be said of the leaders for their faithfulness, and the members for their liberality.

Sunday-School League.

On April 19th, the installation of the officers of the Sunday-school League of this city took place at Union Chapel, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. The meeting was presided over by J. Gordon Taylor, superintendent of First Street Church Sunday-school. The installation services were performed by the Rev. J. W. Hendon, assisted by Revs. Forrest and Davage. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. C. Clarke in an able-written paper, which was replete with words of encouragement. The address was responded to by Mr. W. S. Chinn, and would have done credit to an older head. The address of Mr. George Jackson, upon the necessity of Sunday-schools, was one full of practicality and for which he received unstinted applause. Mr. Jackson was followed by Mr. R. C. Metryer the young rising attorney, in an able and eloquent address upon Christian Manhood, setting forth christian character in its highest and showing that it is the true success in life of all undertakings for good, and that it touches the sympathy of the most high. He deeply impressed the audience with the necessity of exercising that manhood.

The agent, Rev. Lyon, spoke at length, upon the work at large, and giving his experience whilst traveling through the country parishes. The program was varied with solos, duets and choruses from the various Sabbath-schools, rendered by the Misses Murray, Griffin, Brazley and others. The organ was ably presided over by Mr. J. Ogilvie and H. Weber.

The following officers were installed:

Mrs. C. Ogilvie, president; A. H. Hinton, first vice-president; Miss Mary Murray, second vice-president; Miss E. M. Williams, recording secretary; Miss Blanche Howard, assistant secretary; W. S. Chinn, corresponding secretary; H. Parker, treasurer; and I. H. Norwood, city superintendent, with his corps of volunteers.

At the urgent request of Rev. Forrest the speakers will repeat their addresses at Thompson Chapel on the second Sunday in May.

Our French Missionaries will hold services in French at Union Chapel to-night, Thursday. Let everybody attend that can do so.

Church Polity.

Question 1. Is there any clause in our Discipline justifying the stewards in withholding money from the pastor for work done, when they owe him?

Q. 2. Is not the church under as much obligation to pay her pastor a just debt as any other one she may owe? Not for salary, but for work rendered. SUBSCRIBER.

Answer. There is not a word in the Methodist Discipline justifying any man or set of men in withholding from any man, lay or clerical, his just and honest dues. This, of course, does not apply to pastor's salary. A pastor must raise his own salary during his own pastorate. During that time, no one, steward or any one else, is authorized to withhold from him, under any pretenses whatever, the money that they have raised from the people for his support as pastor. To do so is usurpation of authority and treason to consinted Methodist usages and polity.

Letters from the Districts.

South New Orleans District.

PIERRE LANDRY, P. E.

It was on the 14th of February last that we started out on the first quarterly visitation on this district, through the Lafourche and LaTeche region of the work. At Donaldsonville, our starting point, we found the Rev. H. J. Wright master of the situation. They will in the near future overhaul St. Peter and make needed improvements on the same.

For the comfort of the people at Klotzville our church there should be ceiled and sashed this year. For the comfort of the pastor and his family a parsonage is needed. The Rev. J. M. Bryan and his dear people are thinking on this line.

The Rev. D. G. Butler, at Napoleonville, is serving his people with great acceptability; and, whereas, they have done well in the past three years, yet it is thought that some paint and lime would add greatly to the appearance of the church, parsonage, and fence. The improvement of our little church at Bertranneville, which is much needed, is also in contemplation.

At Thibodaux, the seat of our next district conference, the Rev. Wm. Smith and his good people are planning for a big year's work. But first of all the claim of the Board of Church Extension must be met.

At Schriever the Rev. Charles Monroe is leading off well. Here we could very well wish for a change of location for our church and parsonage, to a more desirable one, which would add greatly to the value of the property; and all concerned would be benefitted, especially so in the winter and rainy seasons.

At Beattievile, the Rev. Henry A. Sorrell, assisted by the veteran Oscar Brown, and his faithful little band, has things his way. When completed, which they propose to do this year, they will have one of the best buildings of its kind anywhere to be found.

The Rev. F. D. Bowers and his untiring people are struggling hard at Honnatt to meet pressing claims against the nice and commodious church. Here we have a strong and intelligent crowd of young people, who are justly proud of their success in the erection of so good a building, which is indeed creditable to them and all concerned.

The Hon. Chas. Smith, the worthy representative in the General Assembly of the State, is a leading layman of our church and deserves well at the hands of our people there for his wise leadership in financial causes.

At Morgan City is to be found the best and most complete church on the district, outside of New Orleans. Rev. Travis Larkins, who knows so well how to lead the people, is the popular and successful pastor. Under the management of our good friend, Bro. Joshua Thomas, our bright and intelligent young men and ladies furnish church music at each service.

Bro. Joshua Parker was found at his post at Centerville and Verdunville. It was our pleasure to meet at Verdunville Bro. Joseph Williams, one of the principal men of that thriving colored settlement, where by all means our church ought to be. See about it, brethren; sooner the better.

The Rev. Reese Thompson is the popular pastor of our church at Franklin, and contemplates the best year's work of his ministry. For his many qualities of head and heart he is at once the favorite of the people of Franklin, who flock to hear him preach Christ, and it is their delight to honor him.

At Winsted the Rev. E. B. Richards is the right man in the right place. The sore need of the place and people is a church which will properly accommodate that enlightened community, for which purpose the old building is entirely unfit. In this connection we are glad to say that Bro. Richards has secured a large subscription, and

with the assistance of the Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., President of Gilbert Seminary, the work of rebuilding will begin some time this year.

At Charonton we have a good frame, and when completed it will be a first class country church.

At Woodlawn Bro. Allen Luster was found hard at work for the improvement of the church property generally, and also the spiritual advancement of the people. Bro. Luster is fixed for living. There we found a good horse and buggy, a full crib of corn, a yard of fine poultry, a goodly number of fruit trees, a well arranged garden, salt meat by the 100 pounds, flour and sugar by the barrel, coffee, tea, etc., in proportion, plenty of good water, and a gate ajar for the weary traveler.

It is quite gratifying to know that as far as we have been the people regard their pastors as the best in the Louisiana Conference, and are therefore well satisfied. With this pleasant state of things, Bishops Newman and Mallalieu may reasonably expect an excellent year's work. Already the fruits of this unity of heart and purposes, on the part of people and preachers, is seen in the success of the great spiritual revivals now going on and just closed at the following churches (others to follow): Napoleonville, Woodlawn, Thibodaux, Beattievile, Morgan City and Winsted.

Our quarterly conference sessions are being largely attended by the people, who manifest much interest in the proceedings, and in most cases we have had accessions to the church at these meetings.

Gilbert Seminary at Winsted is beautifully situated on the banks of the LaTeche, which bayou is navigated by passenger and freight steamboats. In the rear of the town the Southern Pacific Railway Company operates daily six passenger trains, three each way, namely: the branch to Cypremont from Franklin, the local to Alexandria from New Orleans, and the express to Houston and all parts of Texas from New Orleans. With this convenient transit the school is at once accessible to all. Here the Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., is found at the head of this great institution, the beloved of all with whom he is brought in contact. This is an indispensable school to our people, and cannot be replaced by any other, for it is supplying a peculiar want and in a peculiar way. There board is placed within the reach of all who desire to educate the head, heart and hand, which is highly appreciated by our people, as is shown by their patronage. Nearly every part of the State is here represented. The boarding and lodging departments are filled to their utmost capacity; in every available place there is a bed, and still a demand for more.

To the friendship of the people of that community, and to the charity of those with whom God has intrusted his thousands, and millions, do we commend the needs of this school. May Dr. Godman live to reach the summit of his desire, which is to make this institution altogether what his great heart wishes it to be in facilities and usefulness.

We are now in the city portion of the district and the Florida parishes.

Dr. C. O. Fisher, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "The work hereabouts is prosperous."

Program of the Yazoo River District Conference.

J. W. WINBUSH.

Convenes at Kosciusko, Miss., May 14-17, inclusive.

Introductory sermon, Rev. A. W. Wright.

Missionary sermon, Rev. D. L. Tubbs.

The work of the Church Extension Board, Wm. Bell.

The extent of the atonement, D. A. Bragg.

The moral law, D. L. Tubbs.

The work of the Sunday school department, Mishach Lockman.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, D. Green.

Bishop Taylor in Africa, S. R. Gibson.

Proofs of the existence of God, J. W. Winbush.

The difference between the M. E. Church and other Methodist churches, S. H. Nevils.

Pre-existence of Christ, A. McBeth.

Doctrine of original sin, J. M. Nevils.

What is apostolic church? R. Hays.

Is baptism essential to salvation? A. W. Wright.

The preachers and the pastors, L. F. White.

The model preacher, Frances G. Wilbon.

Does the Bible teach Mormonism? L. L. Shimpert.

The philosophy of the plan of salvation, L. W. Washington.

The preacher out of the pulpit, C. P. Head.

The influence of Rust University, W. S. Leake.

The SOUTHWESTERN, G. F. Leatherwood.

Is total apostasy possible, A. Lemon.

Huntsville District, Texas Conference.

F. PARKER, P. E.

Let all the pastors, with their members and friends, make Sunday, May 10, a financial success for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The second Sunday in June must be observed by lifting a collection from both your church and Sunday school for education.

The closing exercises of Wiley University will take place at Marshall, Texas, beginning Sunday, May 24, and closing Thursday, May 28, when the faculty and your sons and daughters would enjoy your presence.

Accept my heartfelt thanks for your Easter triumph, which was good.

Texas Woman's Home Missionary Society.

WADE HAMILTON, P. E.

Marshall, Texas. By order of the president of the W. H. S. of the Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, a general meeting, composed of five delegates from the six districts, will meet at Ebenezer M. E. Church, May 25, and will be in session three days.

PROGRAM.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises.

Essay by delegates of Houston district. Subject: Needs of a better home influence.

Essay by delegates of Navasota district. Subject: Importance of industrial training of girls.

Question drawer.

SECOND DAY.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises.

Essay by delegates of Palestine district. Subject: Systematic and prayerful giving.

Essay by delegates of Huntsville district. Subject: Woman's sphere in reforms.

Question drawer.

THIRD DAY.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises.

Essay by delegates of Paris district. Subject: The power of personal and youthful efforts of women.

Essay by delegates of Marshall district. Subject: The work of the Home Mission Society.

Plans for the future—Discussion: Shall we have a missionary to travel in the interest of the society in the Texas Conference?

Committee—Mrs. Mary A. Johnson, Marshall district, president;

Mrs. Dr. I. B. Scott, vice-president;

Mrs. Dr. G. Whitaker, treasurer.

All Presiding Elders of the Texas Conference are expected to be present. All preachers of the Texas Conference are invited.

HAVE you sent for a copy of the House of Bondage? Price 75 cts. For sale at this office.

I SUFFERED from a severe cold in my head for months and could get no relief. Was advised to use Ely's Cream Balm. It has worked like magic in its cure. I am free from my cold after using the Balm one week, and I believe it is the best remedy known.—Samuel J. Harris, Wholesale Grocer, 119 Front St., New York.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

ITALIANS NOT MAFIA.

A great and blessed work has begun among our countrymen, the Italian people of New Orleans, through the Gospel of the Son of God. We mean to press this work forward by every means in our power. We are about completing arrangements for lot and chapel worth \$3000. We need only \$1000 in addition to what we have to enable us to fully carry out our project. We are doing all we can ourselves, and appeal to you to help us in this our time of great need, that the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ may be advanced and our poor Italian people, who so greatly need the gospel, may be saved.

Christopher Russo, Joseph Mangano, A. Palmisano, P. Rando, F. Amico, Trustees First Italian M. E. Church, New Orleans, La.

We endorse the above appeal most heartily. No more worthy or devoted brethren than the members of our Italian Church in New Orleans can anywhere be found. Now is the time of their sore trial and great need. Help them, for Christ's sake.

Willard F. Mallalieu, Resident Bishop. William P. McLaughlin, Presiding Elder New Orleans Mission District. Giovanni Battista Giambrodo, Pastor First Italian M. E. Church, New Orleans, La.

Send all contributions to Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, or Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, New Orleans, La.

Our people at St. Peter M. E. Church, Donaldsonville, propose to have a grand rally on Sunday May 10, when they hope to collect a sufficient sum to justify them in commencing work on their new church immediately thereafter. Rev. Pierre Landry, the Presiding Elder of the South New Orleans District, will deliver the historical address; Rev. Wm. Smith the memorial sermon. All former pastors and Presiding Elders are specially invited. Short addresses will be delivered Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. Ernest Lyon, A.B., Sunday school agent, will give an historical sketch of the church and schools. H. J. Wright, pastor; H. Landry, Presiding Elder; C. J. Bush, secretary trustee board; P. L. Carmonche, secretary building committee; Jas. Bird, recording steward.

L. J. S. Bell, Edwards, Miss.

I was kindly received in my new field for this year, and everything bids fair for a good year's work. The first quarter was held Feb. 19, by Rev. J. Campbell, P. E. He preached and administered the Lord's supper to sixty-two happy souls. Paid Presiding Elder this quarter \$8 15. Two joined from the A. M. E. Church, two from the Baptist Church, and one reclaimed. March 1st we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the death of John Wesley.

W. H. Pleasant, Va.

My work is moving on nicely, spiritually and temporally. Our recent revival resulted in forty conversions and thirty-seven accessions. Our people in this section have organized an industrial company with a capital stock of \$100,000. It is doing much good in assisting our people to get homes of their own. The literary societies organized at Pocahontas, Graham, Tazewell and other points are a great help to the advancement of our young people. Our Sunday schools, too, are in good trim and are accomplishing a great mission.

G. W. Reeves, Walnut Grove, Ala.

Blount circuit is the best one in the Central Alabama Conference. Paid pastor \$35 55. The work is progressing nicely.

Geo. W. Brothers, San Antonio, Tex.

This is my first year and up to this point I have been very successful, though the condition when I came here was not as I hoped to have found it. We have pur-

chased a lot at a cost of \$75 and erected a cosy little cottage for parsonage valued at \$200 which has been furnished by a committee of ladies. There are also plans in hand for a new church building 24 42. Our first quarterly conference was held on the 14 15th, our esteemed Elder H. Swann presiding. He still has his old vim and energy, and that determination to make everything he puts his hands to a success. We have added to the church twelve persons; collected for all purposes, \$151 70. We are in a protracted meeting at this writing, which has been going on a week. The prospects are indeed flattering. The Sunday school has been duly organized with increasing attendance. We had a Sunday school exhibition on the first Sunday evening in April to raise funds with which to purchase an organ. By special invitation Dr. N. H. Middleton has been our guest for two days.

E. W. Adams, Walhalla, S. C.

In 1888 I was appointed to the Spartanburg charge. I found the work in a bad condition. Many of our best members had moved away, some to Arkansas, Mississippi and California, and other parts of the State. In the name of God I went to work with what was left. During the three years as pastor we were wonderfully blessed and 155 souls were converted to God and 175 connected to the church. Increasing and improving church property almost \$115, and all indebtedness paid excepting \$92. Spartanburg circuit is now self supporting. Since my arrival here at Walhalla both of our little pets have died. We were joyfully received. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Miss Nancy I. Lay, a graduate of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., responded to by David Singleton, of Walhalla, S. C.; Prof. B. F. Meanes, also a graduate of Clark University; Rev. Geo. McFall, W. H. Johnson, W. P. Wiggins, Miss Clara James, J. D. Daniels, T. Price, Martha Owens, Mareah Robinson, M. Thompson, R. E. Williams of Newberry, Charleston Williams, and many others took active part on the occasion.

R. J. Buckner, Pulaski City, Va.

The Lord has blessed us in securing another place of worship, since our church burned down, Dec. 29, 1890. We purchased a house of worship all completed, on Randolph Avenue, for \$3000. When our former church was laid in ashes one of the trustees, Bro. J. R. Johnson, said let us start again, and immediately gave his check for \$150, followed by each official member according as they were able. The members and friends also laid their shoulders to the wheel to pay the debt of \$3000. The ladies of our church gave a "feast in the wilderness," and raised \$61.54. Easter day was a feast of good things. Our Presiding Elder, G. T. Wright, was present, and with one of his able sermons raised the heads and hearts of all who heard him. Our members and friends are good and willing workers. We are holding our own for Christ and Methodism.

J. J. Parker, Centerville, La.

The young men of Verdunville gave a oake feast which resulted in \$21 30 for the pastor of Centerville. They say they want to buy a lot for the erection of our church in their settlement.

C. W. Blaylock, Mt. Zion Circuit, N. C.

I am working for the SOUTHWESTERN. It is a good paper; I don't see how a Methodist can do without it, especially a preacher. Inclosed find order for the third sewing machine and paper ordered by me since conference. We have lumber and nails in place and paid for to build a church at Mt. Zion. will commence work next week. We are a little ahead on Presiding Elder's and pastor's salary so far. We have one of the finest Sabbath schools on the district. Out of 139 Christians at one church, 113 took sacrament on the fifth Sunday in March. I cannot help from being pleased on my new circuit among such earnest workers. Those for

whom I ordered the machines are highly pleased. One brother said he would not give his for a mule; and the paper is as well appreciated.

S. D. Troupe, Batesville, Miss.

My first quarterly conference was held at Spring Hill M. E. Church, April 4, 5, by Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D. We had a good time, the Doctor lectured and preached a soul-stirring sermon, as he always does. Collection, \$51.65.

G. W. Branner, Middlesborough, Ky.

This town has quite a number of magnificent buildings. It is lighted up principally with electric lights, and has five beautiful church edifices for the white population. The colored people have no permanent churches as yet. The products are coal and iron ore. There are great preparations being made for the manufacture of iron, coke and brick. Finding no place in which to preach, I went immediately to work under many disadvantages, but by the help of the Lord I was successful in renting a house for \$8 per month, in which we have been successful in arranging for worship. Rev. E. Provine, Presiding Elder of the Knoxville district, was with us March 29, and preached three very edifying sermons. March 31, I organized the first Methodist Episcopal Church in this place. We expect to take this town for Christ.

S. E. Ewing, Bryan, Tex.

Our first quarterly conference was held March 21-22 at Ewing chapel. Rev. W. H. Logan's, Presiding Elder, preached two beautiful sermons and administered the Lord's supper to twenty-six. Collection \$13 60. Elder Logan is loved by all who know him.

F. M. Spicer, Jonesville, Fla.

Our first quarterly conference held April 4-5, Elder A. Debose presiding. Reports showed progress. We are building a neat and commodious building which will be a credit to this community. Pastor's salary, \$500; Presiding Elder, \$82 40; for missions, \$100. We have had three accessions, five on probation, three infants baptized. Our Presiding Elder preached in the new church to a thronging congregation. Raised for pastor, \$47 40; for Presiding Elder, \$14 31; for all purposes, \$82 this quarter. God bless the SOUTHWESTERN and its able editor.

Peter Swearingen, Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church, Gainesville, Fla.

Our church is improving in every department. My people favored me with a grand surprise party recently. They left our large table covered with choice groceries.

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Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,650
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

The Methodist Year Book for 1891 is before us. It is edited by the Rev. A. B. Sanford, M.A., and published by the Book Concern. It contains the usual variety of denominational and general information, and appears to us to have been prepared with unusual care. In order to be intelligent Methodists, and continue such, every family needs to procure each year a Methodist Year Book, and a copy of the Minutes of its Annual Conference, and carefully preserve them; and take its church paper, and read it faithfully. A family, or an individual, who will do these things will not fall out of the procession.

From the Year-Book we gather some interesting items of information. The present membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church is 2,236,403; itinerant ministers, 13,279, of whom 10,056 are effective; churches, 22,103. The total number of Methodists of all branches in the United States is 4,980,240, having 31,765 ministers and 54,711 churches. If we count three adherents for each member, it will give the Methodist population of the country as 14,940,720, or nearly one fourth of the whole.

The benevolent collections of the Methodist Episcopal Church are as follows: Missionary Society, \$1,135,271 82; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$220,330 96; Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$112,970 20; which gives a total for missions of \$1,468,581 98. This takes no account of from thirty to fifty thousand dollars given to specific objects through Bishops Taylor, Thoburn and others, nor of the large sums given locally to home missionary work. Church Extension was given \$185,902.82. The Year Book is for sale at this office.

General Church News.

American Bible Society.

The stated meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Bible House on Thursday, April 2, 1891. Hon. Enoch L. Fancher, LL.D., president, in the chair.

Among the communications presented to the Board from foreign lands were full reports of the work in 1890 from the Agencies in Japan, Turkey, Siam, and Brazil.

Grants of books were made to the value of about \$7,726, and funds to the amount of \$68,697.53, including appropriations to the Ceylon Mission of the American Board, to the Society's Agencies in the Levant, in Brazil, and in Siam, and to the Bible Societies' Committee in Japan.

The issues from the Bible House during the month of March were 110,307 volumes. The total issues from the Bible House during the year ending March 31st, not including those issued in foreign lands, were 1,052,624 volumes.

At a meeting of representatives of the Society of Christian Endeavour and of the Epworth League, recently held in Toronto, arrangements were made whereby members of either of these societies could cordially affiliate with the other. The Epworth Leagues, which are already identical in principle with the Society of Christian Endeavour, by adding the name of the latter society are entitled to all the rights and privileges of that society; and all Christian Endeavour Societies

adopting the name of Epworth League, are similarly entitled to all its privileges. A considerable number of societies have already accepted these conditions and the Joint Committee recommends that union meetings of these two societies which have the same aims and objects, should be held whenever practicable, and thus promote a spirit of interdenominational fellowship and good-will.

If you wish further information on the subject, you will find it in the last number of *Ouward*.

General News Items.

The Negroes of Brinkley, Ark., met Friday night, April 3d and nominated their candidates for the town offices, and on Tuesday April 7th, when the municipal election came up they elected their entire ticket. The following persons were elected: Mayor, Wm. Grathie; Recorder, John Davis; Treasurer, H. L. D. Whitson; Aldermen, O. M. Norman, T. J. Carrell, B. J. Dabney, George Shoecraft, E. L. Woodfin; and Marshall, J. D. Rodgers.

Chicago suffered a loss of \$1,000,000 by fire.

Mrs. Mary Frances Halford, wife of President Harrison's private secretary, is dead.

Hon. Thos. B. Reed, Speaker of our late National House of Representatives, is now sojourning in Italy.

Hiram W. Blanchard, one of the old Abolitionists and associates of Garrison, Phillips and other leaders of the Abolition period, died April 13th, at his home, in Neponset, Mass., at the age of eighty years.

Will Doulass, colored, was shot and killed Sunday night, near Birmingham, Ala., by Leroy Smith, his employer.

Henry Kuhlman is charged with firing his hotel at Dallas, Texas, whereby a guest perished.

Mr. Blaine's date of October 12, for the reciprocity conference is acceptable to the Canadian Government.

The trans-Atlantic steamship companies are to be compelled to obey the Federal law relating to the return of debarred immigrants.

Anna Dickinson the famous woman orator, upon being liberated from the Danville insane asylum, made charges against her sister and others of conspiracy to have her imprisoned and alleging that she never was of unsound mind. The physician in charge of the asylum maintains that not only was she insane then, but is likewise unbalanced at the present time.

Science.

Progress of Medical Discovery.

We are standing to-day on the border land of a vast unexplored region in the domain of life. It seems to be a region rich in the promise of benefit to man, when after patient toil we shall have learned more of the relationships of these tiny organisms to one another and to higher forms. The rich harvest garnered hitherto in this domain has been the power to understand the cause of certain dread human scourges, and thus to stay their progress.

In the face of threatened epidemics of Asiatic cholera, we stand today fully equipped with a knowledge of its nature, which surely enables us to hold it successfully in check. The surgeon can to-day undertake with just confidence of success such operations for the relief of suffering humanity as would have made the hearts of his elder confreres stand fairly still. Many of the so-called accidents of maternity have largely lost their vagueness, and with this their power to harm. The great cloud which for so many years has hung low over the heads of the children of tubercular parents has at length begun to roll away. The terrible epidemic scourges of former times no longer haunt the imagination. Man is not in these days a serious seeker for the fountains of perpetual youth, nor may we justly long for earthly

immortality. But we now see dimly, but at last—that we may lay larger claim at least to our allotted three-score years and ten if we can but learn to cope with or to hold at bay those unseen enemies which have robbed us already of far too many lives.

Little by little we are learning that prevention is better than cure, and that prevention is possible in a large number of those diseases which have claimed their victims hitherto unchallenged. People have always taken it as a matter of course that a certain number of persons must sicken and die of such diseases as typhoid fever and diphtheria; but we know to-day that these diseases can be largely limited if only proper care be taken in destroying the waste material from the sick. We know to just what we must attribute the widespread acquirement of tuberculosis, and that proper cleanliness in streets and houses and all assembling places, would greatly curtail the number of its victims.

Still, again, these delvings in the unseen world have brought up at least one shining moral nugget, which, when beaten into words, means something like this: we must not lay at the door of Providence or fate those evils which we wilfully or ignorantly bring upon ourselves.—From "Glimpses of the Bacteria," by T. Mitchell Prudden, M.D., in *Harper's Magazine* for April.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my mother. I left her in Maples, Alabama. Her name was Milley, my name is Reuben Hames. My mother used to belong to John Merys, I used to belong to Samuel Hames. Any information will be gladly received by Reuben Turner Hames, New Roads, La.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my daughter. Her name was Amelia Goins, she had three girls the last time I heard from her. The two oldest were married and the youngest was still with her. Their names were Jennie, Mary, and Alevia. They were all living in Louisville, Ky., the last I heard of them. That was in 1889. Anyone knowing either of these please address A. H. Officer, Jeremiah, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my father. He was carried from Coosa County Alabama to Texas by John G. Gram, his master. His name is or was then Tom Tinker Gram. My mother's name is Caroline, she is dead. There were five children, the girls names were Tempie and Joe. We all belonged to a man by the name of William Hardy. The last time I heard from him he was still in Texas. Any information will

be gladly received. Please address Henry Hardy, Petersburg, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother and brothers. My mother's name was Judy Brunt and my father's name was Jimmie Brunt. I left them when I was 3 years old. I left them in the state of Georgia with widow Brunt, my name was Elisabeth Brunt then. I am married to Mr. William Bates. I am 40 years old. I was sold to a man by the name of Benjamin Ray, and I have been in Overton County ever since. I belong to the M. E. Church, and my pastor is Rev. F. Smith. Address me, Elizabeth Bates, Livingston, Tenn., care Rev. F. Smith.

Letters from the Laity.

Mathi Burton, Kendleton, Tex. We are thankful to the conference for sending us such a noble preacher as the Rev. G. J. Izard.

R. Thompson, Crawford, Miss. Our first quarterly conference convened March 21, 22, with Rev. W. McDonald, Presiding Elder, in the chair. We had a grand time. The Elder preached and gave the Lord's Supper to 94. Paid Elder, \$11.75. Our beloved pastor, Rev. D. L. Tubbs, is loved by all. He is a friend to the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

Luciell J. Shallowhorne, St. James Church, Shreveport, La.

We are having continued success in our church work. We are engaged in a protracted meeting. Ten souls have been converted and twelve backsliders returned to the fold. The fourth Sunday in April is set apart for our financial rally for the indebtedness of the church.

H. M. Peterson, Slaughter, La.

Our Sunday school is on a solid basis. We have promised to our Presiding Elder, Rev. F. F. Marshall, in the quarterly conference, \$5 this year for the support of our Sunday School Agent, Rev. E. Lyon. Our pastor, Rev. A. A. Lacey, is with us, whole soul, in the Sunday school work. We will have a grand Sunday school union meeting at the Old Camp Ground in July next.

Mattie Witherspoon, Forest City circuit, Ark.

Our new pastor, Rev. S. M. Starke, is very much appreciated. Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 28, by Presiding Elder W. R. R. Duncan. We had a nice time. The sermon by the Elder was edifying and profitable. The salary of the pastor was fixed at \$300. Collection for the Elder, \$570. Easter was well observed.

W. L. Dyass, Pleasant Hill, La.

I expect to read the *SOUTHWESTERN* until I go beyond this vale of tears. Bro. McGlocklin, our pastor, is a grand man. He informed me of this paper.

Mrs. Cora Provine, wife of the Rev. E. Provine, Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference, and Corre-

sponding Secretary of the W. H. M. S. for that conference, has sent us a very interesting descriptive letter of her trip to the Annual Meeting of the Society at Buffalo, N. Y. She was delighted with her trip and the treatment accorded her at the convention. But for lack of space we would have gladly published the whole letter.

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Plar. of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conferences, 1891.

Conference.	Place.	Bishop.
Wyoming.....	Tarrytown, N. Y.	April 1. Bowman
East German.....	Baltimore, Md.	1. Hurst
Delaware.....	Cambridge, Md.	15. Wallis
New York.....	Yonkers, N. Y.	15. Wallis
North Indiana.....	Huntington, Ind.	1. Joyce
New York East.....	Patchogue, L. I.	1. Goodsell
New England.....	Lynn, Mass.	8. Bowman
Newark.....	Washington, N. J.	8. Bowman
New England.....	New London, Conn.	15. Wallis
New York.....	Watertown, N. Y.	15. Hurst
New Hampshire.....	Newport, N. H.	15. Goodsell
Troy.....	Johnstown, N. Y.	22. Hurst
Maine.....	Brunswick, Me.	22. Goodsell
Vermont.....	Northfield, Vt.	23. Wallis
East Maine.....	Danaboscotta, Me.	23. Goodsell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

North India.....	Moradabad, India.	14. Taylor
Africa.....	Virginia, Liberia.	14. Taylor
Bugala.....	Jubapur, India.	15. Thoburn
Mexico.....	Tacuba, Mexico.	15. Nide
South India.....	Bangalore, India.	15. Nide
Poochow.....	Poochow, India.	Mar. 4. Foster
Malayan Missions.....	Singapore.	26. Thoburn
China Missions.....	Nanking, China.	Apr. 15. Foster
Bulgaria Missions.....	Zintschuk, Bulgaria.	22. Walden
Italy.....	Florence, Italy.	May 7. Walden
China Missions.....	Peking, China.	13. Foster
W. China Missions.....	Chun King, China.	June 10. Foster
Korea Missions.....	Seoul, Korea.	June 10. Foster
Switzerland.....	Zurich, Switzerland.	11. Walden
Germany.....	Hettlingen, Ger.	17. Walden
Denmark Missions.....	Velle, Denmark.	July 1. Walden
Norway.....	Tokio, Japan.	8. Foster
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REV. I. L. Pratt will make the second Sunday in May special rally day for cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. He says the Freedmen's Aid and SOUTHWESTERN are twins and should be thus united on that day. Go in for the twins, brethren. Stand by both of them. In fact, the SOUTHWESTERN is twin sister to every church interest; so push it at every service.

THE special attention of our readers is invited to the very interesting and instructive course of lectures on Personal Hygiene which Dr. G. W. Hubbard, of the Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tenn., is furnishing our columns. They will appear weekly. Cut them out or preserve the papers which contain them for future use, which is better.

LORD Salisbury, the English Premier, indulged in some plain talk the other day. He gave the Romish hierarchy in Ireland to understand that the English people had no sympathy with ecclesiastical interference in elections. He said further that England would never turn over the Protestants of Ireland to the tender mercies of such a tyranny as the Romish priesthood had shown itself in Ireland to be. We have no sympathy with the abuses of the English land-lord system or with the Tory party but home rule can never come to Ireland until she learns that greatest truth—"Whom the Son makes free he shall be free indeed."

ONE of the most prominent citizens of Ohio, in a letter ordering extra copies of our issue which contained our article on Wilberforce, and its efforts to secure a division of the Congressional Agricultural College Appropriation so as to secure a portion to itself, says: "There appeared some time ago a most vigorous protest against the action of certain gentlemen connected with Wilberforce University, at Xenia, in this State. They are still pressing claims which can not but be injurious to the future of the colored race here. Your firm and righteous denunciation may help to defeat these measures. Will you be so kind as to send to the address given below twenty-five copies of the paper containing the above article."

The American Bishops and the Columbian Exposition.

Bishop H. M. Turner, of the A. M. E. Church, is nothing, if not visionary and erratic. Out of 100 American bishops, all of whom oppose the opening of the Columbian World's Fair on the Sabbath, with the exception of some of the Roman Catholic Bishops, Bishop Turner stands out singly and alone among Protestant bishops in advocacy of the Sunday opening of the Fair.

He says: Let the Exposition be open to the public in the afternoon and even at night, if necessary, at some reduction in the ordinary price.

Archbishop John Ireland, Roman Catholic, says:

I believe the doors should be closed the entire day. The Sunday, the sacred symbol of our Christianity, the honor of our civil institutions, is already too seriously attacked, whether from the greed of capital or the aggressiveness of irreligion.

Most Rev. Wm. H. Gross, D.D., Archbishop of Oregon, says:

The keeping open of the gates of the National Columbian Exposition at Chicago on Sunday would do very much to promote this deplorable profanation of the Lord's Day in our country.

Rt. Rev. J. Williams, D.D., Bishop of Connecticut, says:

I should regard the opening as a shameful violation of the law of God, and, therefore, an equally shameful outrage on the community.

Rt. Rev. Francis M. Whittle, D.D., Bishop of Virginia, says:

I am deeply impressed with the conviction that the interest of public morality and religion demand that the gates of the National Columbian Exposition, to be held in Chicago, should be closed on Sunday.

Rt. Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, D.D., Bishop of North Carolina, says:

I think any such measure would be most dangerous to the interests of morality and religion.

Rt. Rev. John F. Spalding, D.D., Bishop of Colorado, says:

I am in favor of closing the gates on Sundays, for religious, economic and social reasons.

Thomas Bowman, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

I supposed that everybody knew that the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church are all against the opening of the National Exposition on Sunday. We hope it will not be done.

Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D.D.:

The opening of the National Exposition on Sundays would be a violation of the law of God, and would unspeakably damage the character and life of the American people.

Bishop H. W. Warren, D.D.:

It is my profound conviction that the gates should be rigorously closed.

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D.D.:

I would deeply deplore the opening of the Columbian Exposition on Sunday.

Bishop John F. Hurst, D.D.:

I do not believe the gates of our National Columbian Exposition should be opened on Sunday, because it would be doing violence to the sentiment of a very large part of our citizens throughout the land. The example would be thoroughly harmful. It would counteract largely any religious forces that might be used in connection with the Exposition. It would tend toward intemperance. It would be a positive danger to any advance of the sentiment, now happily advancing in Europe, in favor of a stricter observance of the Lord's Day. I believe it would be a sin against God and our Christian civilization.

Bishop W. X. Ninde, D.D.: I am strenuously opposed to the opening of the Columbian Exposition on Sunday, in the interest of the civil as well as the sacred Sabbath.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D.D.: I feel that it would be a national calamity.

Bishop H. Fowler, D.D.:

I am profoundly convinced that those gates should be closed Sundays.

Bishop John P. Newman, D.D.: Keep the Sabbath or abandon the National Show. God commands, let the people obey.

Bishop John H. Vincent, D.D., LL.D.:

The Christian people of the United States are called upon to make so many concessions to the non-Christian part of our population in reference to Sabbath observance, it seems reasonable in a matter of this kind—that recognition by the National Exposition authorities of one rest-day a week for religious uses by those who desire it—the non-Christian element should cheerfully concede to the Churches this simple request.

Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D.D.:

I am opposed to the opening of those gates on the Sabbath; first, because it would be a violation of the sanctity of that day as set forth in the Bible. Second, it would be an offense against the religious convictions of a very large per cent of the American people.

J. Weaver, D.D., Bishop of the United Brethren Church:

A thousand times no.

Randolph Dubs, D.D., Bishop of the Evangelical Association:

I would say most emphatically that the Exposition ought not to be open on Sundays, because it would be a violation of God's law, and we cannot afford to have his displeasure upon us. It would be a flagrant disregard of the customs and traditions of our country in reference to the observance of the Lord's Day. It is not necessary in order to make an Exposition a success.

J. P. Campbell, D.D., Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church:

I answer No; because the Creator of man and of the Sabbath which he made for man has ordained by an eternal decree, that we shall remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Bishop T. M. D. Ward, D.D.:

We cannot afford as a nation to kindle wrath against us by the violation of this most sacred of all ordinances, the Sabbath Day. Take from around this day its safeguards, and you accelerate the nation's ruin. Close the gates of the great Exposition on that day; write on its walls, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and we shall draw down upon us the benediction of Heaven.

Bishop W. J. Gaines, D.D.:

From a religious and moral standpoint, I conclude that the gates of the National Columbian Exposition should be closed on Sundays.

Bishop Benj. Tucker Tanner, D.D.:

In the interest of the people, in the interest of common honesty with God whose help we are so ready to seek in times of distress, let the doors of the Exposition be locked, bolted and barred on the Sabbath.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D.D.:

I am opposed to the opening of the Columbian Exposition on Sunday as a man, citizen and Christian.

Rt. Rev. J. J. Moore, D.D.:

I am emphatically in favor of the Exposition closing its gates on Sundays.

Bishop J. W. Hood, D.D.:

It seems to me that, among those who take the Bible for their guide,

there is only room for the one opinion that the gates should not be opened on the Sabbath.

Bishop J. C. Keener, D.D.:

As to the question, "whether the gates of the Columbian Exposition should be opened on Sunday," surely there can be but one answer. The marked contrast with other world-famed exhibitions, would enable it to show, by the act itself, that the observance of the Christian Sabbath was the one true basis of our success as a nation, industrial and moral.

Bishop C. B. Galloway, D.D.:

I most earnestly favor closing the gates of the National Columbian Exposition on Sunday. Public morals, the history and traditions of our nation, the interests of working people, the respect for the Christian religion—the common law of our country—alike demand it.

Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, D.D.:

As to the Exposition and Sunday I believe:

1. That the clamor for Sunday opening is not in the interest of the laboring poor but of gate receipts and of idle people who wish for easy and cheap amusements on the Sabbath.

2. That the laboring poor will constitute the minority of Sunday visitors.

3. That the loss of reverence for the holy day will hurt the laboring poor more than the loss of a thousand exhibitions.

4. That if the laboring poor can see the Exposition on Sunday only it is due to the greed of employers.

5. And that if the rich give the laboring poor only Sunday to visit the Exposition, then they are mean and criminal.

W. H. Miles, D.D., Bishop of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church:

In behalf of public morality the gates of the National Columbian Exposition, Chicago, should be closed on the Sabbath day.

Political Review.

The grand ovation given on the Pacific Coast, to President Harrison, was turned into sadness last Sunday by the telegram reporting the serious and probably fatal accident which had befallen his sister, Mrs. Bettie Eaton, at North Bend, Ind. She was thrown from a carriage in a runaway.

Full reports from the Montana municipal elections show that the Republicans captured every city in which party lines were drawn except in Butte, where the Democrats secured the mayor and a majority in the council.

The Democrats in Florida are still halloing in canons for U. S. Senator.

Cleveland Democrats are trimming his published expressions on the free silver coinage so as to hoodwink both wings of the Democracy in support of his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. Whether it will be Cleveland, Hill or "a dark horse" no one can foretell.

The National Republican League convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, last week was one of the most enthusiastic meetings of its kind ever held. It showed the party to be getting in shape for a sweeping victory in 1892. Gen. J. S. Clark was elected president. The following from the South were put on the executive committee: Alabama, R. W. Austin; Delaware, Philip Walters; Georgia, R. D. Locke; Kentucky, W. D. Riley; Louisiana, E. C. L. Herwig; Maryland, George L. Wellington; Tennessee, L. K. Torbert; Virginia, G. W. Harris; West Virginia, Stephen B. Elkins; District of Columbia, A. M. Olapp.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana has decided the mandamus case in favor of the Louisiana State Lottery Company. Justice Feunier and Breoux dissented. The matter now goes to the people to be voted upon, and we may prepare to witness the terrible conflict which is bound to follow between vice and morality.

The white people of Opelousas, La., are enraged because the President has appointed for their postmaster Mr. Harry Bloch, an intelligent and respectable colored man, of whom the *Times-Democrat* says: "He is a man who would never be taken for a Negro, being very light in color; in fact, a decided blonde. Being asked if he was colored, he replied that while he did not look like a colored man, he was of that race, and never denied it."

He has lived in Opelousas all his life and has never been obnoxious. He is, and has for the last fifteen years been employed by Messrs. Clements & Wilson, merchants of Opelousas, as clerk, and did all their business. But the mass meeting called to denounce the appointment last Sunday declared that they could not and would not tolerate the appointment of a Negro (!) postmaster, "however estimable personally" he may be.

Judge E. T. Lewis, who endorsed Mr. Bloch's application for the office, was also denounced by the mass meeting. The Judge, however, has declared that he does not propose to be ruled by regulators, and he has instructed the sheriff accordingly. Mr. Bloch is now in this city and has not yet taken charge of the office. It is to be seen whether the authorities at Washington will stand by and allow such treason and rebellion to establish its supremacy, or whether or not they will see to it that the federal official is protected in the exercise and privileges of the office to which he has been duly appointed.

Personal.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, Presiding Elder of the Shreveport district, left for his district yesterday.

Rev. J. F. Marshall, of the Baton Rouge district, has completed his first round and is home again. He expresses great satisfaction over the temporal and spiritual outlook for his district. The district is ablaze with revival interest.

The A. M. E. Zion Church mourns the death of Bishop Singleton T. Jones, D.D., who died at his home in Washington, D. C., April 18. He was one of the ablest colored preachers in this country, and the foremost preacher in his Church. He was for 49 years a member of Zion; 42 of which he served in her ministry, and for 23 years was a Bishop.

Bishop Richard R. Disney of the A. M. E. Church, died at his residence in Chatham, Ontario, April 20. He was born in North East, Cecil county, Md., in 1829. He was ordained deacon in 1858, elder in 1860, and Bishop in 1876. Originally an African Methodist, at work in Canada at the B. M. E. Church was constituted, he remained in the B. M. E. Church from its foundation to its reunion with the A. M. E. Church, which brought him back into the mother church a Bishop. He had charge of the work of his church in Mississippi and Arkansas. We sympathize with our sister churches in their great losses.

Presiding Elders Emperor Williams and W. P. McLaughlin will visit St. John, Rev. Eugene Baptiste pastor, next Sunday.

Rev. J. P. Franklin, Fayetteville, Ark., who has been very sick, is now convalescent and has resumed work on his charge.

The Rev. Dr. McGerald, editor of the *Buffalo Christian Advocate*, spent a few days on a visit to this city last week, and made a pleasant call. He was the guest of Dr. Adkinson, at the New Orleans University. He visited several of our colored churches last Sunday, addressed the Preachers' Meeting last Monday, and took in the points of interest generally. We were glad to welcome him among us, and to hear his words of friendly interest.

Mrs. Adeline Haven, of Malden, widow of Wilbur F. Haven, who was a brother of Gilbert

Haven, died a few weeks ago. She was a most estimable lady, a member of the Methodist Church, and leaves one son. Her husband, who died many years ago, was a successful business man, a devout Christian, and especially generous and philanthropic in his purposes. Such is the record of that good family. The wife of President Thirkield, and daughter of Bishop Haven, was the niece of this estimable elect lady.

Rev. Dr. I. B. Scott, Presiding Elder of the Houston district, is scholarly, judicious and enthusiastic in his calling. He is a man that can safely be trusted in the most responsible stations of the church.—*Weekly Test.* A well deserved compliment.

After several months illness and much suffering from heart trouble, the Rev. Robt. T. Kent has sufficiently recovered to leave Culloden and reach Cartersville, Ga., his new appointment. This venerable father was one of the founders of our work in Georgia in the dark days, and is now broken down in health. He and his devoted wife, who has been his faithful companion for the past thirty-seven years, are doing all they can for the Master at Cartersville, Ga. We bespeak for them the love and sympathy of the younger members of the Savannah Conference. Bro. Kent, we are glad to say, is abundant in praise of his Presiding Elder, the Rev. H. R. Allen, and of the people he is now serving.

Rev. Mack Henson, Austin, Texas, notifies us of the death of Gen. James A. Ekin, of Louisville, Ky. Referring to him, he says: "Gen. Ekin has been my friend for twenty years, and has kept up a correspondence with me since 1872; when he was relieved from Deputy Quartermaster-General of the Fifth Military District, with headquarters at San Antonio, Tex. I was for a long time his protegee and his student. This fact being known to some of his intimate friends, I have been styled by them, 'his Texas theologian.' He was a scholar and a Christian gentleman, and aided me wonderfully in my Bible studies, preparatory to my entering the ministry. He was a Presbyterian, but hesitated not to assist me to enter the Methodist ministry."

Rev. George Grienmarde, French Missionary, who comes to reinforce our workers in that field in this city, called in company with Rev. R. L. Crawford of Ames Church, and Presiding Elder McLaughlin, last Monday. We heartily welcome him, and bespeak for him great success.

Rev. W. L. Davidson, D.D., of the Sunday-School Union, held a three days Sunday-school institute recently, at Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn. More than two hundred students and about forty ministers were constantly in attendance. Dr. Davidson was ably assisted by Prof. Gross Alexander and Professor A. H. Merrill, of the Vanderbilt University, and the Rev. Isaac Crook, D.D., of Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Wm. Hurd Rogers died in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 17, a veteran Methodist preacher. He was a Bible student, having read the Old Testament Scriptures through 175 times and the New Testament 270 times. Since he gave his heart to God he never, as he testified, missed but two days that he did not read some portion of God's Word. While in Confederate prisons he was forbidden by the provost marshal to read it; but in spite of orders and threats from godless men, he followed his habits and convictions, believing in the superior authority of God's law.

Gov. John Evans, whose liberality is known throughout the church, quietly passed over to Denver University, last week, \$100,000, to be used as endowment.

Could the Governor take a trip South and visit a few such institutions among our people, and see their needs and the great good they are accomplishing, we feel morally certain that he would liberally contribute to them.

DAILY BREAD.

See where the servants of the Lord,
A busy multitude, appear;
For Jesus day and night employed,
His heritage they toil to clear.

The love of Christ their hearts constrain,
And strengthens their unwearied hands;
They spend their sweat, and blood,
and pain,
To cultivate Immanuel's lands.
—Charles Wesley.

Brother, is thy heart with mine,
as my heart is with thine? If it
be give me thine hand.—John Wesley.

From this time, I trust, we shall
all suffer God to carry on his own
work in the way that pleaseth him.
—John Wesley.

We are always open to instruction,
willing to be wiser every day
than we were before, and to change
whatever we can change for the
better.—John Wesley.

Sammy, beware of the impetu-
osity of your temper! It may eas-
ily lead you away. It may make
you evil affected to the excellent
ones of the earth.—John Wesley.

Sympathy is one of the most
vital forces of christianity. Cold
men seldom win. To reach a human
soul in darkness and lift him up
into the light, we must be touched
deeply with a sense of that soul's
danger and need. Heart power is
real power.—Selected.

Food and raiment I have; such
tood as I choose to eat, and such
raiment as I choose to put on. I
have a place where to lay my head;
I have what is needed for life and
godliness; and I apprehend this is
all the world can afford. The kings
of the earth can give no more.—
John Wesley.

One great reason why the rich
have so little sympathy for the
poor, is, that they so seldom visit
them.

All who desire to escape the
everlasting fire, and to inherit the
everlasting Kingdom, are equally
concerned, according to their pow-
er, to practice this important duty.
—John Wesley.

The mightiest forces are often
the most quiet in their work. One
warm spring day will do more to
foster vegetation than can be ac-
complished by months of wailing
winds and howling tempests. A
little seed, expanding in the warmth
of sunshine, has a lifting power
which is almost irresistible. Vital
energies take hold on eternal
strength, spring from an unending
fountain, and partake of the power
which dwells in their eternal source.
—Selected.

At one of the late Baptist anni-
versaries, Rev. Dr. Lorimer, of
Chicago, paid his respects to tight-
fisted niggardly christians, by re-
lating this anecdote:

Talking with a man who had pro-
fessed to be converted, a minister
said:

"Have you joined church?"

"No; the dying thief did not join

the church, and he went to heaven."

"Have you given anything to

missions?"

"No; the dying thief never gave

anything, and he went to heaven."

"Well, my friend, it seems to me

the difference is that he was a

dying thief, and you are a living

one."

There are those who say, "This
temperance question is a political
question and the church must leave
it alone." Must the church submit
to be trampled upon, and have all
her work neutralized by the ac-
cursed liquor traffic and make no
resistance? Must she speak only
inoffensive sentiment? At this
great enemy of her life must she
direct only such attacks as come
short of any execution? God forbid.
Heaven pity the coward who fears
to attack the greatest enemy of his
church, lest he should reflect upon
some political party that manifests
some sympathy with the church's
foe! In this fight let the church
be free, unrestrained by political

considerations; let her wield the
hot thunderbolts of heaven's de-
nunciations; let her hold before
men in their deliberations on this
subject; the principles of eternal
right until this enemy is slain, and
the land delivered from this shame-
ful tyranny.—Rev. G. D. Chase.

Homiletics.

Hymns 362, 379, 393.
Scripture Lesson, John 5.
Text, John 5: 40: "And you will not
come to me that you might have life."

Introduction.—I the Lord Jesus
Christ was speaking to the unbe-
lieving and wicked Jews when he
uttered the words of the text.

He was not speaking of the life
of the body.

The people who heard him were
alive. They had the possession of
health, and strength and reason.

But at the same time they were
dead in sin. They did not have
spiritual life.

Jesus calls the life of the soul, or
spiritual life, by still another and
greater name. He calls it eternal
life.

There are two things about eter-
nal life that every person desires.

First, It is to continue forever.
It will last as long as the throne of
God. All other things may grow
old and decay, but eternal life will
endure.

Secondly, Eternal life is a state
of perfect happiness. It will be
spent in heaven. With holy angels
and all good beings, and all that
the soul needs God will freely and
abundantly supply.

It is important to remember that
eternal life begins when the soul
is first converted. Jesus says,
John 17, 3, "And this is eternal
life, that they might know then the
only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom thou hast sent," also in John
6: 47, he says, "He that believeth
in me hath everlasting life."

This brings us to the very im-
portant question why do not all
who hear the Gospel secure eternal
life?

1. It is not because they have to
pay a great price for it.

It is offered without money and
without price.

2. It is not because the blessings
is only for the educated.

The person who cannot read a
word may come and receive the
blessing. Even little children, with-
out either money or learning may
find Christ.

3. It is not because there is only
an elect number that can be saved.
The invitation is to all and Christ
has died for all.

4. It is not because the spirit of
God is not ready to help.

The Holy Spirit enlightens every
soul.

Convicts every soul of sin. Shows
every soul his danger. Persuades
every soul to accept Christ.

The real reasons sinners do not
secure eternal life are because

1. They love sin.

Every sinner likes some kind of
sin, and continues to sin against
God even when he knows it will
ruin his soul.

2. Sinners fail to secure eternal
life because they are ashamed to
be known as christians.

They ought to be ashamed of
being sinners. Sin is a reproach
to any people. Sin is a crime
against God. The sinner destroys
his own soul.

If any one ought to be shunned
surely it is the sinner.

3. Sinners fail to secure eternal
life because they put off the day of
repentance.

They might have eternal life any
day if they would repent, but they
say to-morrow will be a better
time, and so day after day passes,
and at last they wake up in hell to
find they are lost forever.

4. The last and greatest reason
why sinners do not secure eternal
life is because they will not come
to Jesus. He offers life freely.
Offers it to all, but his offers are
all refused. The result is that the
sinner will perish forever because
he chooses death rather than life.

To-day Jesus invites, the spirit
pleads, and God the Father waits
to save.

Let everyone come and accept
Jesus, let everyone turn from his
sin and God will give him eternal
life.

Schools and Colleges.

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta,
Georgia.

The Commencement Anniversa-
ries at Gammon Theological Semi-
nary will take place May 10th to
13th. The baccalaureate sermon
on Sunday, May 10, will be deliv-
ered by the Rev. W. M. Hayes, D.
D., of the M. E. Church South,
Commissioner of Education among
the colored people. Anniversary
of the Seminary Missionary Society
at 7:30 p. m. The oral examina-
tion before conference committees
will occur on Monday and Tuesday.
Alumni address on Tuesday night
by the Rev. Prof. J. D. Chavis, B.
D., of the class of '89. Subject:
The Gospel the World's only Civil-
izing and Elevating Agency.
Graduating exercises Wednesday
at 10 a. m. Commencement ad-
dress by His Excellency, Governor
Northen.

Revs. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., A. E.
P. Albert, D.D., and Rev. R. S.
Rust, D.D., with other represen-
tatives of our church and educa-
tional work, will be with us at
commencement and corner-stone
laying. The corner-stone of New
Rust Hall will be laid in the a. m.
of May 29th, and the commence-
ment exercises will occur in the p.
m. of the same day. In the even-
ing of the 29th there will be roll
call of the charges in the Missis-
sippi and Upper Mississippi Con-
ferences.—Rust Enterprise.

THE second Sunday in May has
been set apart as Southern Educa-
tion Day for the whole church.
This is the quarter centennial jubi-
lee year, and in the South especially
the day should be one of joyful
thanksgiving and cheerful giving
of money for christian education.
All that you raise that day will be
credited to your own school, and
be counted as your collection for
the cause this year. The time is
short, and yet there is time enough
to prepare for observing the day,
and may a good jubilee offering.
Push the collection brethren, and
forward the collection as soon as
taken, and a conference voucher
will be returned. The money is
needed to save paying interest on
loans. Send for the splendid ser-
vices prepared for both regular
church and young people's serv-
ices from Dr. Hartzell, Cincinnati,
Ohio.

The appointment of Mr. John
C. Dancy, editor of the *Star of
Zion* to the U. S. Collectorship of
the Port of Wilmington, N. C., is
being complimented on all sides.
Mr. Dancy is one of the best rep-
resentatives of his race in this coun-
try, and is highly deserving of the
distinguished honor conferred. The
President could not have made a
more satisfactory selection. Now
let him show the same wisdom in
the appointment of a colored jurist
to one of the vacant U. S. Court
judgeships.

The certificates of cures by Ayer's
Sarsaparilla are verified by living wit-
nesses.

Marriages.

Mr. Juner Gaddie to Mrs. Frances
Sealy. Rev. M. Cooper officiating.
Paulding, Miss.

Abbeville, La.—April 15, Mr. David
Eaton and Miss Leatha L. Lenore, at
Briggs Chapel M. E. Church.
Rev. A. J. Proctor officiating.

Jasper, Tenn.—April 19, Mr. Jack Hill
to Miss Mary Windbush.
Rev. A. W. Randolph officiating.

Huntsville, Tex.—April 15, at St.
James M. E. Church, Mr. Willie Woods
to Miss Carrie Branch.
Rev. W. L. Duncan officiating.

Paris, Tex.—April 13, Mr. C. F. Ward
to Mrs. Caroline Kizer.
Rev. W. B. Hamilton to Miss Annie
Epps.

Baton Rouge, La.—April 15, Mr. John
Douglass to Miss Gertrude Godfrey.
Also, Mr. Henry Taylor to Miss Mattie
Daigs.

Waynesboro, Miss.—April 11, Mr.
James Scott to Miss Sallie Robertson.
Rev. A. Butler officiating.

Galveston, Tex.—April 9, Mr. Wm. T.
Matthews to Miss Hollie Patterson.

Also, Mr. W. H. Perine to Mrs. Mary
Turner.
Rev. H. S. McMillan officiated.

Flagville, La.—Mr. Joseph Trepag-
lier to Miss Amelia Wall, March 28.
Rev. S. Mitchell officiated.

Winsted, La.—Mr. James Jackson to
Miss Matilda Johnson, April 14.

Also, Mr. Jeff Johnson to Miss Sophie
Zenin,
Rev. E. B. Richard officiated.

Obituary.

At the residence of her son, Thos. J.
Hill, in this city, Mrs. Jane Hodge, aged
65 years, a native of Nashville, Tenn., on
Friday, April 10, 1891, at 10:55 o'clock
a. m. She was the widow of the late
Rev. Robt. Hodge. She died in full tri-
umph of faith, and said before she died
that the sign of her death, if she could
not speak, would be a shower of rain;
and just a few moments before she
breathed her last the shower came, and
her blessed spirit returned to the God
who gave it, where the wicked shall
cease to trouble her and her wearied
soul shall find eternal rest. Sister Hodge
was a member of class No. 5 of Wesley
Chapel M. E. Church for over 40 years,
and was converted to God under the pas-
torate of Rev. Samuel Davage.

Cold Springs Circuit, Tex.—Father
Larkin Eckford, a superannuated
preacher of the Texas Conference, after
many years of severe illness, died April
16, at his home, leaving a wife, 14 chil-
dren, 32 grand-children and a host of
friends to mourn his loss. Deceased was
born in 1811, and was the founder of
Methodism in San Jacinto county and
many other places.
S. H. Grant, P. C.

Compte, La.—After a long illness,
Sister Matilda Burnstine departed this
life in full triumph. She was a faithful
member of St. Paul M. E. Church.
B. J. Reddix, P. C.

Inman, Tenn.—Sister Sue Smith, a
faithful member of the M. E. Church,
departed this life March 12, in full tri-
umph of faith. Rev. A. W. Randolph
attended the funeral.

Shuqualak, Miss.—Sister Ann Deils,
a member of Hickory Grove M. E.
Church, died in full triumph of faith
April 8. She leaves a husband and brother
and a host of friends to mourn. Her
funeral was attended by the writer.
W. S. Leske, P. C.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—Lucy Tisdale,
daughter of March Tisdale, died April 4,
aged 11 years. The burial services were
conducted by the writer.
R. P. Threlkeld.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Sister Martha
Richard, a faithful and devoted Chris-
tian, departed this life in triumph of
faith, aged 70 years. She leaves a host
of friends to mourn.
A. Butler.

Millhaven, La.—Mary Williams de-
parted this life March 19. She leaves a
brother, sister, and a host of friends.

March 8, Miss Ida Kidd, a faithful
visitor and contributor to our church,
was called to her reward. She leaves a
father, mother, two brothers, one sister
and many friends to mourn her loss.
H. H. Phillips, P. C.

Friendship, Tenn.—Sister Sophy Bell,
a member on Friendship Circuit for 16
years, died April 12. She leaves many
children and a husband to mourn.

Sister Doria DeJurnett, a faithful
member of the M. E. Church, died Mar.
8. She leaves four children, a husband

Women are not slow to
comprehend. They're quick.
They're alive, and yet it was
a man who discovered the one
remedy for their peculiar ail-
ments.

The man was Dr. Pierce.
The discovery was his "Fa-
vorite Prescription"—the boon
to delicate women.

Why go round "with one
foot in the grave," suffering in
silence—misunderstood—when
there's a remedy at hand that
isn't an experiment, but which
is sold under the guarantee
that if you are disappointed
in any way in it, you can get
your money back by applying
to its makers.

We can hardly imagine a
woman's not trying it. Pos-
sibly it may be true of one
or two—but we doubt it.

Women are ripe for it.
They must have it. Think
of a prescription and nine out
of ten waiting for it. Carry
the news to them!

The seat of sick headache
is not in the brain. Regu-
late the stomach and you
cure it. Dr. Pierce's Pellets
are the Little Regulators.

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Bro. Jim Parrish, a probationer, died
in full triumph of faith. Age, 21 years.
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bed as a probationer.

Sister Johnette Parrish, a member of
the M. E. Church, departed this life
March 16, aged 21. She leaves two chil-
dren and many relatives to mourn her
loss. Her husband died shortly before
her death.

F. J. Yeargin, P. C.

Herbert, Miss.—Sister Emma Kirk-
ling departed this life April 6. She
was a young member, but a faithful
one, and died in full triumph of faith.

Sister Elizabeth Auldmon, whom I
received into the church three months
ago, died Feb. 26.

Philadelphia Circuit, W. H. Smith,
P. C.

Bastrop, La.—Mr. Jack Brigham, the
senior son of Sister Caroline Spears, a
member of Mt. Olive M. E. Church, de-
parted this life April 15. His death was
very sudden.

M. H. Hunter, P. C.

Baton Rouge, La.—Ferry Spilges
died in full triumph of faith March 29.
W. R. Butler, P. C.

Landerdale, Miss.—Sister Rachel
Bell, a member of Shiloh Church, de-
parted this life March 22. She was a
faithful member for many years. She
leaves a husband, six children and
many friends to mourn her loss.

M. White, P. C.

Clarksburg, Tex.—Bro. Louis Robins
was born in the year 1877, joined the
church last year, and departed this life
April 9, 1891. He was a true christian,
and leaves a sister and brother to
mourn.

Sister Mary and Bro. C. C. Chambers'
little baby boy, born April 10, died.
She had laid her brother, Louis Robins,
in his resting place only a few days be-
fore. Her grief was made greater by
the loss of her baby.

P. L. Jackson P. C.

Sister Lucy Wilson departed this life
April 12, in full faith. She was a mem-
ber of Newman M. E. Church. She
was sick for some time, and leaves a
daughter and husband to mourn her
loss.

Alfred Vincent, P. C.

Queen City, Tex.—Brother Ed Oliver
departed this life March 7, aged about
30 years. He joined the church last
August and was a very faithful mem-
ber. He leaves a father, sisters and
brothers, and a host of friends to
mourn his loss. Our loss is heaven's
gain. Rev. C. J. Johns of the Baptist
Church, attended the funeral.

Queen City, Tex.—Bro. Lacy Biu-
genin, aged 28 years, departed this life.
He had been a faithful member of the
M. E. Church eight years. He was su-
perintendent two years, served as class
leader three years, and two years as
steward. On the Sunday before his
death he called the family to his bed-
side and bid them good-by, leaving
five children, a wife and a host of
friends to mourn his loss. Funeral
was conducted by Rev. R. Williams.

Conference Notices.

Gainesville District, Florida Conference,
Second Round

Mikesville.....	May 1
Newnanville.....	" 2-3
Stark.....	" 7-10
Hague Station.....	" 16-17
Gordon.....	June 23-24
San Plasci.....	" 30-31
Ardmore.....	" 6-7
Waldo.....	" 13-14
Cedar Keys.....	" 19
Otter Creek.....	" 20-21
Pleasant Plains.....	" 27-28
Aroher.....	July 4-5
Connell Pond.....	" 11-12
Gainesville.....	" 16
Micanopy.....	" 18-19
Lovelyville.....	" 25-26

To all the Brethren of the Gainesville
District: You are hereby requested to
commence early in taking the benevo-
lences. This year we should come up to
the full apportionment. Gainesville
district must come up by the help of the
Lord.
A. DEBOSE, P. E.

Church Extension Board, Savannah
Conference.

The Conference Board of Church Ex-
tension of the Savannah Annual Con-
ference will meet in Loyd Street Church,
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o'clock a. m. A full attendance is de-
sired, as matters of importance will be
submitted for consideration.

By order, C. O. FISHER, Pres.
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Vanceville.....	" 8
Scott Chapel.....	" 9
St. Paul.....	" 16
St. James.....	" 15
Fairfield.....	" 23-24
Jewella.....	" 30-31
Grand Cane.....	June 5-7
Longstreet.....	" 6-7
Bonchess.....	" 13-14
Mansfield.....	" 20-21
Shady Grove.....	" 27-28
Bedford.....	July 1-2
Conshatta.....	" 4-5
Pleasant Hill.....	" 11-12
Allenville.....	" 13-14
Columbus.....	" 15-16
Robelino.....	" 18-19
Port Jesup.....	" 19
Cobpin.....	" 21
Boyce.....	" 25
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Compte.....	Aug. 8-9
Alpha.....	" 9
Natchitoches.....	" 13-17

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organs, regulates the digestion, creates a

good appetite, and by thus

The Household.

Personal Hygiene.

Clothing.

The objects of clothing are to protect against cold and against warmth; as the normal temperature of the human body is 98.6° and the temperature of the atmosphere is usually much less than this, the principal object of clothing is to prevent the escape of heat from our bodies.

First—Sufficient for comfortable warmth.

Second—Not excessive in amount of pressure.

Third—Properly distributed over the body.

Fourth—Allowing transportation of moisture.

The ordinary materials used for clothing are woolen and cotton. Woolen is a much better non-conductor of heat than cotton, and is generally used in cold climates, and during the fall, winter and spring in temperate climates. Wool is also more porous than cotton and absorbs moisture. An open porous fabric containing air, conducts heat more slowly than a smooth dense one, because air is itself a slow heat conductor; hence a tight fitting kid glove scarcely keeps the hand warm, while a loose mitten is very comfortable in cold weather.

Many persons wear too little clothing in the changeable weather of spring and autumn, and many colds are caught in that way.

As our feet are farther from the heart than any other portion of the body, and in close proximity to the damp ground, they are usually the first to suffer from cold. To prevent this, a loose comfortable fitting boot or shoe should be worn as well as a suitable stocking. Owing to prevailing fashions it is difficult to procure shoes of the natural shape of our feet, and men and women of fashion, with number 8 feet; usually try to wear number 6 or 7 shoes. A small and high heel should never be tolerated.

In the distribution of clothing over the body, the main parts to be kept warm are the chest and abdomen, the former contains the heart and lungs, and all the blood in the body passes through it constantly; and chilling the heart or lungs renders these organs liable to the attack of many diseases; the latter contains the stomach, bowels, liver, spleen, kidneys, etc., all of which are susceptible to derangement when exposed to sudden changes of temperature.

Clothing should be worn sufficiently loose to allow free action of the muscles, and unrestrained circulation of the blood. Elastics worn on the limbs tend to prevent a free flow of blood in the superficial veins, arteries and capillaries.

Tight lacing around the waist is likely to be followed by most serious consequences. The internal organs are crowded out of their normal position, the muscles by constant pressure become diminished in size and power, the lower portion of the lungs cannot expand, respiration is lessened and the digestive functions impaired. It is related that not many years ago a lady broke one of her ribs in trying to fasten her corset. It is undoubtedly true that thousands of women in this country, have shortened their lives by tight lacing, but if they have no better sense than to follow this custom because it is fashionable, it is possible that the world suffered no great loss by their untimely decease. It may be seriously questioned if the Chinese when they compress and distort the feet of their girls so that they are scarcely able to walk, are any more to be blamed, than those who in this country advocate and practice tight lacing.

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Teaching the Gospel narrative without earnest spiritual effort, or without keeping prominent its tremendous truths in regard to sin and redemption, and the destiny of the soul, is to leave out that which most of all gives reality and reason to the miraculous element. The divine purpose was that the church itself should be a continuous miracle, an ever living reason for faith in the past and hope in the promises of the future.—*Advocate*.

So God wills spiritual life for every one of us, and that in the highest degree. And if we find any practice checks the flow of the divine life in us, no matter how much may be said for it in the abstract or however innocent others may find it, it is not for us to allow it in ourselves. We have no right to pronounce judgment upon others on that account, or to lay down rules for their guidance, while we may use our experience to suggest a possible danger to them.—*The Sunday School Times*.

God does not reckon values by earthly currency or computation. If he did, many very precious things would stand low in the scale of prices. By the arithmetic of earth and in its bank deposits the widow's two mites would be beggarly things. But by God's way of counting they exceed in worth all the princely gifts of all the rich.—*Gospel Messenger*.

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Books and Current Literature.

Sister Rose Gertrude has written another article for the Ladies' Home Journal for June, on What it is to Be a Leper, in which she gives a clear glimpse of leper-life in Molokai: how the disease is contracted; how it is treated and cured, and how the lepers live in their exile. Curtis Pub., Co., Philadelphia.

The Preacher's Magazine for April which is devoted to the interest of Preachers, Teachers and Bible Students and is edited by the Revs. Mark Guy Pearce, of London, and Arthur E. Gregory, is received. This number maintains the standard of previous issues and is even better if such is possible. The department of Homiletics is full and complete, eight distinguished clergymen being contributors. The various departments are very ably edited and will give much valuable information to the readers. The subscription price is \$1.50. Single copy 15 cents. Wilbur B. Ketchum, Publisher, 2 Cooper Union, N. Y.

In the forthcoming May Century ex-Minister John Bigelow will furnish a remarkable chapter of secret history in an article which he calls The Confederate Diplomats and their Shirt of Nessus. Mr. Bigelow proves in this part by authentic documents how the cabinet and agents of the Southern Confederacy were baffled in their attempts at negotiations in Europe by the important place of slavery in the Southern Constitution. Mr. Bigelow thinks that Mr. Davis's administration was not fully alive to the great difficulty, and that it did not face the situation as it really existed.

In the Garden is the title of a series of attractive articles on practical gardening, written and illustrated by Mrs. T. W. Dewing, to be begun in the next number of Harper's Bazar. The celebration of the eightieth birthday of Dr. McCosh, president of Princeton University, will be described in the next number of Harper's Weekly. The article will be accompanied by a portrait of Dr. McCosh and illustrations of the silver presented on that occasion. Where will be the battlefield of the next European war? This question, apparently so difficult to answer, was discussed in the last number of Harper's Weekly in an article on Bulgaria, by Stephen Bonsal, the New York Herald's Bulgarian correspondent. Recollections of President Lincoln and his Administration, by L. E. Chittenden, his Register of the Treasury, was published on April 7th by Harper & Brothers. Mr. Chittenden's reminiscences cover the period of the entire war.

The Duke of Argyll's essay, Professor Huxley on the War Path, will be concluded in The Popular Science Monthly for May. The process of making artificial ice, and the arrangement of cold storage warehouses, will be described in an illustrated article on Ice Making and Machine Refrigeration, by Frederick A. Fernald. A possible solution of the problem of moral education is suggested in a paper entitled An Experiment in Moral Training. Among the shorter articles will be a particularly readable one on the Evolution of Patent Medicine, by Lee J. Vance.

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Dear Uncle Cephas: I am so interested with the SOUTHWESTERN. My father takes it and I delight in reading it. So many little children have written, so I thought I would write to the SOUTHWESTERN. This is my first time. I am a little girl 12 years old. I am now in Wiley University. I like to go to school every day. I am learning as much as I can. I hope my letter will not reach the waste basket.

Your Niece,
DELLA MOSLEY.

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Dear Uncle Cephas: Another year has passed and gone and at this the beginning of a new year, I feel determined to consecrate myself to my heavenly father who careth for me every day. In 1888, I joined the M. E. Church, and have been adopted in the family of Jesus. I feel all the time that I want this to be my daily life. I want to ask my little cousins a question, where is Reverend found in the Bible and what is the longest verse in the Bible?

Your Niece,
JOSEPHINE BURTON.

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Dear Uncle Cephas: It has been some time since I wrote. I have not forgotten you and my little cousins. Our Presiding Elder was with us on the 3d and 4th of Jan. we love to have him with us. His name is Eld. Swan. The members have repaired the M. E. Church. Rev. J. J. Collins is our pastor. Our Sunday school is still alive. Pray for us.

Your Niece,
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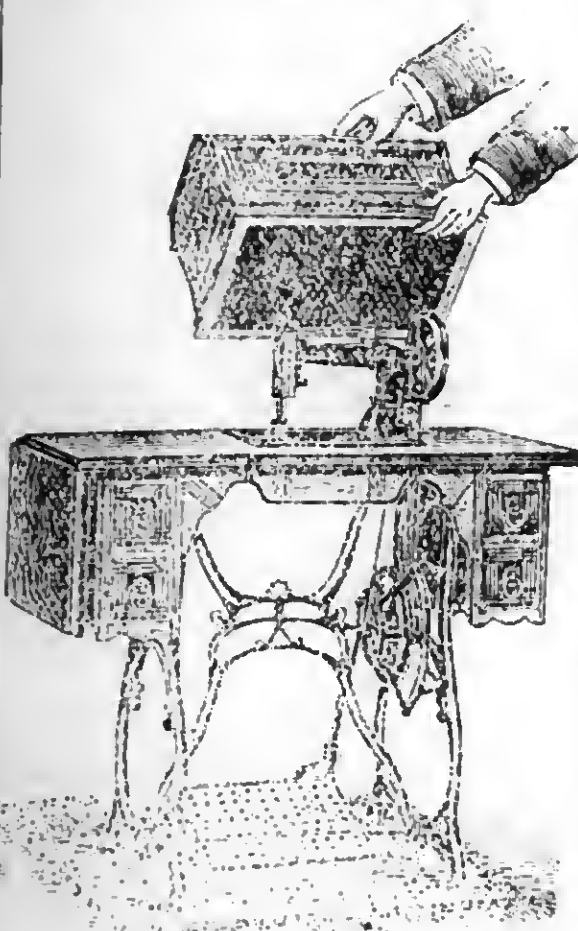
Dear Uncle Cephas: I see so many letters until I thought that I would write again. We have a lively Sunday school. Our Sunday school superintendents name is Mr. M. V. Burgess. He is a faithful worker for the Lord and is also the teacher of the day school. I go to school now, my studies are arithmetic, grammar, reading, spelling and geography. I am a member of the M. E. Church, I have been a member seven years. My grandma takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I delight very much in reading the letters from my cousins. I now see three questions that one of my cousins asked and I will answer them. The middle verse is the 118 Psalm and the 8th verse; the longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther, the shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John. I would like to ask three questions, How many letters does the Bible contain? How many words? How many chapters? I hope some of my cousins will answer my questions soon.

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HOME READINGS.

M. Amos 4, 4-13. Tu. Jer. 5, 1-6. W. Jer. 7, 21-28. Th. Prov. 14, 1-12. F. Prov. 1, 24-33. S. Mark 12, 1-9. S. Luke 19, 41-46.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. (Prov. 29, 1.)

LESSON HYMN, 7.

Sinners, turn; why will ye die? God, your Maker, asks you why; God, who did your being give, Made you with himself to live; He the fatal cause demands; Asks the work of his own hands, Why, ye thankless creatures, why Will ye cross his love, and die?

Sinners, turn; why will ye die? God, the Spirit, asks you why; He, who all your lives hath strove, Wooed you to embrace his love, Will ye not his grace receive? Will ye still refuse to live? Why, ye long-sought sinners, why Will ye grieve your God, and die?

Time—About B. C. 787.

Place—In the kingdom of Israel; but the prophet was a native of Judah.

Ruler—Possibly Jeroboam II, of Israel; Uzziah of Judah.

Connecting links—Amos was a shepherd of Judah. While the eloquent and scholarly Isaiah was prophesying at the corrupt court of Judah, Amos the peasant was sent by God into the kingdom of Israel, which had then, under the vigorous reign of the second Jeroboam, reached its height of national glory.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

- Transgression, v. 4-5. For what purpose were the people asked to Bethel? What were they to do at Gilgal? What were they to bring, and when? What offering were they to make? Why were they to do this? Who brought this charge against Israel?
- Discipline, v. 6-11. What had God given them in re-buke of their evil? What had the people not done? What did God withhold in further discipline? What difference had he made between cities? What between fields? How were the cities distressed thereby? What had this warning failed to effect? What further visitation came on the people? What became of the fruit of their vineyards? What did the people not do? Then what punishment was sent? What happened to their men and horses? What shows that the slaughter was great? Like what cities had they been served?
- Warning, v. 12, 13. Who warned Israel of their evil ways? For what were they told to prepare? How does God describe himself? By what name is he known? What warning does he give to every sinner? (Golden Text.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

- That God knows the wickedness of men?
- That God is very patient with the wicked?
- That God will punish those who persist in evil?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Find a passage in 2 Kings which alludes to the famine spoken of in the sixth verse.

Find an allusion in 1 Kings to the lack of rain mentioned in the seventh verse.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

- Were the Israelites worshippers of the true God? They were, but their worship was corrupt.
- What were the chief seats of their false worship? Beth-el, Dan and Gilgal.
- How had God sought to warn them of their wickedness? By famine, drought, pestilence, and earthquake.
- What solemn words did the prophet utter to them? Prepare to meet thy God.
- What is the Golden Text? He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

EXPLANATIONS.

Come to Beth-el—This is an ironical and sarcastic invitation. Multiply transgression—Their very sacrifices and prayers, offered in direct disobedience to God's command, were a "multiplication of transgression." Sacrifices every morning, etc.—Keeping the letter of the law. Every righteous Israelite was bound to bring tithes every three years. Burn incense—Go to the extreme of devotion. With leaven—The offering of leavened loaves under these circumstances was overdoing the command of the law. This liketh you—This is what you like. Cleanness of teeth—An awful figure to represent their destitution of food.

Doctrinal suggestion—The discipline of trouble.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

- What is repentance? A godly sorrow on account of sin. (2 Cor. 7, 10.)
- How is true repentance indicated? By the forsaking of sin and a sincere turning to God.
- What is faith in Jesus Christ? Faith in Jesus Christ is the act of receiving and trusting in him alone for salvation. (John 1, 12; Phil. 3, 9.)

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San Antonio..... " 23-24
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Corpus Christi..... June 6-7
Cuero..... " 13-14
Wealders..... " 20-21
Gonzales..... " 27-28
Lockhart..... " 11-12
Luling..... " 18-19
Seguin..... " 25-26
Laverna..... Aug. 1-2

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Huntsville District, Texas Conference.

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Huntsville..... May 2-3
Huntsville..... " 9-10
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Crookett..... " 20-21
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Livingston..... " 27-28
Cold Springs..... July 4-5
Colmesneil..... " 11-12
Newton..... " 18-19
Town Bluff and Bevelport..... " 25-26

F. PARKER, P. E.

Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference.

Third Round.

Grays and Edgewoods..... May 2-3
Tazewell..... " 9-10
Knoxville..... " 16-17
Knoxville..... " 23-24
Morristown..... " 30-31
Ebenezer..... June 6-7
Mosby Creek..... " 13-14
Clinton and Coal Creek..... " 20-21
Morristown..... " 27-28

E. PROVINCE, P. E.

Monroe District, Louisiana Conference.

Second Round.

Freedmen's Aid and Education Jubilee in each pastoral charge..... May 10
Lake Providence..... " 15-17
Delbi..... " 20-21
Rayville..... " 22
Winnabrough..... " 23-24
Vidalia..... " 26-27
Trinity..... " 28
Bastrop..... June 12-14
Washington Chapel..... " 17-18
Mt. Nebo..... " 20-21
Mt. Sinai..... " 25-28
Jones Chapel..... July 1
Millhaven..... " 8-12
Monroe..... " 8-12

Pastors will please report the Jubilee collection, so as to forward it at once, at the quarter.

STEPHEN PRIESTLEY, P. E.

West Tennessee District, Tennessee Conference.

Third Quarter.

Martin sta..... May 9-10
Crockett Mills..... " 16-17
Friendship..... " 23-24
Alamo sta..... " 30-31
Memphis..... June 6-7
Warren Chapel..... " 8-9
Memphis..... " 13-14
Memphis Mission..... " 16-17
Galloway..... " 20-21
Mason..... " 27-28
Mason..... " 27-28
Atoka..... July 4-5
Fonlkes and York..... " 11-12
Kenton..... " 18-19
Brownsville..... " 21-22
Gardner and Sherman..... " 25-26

Dear Brothers: Make the first Sunday in May Missionary Rally Day on the district.

B. F. ANDERSON, P. E.

Navasota District, Texas Conference.

Second Round.

Anderson..... May 9-10
Yarborough..... " 16-17
Millican..... " 23-24
Wellborn..... " 23-24
Bryson..... " 30-31
Bryson..... " 30-31
Caldwell..... June 6-7
Brenham..... " 13-14
Hempstead..... " 20-21
Navasota..... " 20-21
Bellville..... " 27-28
San Felipe and Sealey..... " 27-28
San Felipe..... July 4-5
Hockley..... " 4-5
Hempstead..... " 11-12
Brenham..... " 18-19

W. H. LOGAN, P. E.

Corner-Stone Laying.

The corner-stone of St. Paul M. E. Church will be laid by Presiding Elder Duncan Aug. 23. All former pastors are respectfully invited to come over and help us. B. J. REDDIX, P. C.

Compte La.

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Editorial Notes.

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Settle, confirm, and 'stablish me.
And build me up in love.

—Charles Wesley.

THE Western Methodist Book Concern has bought the property on the corner of Home and Fourth street, Cincinnati, adjoining their present buildings, 60x90 feet, and will no doubt put up very soon a handsome new building.

The literary effusions of the pro-Lottery newspapers of New Orleans are touching. They might soften the heart of a rhinoceros and make an elephant weep. The latest is: "The Romance of a Poor Young Man" who was lucky (f) enough to draw a prize in the last monthly swindle. Alas for a city and a state where the press lends itself in solid chorus, almost, to such debauching of the people!

METHODISM owes its success to its loyalty to the doctrine, "All at it and always at it." Of course that means there is something for every one to do, and something that every one can do. A good mother in Israel, who lives in Exira, in giving her experience in meeting, expressed great satisfaction that she had at last succeeded in her efforts to dehorn the church. It was at last discovered that she had suppressed the worldly, wicked cornet player in the choir.

THE Ninth International Conference of the World's Evangelical Alliance was held April 4-12, at Florence, Italy. For many reasons this conference is one of the most significant ever held. It meets for the first time upon Italian soil, in the City of Flowers. Four hundred years ago Savonarola was burned there, but Methodist chapels now spring up over his ashes, and Evangelical Christendom meets to carry on in Italy and the world the work of truth and liberty for which he died.

ONE of the most intensely interesting articles of the Wesley Centenary appears in the *Review of Reviews*. It is by the eminent English journalist William T. Stead, and is entitled St. John of England. The elevated and Catholic spirit of the article may be well discerned in the closing words, "The eighteenth century lost us the United States and gained us India; but neither of these great incidents in our imperial annals can compare for its abiding influence on the world to-day with the religious revolution that resulted from the preaching and teaching of John Wesley."

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sight-Seeing.—XIV.

BY L. M. HAGOOD, M. D.

Going back into the cathedral we ascended 303 steps. One hundred and fifty feet from the ground we came to the chime of bells. There are nine of these in a room in the cupola, large as a good size bed room. On the south and west are three small bells respectively, and in the middle of the room one bell weighing near five thousand pounds, while on either side of it is a bell of three thousand pounds—the total weight of the bells is seventeen thousand pounds.

They cost \$11,000 and were built by the McNeely Company, of New York, in 1855. Just in the room above the bells is the clock, of solid brass and cost \$3,750, and in a glass house nine feet by eighteen feet by ten feet. This wonder was made by the Bronson Watch Co., of old Bond street, London. It strikes quarters, halves, and hours, and chimes familiar tunes at morning, noon and night. There is for it a specially employed musician, at a salary of \$1,000 per year. He performs by use of nine treadles, each marked as the musical scale. We then again began our ascent and at last found ourselves two hundred and seventy-five feet from the ground.

Looking out of a small window in that cupola we got a birds-eye view of Toronto. This, to us, was the most splendid sight conceivable. Far back west in Canada and eastward we had a full view of lake Ontario. What a magnificent sight! was all we could say as we started down. When we came back to the office the janitor greeted us with "man did ye ever see the baste of that in the states?" A shake of the head seemed to satisfy him and relieve us. With the janitor we found one of the acolytes drawn there doubtless by the proximity of the fire to the cathedral. He, like the rest of Torontonians, began to speak in words of praise about the city in general and the cathedral in particular. He told us that sometime after the war quite a notable event took place in the building. It was the wedding of one of the females of the English Cameron family. Had this been all it would have been notable, but the fact that Jeff. Davis, his mother, wife and daughter, and ex-Gov. Blackburn, of Ky., were invited guests and were present, made it more notable. The latter was a fugitive from federal justice for attempting to inoculate the union troops with the yellow fever virus, by shipping infected garments, taken from soldiers who died under his care as their physician, among them. He was then residing in that city, renting from a Mrs. Echols, on Yonge street, and rented a pew and was a regular attendant. We could not help wondering how those walls then, like the tower of Siloam, did not fall. Coming out we continued sight-seeing. We found but comparatively few colored residents there. Farther up in Canada there are more. This is owing doubtless to the proximity to the states. Chickens usually roost high where thieves abound. There Canada is democratic as to tariff. However, a Mrs. Judy is doing well keeping a fruit store on the corner of Queen and Belvedere streets, while Mr. Gilliam has retired or sold out his market-house restaurant on Queen street, and lives comfortably at his own home on Robinson street. Nearly every member of his family is a graduate of the Toronto high school. As to colored churches there are but three here Baptist, British-African and African Methodist. None of these are beyond mediocrity in

anything. They are but effete relics of Canadian sympathy for prejudices growing out of the previous condition of the race in the states, on the one hand; and monuments of a woeful desire, characteristic of some of our people, to lead something. If living at all it is at "a poor dying rate." They are neither needed nor wanted there. It will be remembered that under Bishop Digney, the British-African Methodist's were said to have joined the African Church of America some time since. If so, the church of this city has not heard of it, for they were both preparing for separate quarterly meetings the day we were there. As to their staying qualities they remind one of two Irishmen, who were in an empty wagon, one driving and the other riding on the hind gate. At last the latter was jerked backwards, but succeeded in holding on to the hind gate by his heels, while his head and arms dangled down, almost but not quite touching the ground. The driver, without stopping his team, cried out "well why don't you let go, man alive." The man in danger and almost exhausted shouted back "Why, man, how in the world kin I let go, when I can hardly hold on?" We were a little surprised to find Canada coal oil 18 and ours 25 cents a gallon. No one can walk the streets without being struck with the soldierly and yet courteous bearing and robust form of the police. While their uniforms are similar to that of ours, in winter they wear hats like those of Russian soldiers or drum-majors. They never are caught with club in hand unless about to use it. When it is remembered that nearly every officer under her majesty, hold office during good behavior and efficiency we find an explanation. We had strolled but a short distance until we discovered a storekeeper from the states. We knew this by two signs: on top of the house floated the stars and stripes and in the window an advertisement for soap. It was a little black child holding the ugliest looking cat possible, and the child was saying to it "chile dis am the stuff." Speaking of the American flag calls to mind the question of annexation. We inquired diligently and partially and find that everybody in Canada wants it annexed, if he was born and raised in the states. If not, he don't. We could but wonder if it would not have been more modest if besides the stars and stripes, floating from the tops of their stores, they had allowed the lion or English Jack to be placed there.

After tiring of our stroll we returned to our hotel just in time to meet Mr. Smith from Kentucky, who was waiting for us. After we were seated he began again with: "I was telling you about miscegenation—what is it? O well, I mean white and colored people mixing. Now do you not know there are a number of colored people in the South who are to day supported by white business men who would be ruined if it was known? You need not look so surprised, for most of the fuss made by some white men there about how they hate the nigger, as they call them, means only the men. Take your own city. Out near where I live, not far from Versailles, Ky., a young farmer had a colored man hired on his farm. The colored man and his wife lived in town. The farmer's wife went to visit her parents. The farmer employed the colored man's wife to cook for him while his wife was gone. Shortly after she came he got mad with the husband and drove him away. Do you see it? Well, the colored man started to visit his wife one night to see why she did not come home as she promised. The farmer had already hitched

his team and took the colored man's wife home in the wagon. When the colored man started home through the woods, he was surprised to hear his wife there calling for help. When he came up the white man shot him in the side. Nothing daunted he pulled his knife and killed the white man. Going to Versailles he gave himself up, but the next night he was hung by a mob. Now I'm not an angel but I think such are a crying shame." Well Mr. Smith what can be done about such? "Well, now wait a minute, I'll tell you more. I do not know it, but I'm afraid this thing aint one sided but many sided. It is thought by some that all this "rope" talk about colored men ought to be called by another name.

"Love, like death levels all ranks, And lays the crook besides the scepter." I'm not a poet but I know some. Now whenever this occurs the colored man involved must suffer to save the other party from public scandal. Sarah, Abraham and Hagar, now and then appear in the South. I know myself that there are white people in the South that won't hire an ugly female servant because their sons don't like to be waited on by them. Since I'm not going back to Kentucky, I can afford to talk. The truth is, as us boys used to hear father tell it, the keeping of the seventh commandment meant white folks only. "Now Mr. Smith you can have no idea how your words burn my very soul and almost fill me with demoniacal frenzy."

Rev. Robert M. Hatfield, D. D.

BY REV. R. S. RUST, D. D.

Deep sympathy was felt and expressed by the people of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church of Cincinnati, when the startling intelligence was received, a few days since, that a beloved pastor of former years, the Rev. Dr. Hatfield, had been suddenly transferred from earth to heaven. Dr. Hatfield's pastorate in Cincinnati was a very successful one. The memory of his labors of love among us is fragrant, and sympathy for his bereaved wife and children is tender and touching. We have followed him with our benedictions and prayers in his noble career, and have rejoiced in his labors and triumphs, and now sadness fills our heart that he has gone and left us behind, and that no more on this side of the river shall we see his beaming countenance and hear his inspiring words. But we take hope in the thought that our separation shall be brief, and that we who loved and labored for the Master here, shall participate in the companionship and joys of our Redeemer over there.

R. M. Hatfield was born in Mt. Pleasant, New York, February 19, 1819, and went up on high, March 31, 1891, after a residence in this world of 72 years.

Prominent among the traits of character for which Dr. Hatfield was distinguished was his independence of character and his firm adherence to principle, at any cost or sacrifice. He carefully investigated all questions of right and wrong, deliberately decided upon what he deemed was right, in view of all the light he could gather on the subject, and then remained firm and steadfast to his convictions. When his mind was once made up, there was no vacillation in his action. He was as true as the needle to the pole to his carefully-formed judgment and his convictions of duty. This is illustrated in his identifying himself with the anti-slavery cause in its early history, when it cost a young minister of promise the loss of popularity and preferment to espouse the cause of the slave. Neither flattery nor

threats could prevent him from taking sides with the oppressed, and most eloquently and successfully did he plead for the overthrow of American slavery; and when emancipation came, he was among the first to urge the necessity of an organization for the education of the freedmen. He took an active part in the formation of our Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and in arousing the church to duty in this great work. In company with the corresponding secretary of this society, he visited many of our Annual Conferences in the interest of this work, and delivered such thrilling addresses as are talked about to this day as marvels of eloquence and power. The Negro had no truer friend nor abler advocate than our departed brother, and the news of his death sent sorrow to the hearts of our colored people all over the land.

Dr. Hatfield was distinguished for the evangelical character of his preaching. He was a spiritual man, and had a deep insight into God's word and work. He had a rich religious experience, and was acquainted with God's peculiar method of awakening, converting and purifying the soul.

My allotted space is full and I must say no more now, only that it is getting to be lonely here, among the old soldiers of the cross; but the world over there, whither we go, is increasing in attraction and beauty.

The Only Solution.

E. M. P.

Monday night, April 6th 1891, will not soon be forgotten by the people of Charleston, S. C. On that night Centenary, our largest church in that city, held a large audience, assembled to listen to the discussion of the caption of this article by Rev. C. N. Grandison, president of Bennett College at Greensboro, N. C.

After a solo well rendered by Mrs. E. Spencer, the Rev. W. D. Johnson educational secretary of the M. E. Church led in prayer; another beautiful solo, and Rev. A. C. Dutton introduced the lecturer who claims to be a part of the white race.

Having preached three times the Sabbath before, as well as taking part in the Quarter Centennial Celebration of the South Carolina Conference, the speaker met an impediment in hoarseness which he finally overcame and reached the climax, midst the stars.

He said the difference between himself and the Hon. Fred Douglas, is found in the fact that he claims there is a Negro problem in this country while Mr. Douglas says there is none.

Then he states the problem as caused by unsatisfied human nature on both sides. The whites believing themselves better than the Negro, and vice versa.

Then come the natural prejudices, confronted by the "law" against intermarriages. The speaker here digressed and told his audience this may be all right after all, for if we had no such "law," the white men would take all our best looking girls and we could not get any. This is our country said he, as well as the white man's; but the civilization was of the latter and it must be ours unless we provide better. Wealth, education, will and ingenuity were the white man's; the same must become ours. There will follow due recognition politically and socially, provided we will be moral too. He honored the whites for chastity among their women, and the manner in which they protect their wives, sisters, and daughters. Our men must do the same, but colored women must stop having white men without the

marriage ceremony. Mr. Grandison was frequently applauded; at the close Rev. Mr. Brackett pronounced the Benediction and a delighted assembly dispersed.

Presiding Elders' Convention.

Arrangements are being made for holding a convention of the presiding elders, representing the colored Conferences of the M. E. Church, at Chattanooga, Tenn., some time in the month of June.

All presiding elders of said conferences are cordially invited to be present and take part in the deliberations of the body. It will be an important gathering, and it is to be hoped that much good may result from it. Persons consulted in reference to the meeting, including two of the bishops, heartily commend it. The program has not yet been provided, but it is understood that it will present for discussion a number of live topics bearing upon the vital interests of the Church, especially in relation to its field among the colored people throughout the country. The occasion will afford an opportunity for a free comparison of views touching methods of administration, plans of work, condition and needs of the territory, and the best means by which to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes. Papers will be assigned persons yet to be named. As this is the first attempt of the kind, it will not be practicable to determine everything in advance. Much will remain to be set in order when the convention assembles. But to the end that all matters pertaining to it may be dispatched with as little delay as possible, it is earnestly requested that the presiding elders concerned, who approve the undertaking and intend to be present, will, at an early day, offer any suggestions that might in any way contribute towards its success. It will be absolutely necessary to have prompt, concerted action all along the line. It is no one man's project, nor does it concern any particular section. Chattanooga has been designated as the place because of its central location and easy accessibility. We hope to be favored with the presence of one or more of the bishops during the sitting of the convention.

D. W. HAYS.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Church Polity.

Ques. It a member who has been tried, found guilty and suspended for an offense against the church, what is to be done with him if he continues in every possible way to hurt our church by conspiring against it with the preachers and members of other denominations?

Ans. The person so offending is a suspended member of the church, and is still accountable for his conduct to the same. If he thus offends, he is guilty of "sowing dissension." In such cases let him be reproved by the preacher in charge. If he persists after that, let him be brought to trial on that charge, and if found guilty let him be expelled. See Discipline, ¶ 244.

A deceitful scapegrace of a Negro in Parker County, Miss., has published in a Democratic paper in that county a solution of the race problem, in which he says: "We will meet no longer the wicked and designing politician at the stealthy hour of midnight, to concoct a conspiracy against our white friends and countrymen, or to formulate plans to get our horny paws onto the reins of the government." The man that is capable of writing such an infamous statement deserves a horny back as well as "horny paws."

Letters from the Districts.

Program of Holly Springs District (Upper Mississippi) Conference.

H. R. REVELS, P. E.

Will convene in Sewell Chapel M. E. Church, Oxford, Miss., June 4, 1891.

Thursday, June 4, 11 a. m., organizing conference.

Opening sermon by C. W. Whitehead; alternate, S. D. Tronpe.

The SOUTHWESTERN, L. P. Brown and C. W. Walton.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, C. W. Butler and A. G. Houston.

Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, J. W. Parks, L. C. McClendon and B. F. Penny.

Church Extension Society, H. A. Robinson, B. F. Woolfolk and B. H. S. Ferguson.

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Coggins; alternate, C. W. Butler.

How to succeed in taking benevolent collections, D. P. Shaw and W. H. Scott.

The coming General Conference, A. G. Houston and C. W. Walton.

An educated ministry, J. C. Coggins and C. W. Butler.

Sermon by S. D. Troupe.

Sunday, 9 a. m., love-feast conducted by B. F. Woolfolk and B. H. S. Ferguson.

Sermons by Revs. L. P. Brown, D. P. Shaw and J. W. Parks.

Time will be given to discuss the following, also:

How are probationers received into the M. E. Church?

How are persons admitted into full membership?

How we receive persons of other orthodox churches into full membership in our church.

What is the difference between imprudent and immoral conduct, according to our Discipline, and what are the steps to be taken before expelling a person accused of either?

Origin and design of love-feast. Can pastors of the M. E. Church with impunity neglect to give the love feast at least quarterly?

If given, as it should be, in connection with the quarterly meeting, when or at what hour should it be given?

Should the collections be taken up before or after the sermon?

Committee: A. G. Houston, B. H. S. Ferguson and B. F. Woolfolk.

Texas Notes.

M. HENSON, P. E.

In passing around and through the country I noticed one among many evils which prevails to a large extent, and to the detriment of our people. We frequently see books circulated among our people which are of little or no value to the willing purchasers. It seems that many booksellers operating among our colored people have no standard price. They seem to have only one object, and that is to make the most money regardless of price lists or instructions from publishing houses. Some of these publications are of no use to the buyers, except to lay on center tables, or to be shelved, or locked up in boxes and trunks; others would require the most profound learning to get anything out of them. It has appeared to my mind that some one should lift up a voice of warning on this evil.

We are highly gratified to see in circulation many good and useful books, which go as white-winged evangelists among the people, to mould character and raise their moral and religious standard. We know to read good publications is the next thing to attending a good school. Indeed, many close students will accomplish more for God and humanity in this world than hundreds who have been matriculated and hold diplomas which lift them away above the people they were expected to help. Thousands of true men now laboring in the Master's vineyard, who cannot look to any college or university as their Alma Mater, except that of adversity, have done and will continue to do wonders and achieve great victories on the Lord's side.

It is a common sight to see those high-priced bibles sold among the people, which are better adapted to look at than to be handled; such Album Family-Recording-Bibles are just as unwieldy as a family elephant, though it seems that even elephants have at least two good places in the world, viz: the wide, wide forest and the menagerie. But if a family adopts one, they will soon find out that they have got "an elephant on hand."

So with these 36 pound bibles. We state a truth in the assertion that the majority of the folks who purchase ponderous bibles are not bible readers. I believe in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures at the cheap rates of the American Bible Society. Thousands of people do not know how cheap they can obtain a bible. Write Rev. W. B. Rankin, the Bible Agent for Texas, Austin, Texas.

Natchitoches, La.

S. DUNCAN.

We are having success on the work. The brethren have all started off well. I look for glorious success this year on the district.

Program of Monroe District Conference.

STEPHEN PRIESTLEY, P. E.

To be held August 21, at Bastrop, La.

Opening sermon by Rev. M. H. Hunter.

Opening address by Miss Estell Levy.

Topics.

Presiding Elder's report.

Missions, Rev. C. W. Kershaw.

Church Extension, Rev. M. S. Goings.

Sunday schools, Rev. E. C. Goings.

Tracts, J. W. Lewis.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Rev. F. Lashington.

Church records, J. C. D. Brown.

Parsonage and furniture, Rev. A. Jones.

How to conduct a prayer meeting, Rev. A. Gray.

Temperance and a holy life, H. B. Hart.

Methodism and John Wesley, George Washington.

All local preachers will bring written sermons to be read.

The various institutions will be represented by Dr. A. E. P. Albert, D. D.

Presiding Elders P. Landry and S. Duncan, and Rev. E. Lyon, our Sunday School Agent, are cordially invited.

A New M. E. Church for Natchez—"Keep the Promise."

S. A. COWAN, P. E.

For some time our people here have been, and are still, struggling for the erection of an M. E. Church, with but little encouragement from other M. E. churches in the State.

The cry is being made, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

The Mississippi and Upper Mississippi conferences promised at the Vicksburg Conference, 1890, to take a collection in each charge and circuit for our cause at Natchez. They have not all kept the promise.

We must have a church in Natchez. Let every friend and brother of these conferences of the State keep the promise, and take a collection and forward it to S. A. Cowan, Presiding Elder, at Vicksburg, and an acknowledgment will be made in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sunday, April 12, the good people of Natchez raised in cash \$135.35 for their new church.

A. Phillips, Nashville, Tenn.

To the preachers of the Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference:

Brethren: Keep your people at work. Let them feel that you are interested about their souls. Every pastor should keep up the regular prayer and class meetings and Sunday schools in their charges. Each pastor should visit the families of his flock in sickness, distress and affliction.

You are to administer to them

every means in your power for their spiritual welfare.

Brother, push your work. Each pastor should circulate the SOUTHWESTERN among his people. The paper will help edify the people.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

M. H. Hunter, Bastrop, La.

The people received me very cordially. Rev. S. Priestley, Presiding Elder, has been among us and held his first quarterly conference. His presence and counsel have greatly encouraged the work. My former opinions, in many respects, concerning North Louisiana, have been radically changed. This is a grand and rich portion of the State, the soil is well adapted to agricultural products, and our people are here in large numbers. Many of them have comfortable homes and own a great deal of property. Proper leadership and organization are the only things now needed. If our Methodism would just look more closely after the needs of our work in North Louisiana, this part of the State would soon become one of the garden spots of Methodism. The intelligent classes of people, as a general thing, love the old church, and look upon her as the most progressive, intelligent, beneficial, and as doing more for the trodden down race of humanity than any other church under the sky. They love intelligent preaching and are calling for an educated ministry.

F. D. Bowers, Houma, La.

Rev. Pierre Landry, our beloved Presiding Elder, held the first quarterly conference at Houma, March 7, 8, and was very cordially received. He preached a soul-reviving sermon. Collection, \$24.30.

J. W. Winbush, Durant, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference convened at Goodman, April 4, 5. Reports showed that very careful work had been done on our circuit. The Elder made a few striking remarks on several lines of church work. Elder W. McDonald looks carefully into all of the enterprises of the church. He preached two soul-reviving sermons on Sunday, and thirty odd souls came forward for prayer and two joined the church. Collection, \$25. Paid Elder \$15.

A. J. Trice, Union Grove Circuit, Aberdeen, Miss.

Our quarterly conference was held April 4, 5, by Presiding Elder J. C. Eckles. The brethren made very good reports. The Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Collection for Elder, \$17.30; for pastor, \$16.40.

A. McBeth, Itabena Circuit, Miss.

This is my third year on this work. Notwithstanding the high water everything looks bright for the future. My congregation is increasing at every service. Rev. J. O. W. Pair, of Amory, was with me on the first Sunday in April and preached to large congregations. Seven joined, and the church was revived. Collections, \$26.50.

S. S. Lawton, Beauport, S. C.

Our work at this place is prospering spiritually and temporally. I came here in the month of February, 1890, and found a debt of \$500 hanging over the church, with a membership of only 67 to pay the same. I found that the way of raising money for churches here was by public entertainments and steamboat excursions. In these entertainments string bands were hired and dancers invited, and on the excursions there would be dancing. I visited one given by my members and told them that I could not tolerate any such practices to make money for God's church, that such practices had the appearance of making the Almighty cater to the devil for means to advance the cause of his kingdom on earth, and the Methodist church in my charge should not have another if the debt was never

paid. This apparently got the majority of them down on me, and they determined not to give anything towards the indebtedness. Now, what to do I knew not, but I said from the pulpit, time and again, that the good Lord would provide. One morning while sitting at my desk, it sprang into my mind to write Mrs. J. H. Stevens, of Iowa, who has the remains of her son, J. H. Stevens, Jr., buried in our church-yard, informing her of our condition and asking her for aid; and within five weeks afterwards that blessed lady sent us a check for \$100, which I exhibited to the members from the pulpit. This made those who believed otherwise conclude that the Lord would provide sure enough, and consequently they were lashed into line. On Christmas eve I received another \$100 check from the same generous lady, which created no little rejoicing among our members, and they themselves, encouraged by such donations, raised \$100. So we paid the amount of \$300 on the indebtedness of our church during the last year, leaving a balance of \$200 to be paid this year. The best of all is, that we are now in the midst of a glorious revival, commenced one week ago. Two souls, Mr. Geo. W. Ford, Superintendent of the National Cemetery, and Miss Nellie Shechels, have been gloriously converted, and the altar is crowded every evening. Thirteen have united with the church—five by letter and eight on probation. Thus the day star from on high is shining on the town of Beaufort once more.

T. C. Levert, Gainesville, Ala.

Our first quarterly conference convened last Sunday. Elder H. N. Brown preached an able sermon, after which 140 partook of the Lord's Supper. Our revival resulted in eleven conversions. A new church is needed.

B. Jackson, Roanoke, Ala.

We are here in the city of woods and moving on vigorously. First Sunday in April was a glorious day with us. The power of God was manifest in the blessing of many souls. The work is alive. Collection, \$28.10. The people are preparing to give the district conference a hearty reception. Rev. W. F. Smith, Presiding Elder, is a power in his district.

J. W. H. Moore, Blossom, Texas.

"Our revival has resulted in eight conversions. We are expecting to move in line again soon upon the devil. We had a very good time with our Easter services. Raised \$3.40. Our Sunday school superintendent is Prof. A. L. Patterson of Tennessee, who is a graduate of Rust University. He is a local preacher of our church and is doing all he can to educate the children and to raise the moral standing of our people. White and colored say he is the right man in the right place. Bro. Patterson left Saturday for Jackson, Tenn., to join in marriage Miss Edith Anderson. Our people will rejoice to welcome them here on their arrival.

Jos. M. Deas, Jacksonville, Fla.

Although here in this metropolitan city of Florida, with a population of 38,000, our five churches only number about 800 souls. We are all alive, however, and intend to make Methodism what it ought to be here. Easter was observed in all our churches. Simpson made a grand display. Collection was \$7.44. We are trying to get all our members to subscribe to the paper.

Jessie Burton, Cotton Plant, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was a grand occasion. The Rev. R. Snell, our new Presiding Elder, was with us on the 14th and 15th ult. He is the right man in the right place. May God bless the New Albany circuit and the entire work of the old church.

I. C. Rucker, Biloxi, Miss.

My first quarterly conference was held April 7. Rev. B. L. Crump, the Presiding Elder, was on time. The brethren presented reports which showed prosperity on the work. The Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Paid Elder,

\$10; pastor, \$68.81; old indebtedness, \$40.20. Collected for missions on Easter Sunday, \$3.23. Received four in full connection. Our people love the Methodist Episcopal Church. We are not likely to fall behind the other charges on the Gulf coast in collections for missions, nor for the SOUTHWESTERN. Our Presiding Elder never fails to impress upon the minds of the people that the SOUTHWESTERN is the constant visitor of thousands of homes and should be welcomed in thousands more.

H. May, Pass Christian, Miss.

I was appointed to this charge Feb. 8, 1887. Minutes showed a membership of 84. Collection for all purposes \$243; only \$3 for all of the benevolent purposes. I am proud to say that we have come from the bottom, of 70 charges that make up the Mississippi Conference, to two charges of the top. They are Meridian and Forest, pastored by Rev. A. D. Payne and R. P. Crump. Minutes show that we raised more benevolent money, except the two above named places. Our membership has been increased to 160. Collection for all purposes last year, \$1149.33, an increase in collections of \$903.33. Now, for the present year. I was appointed here for the fifth year by Bishop Newman, Jan. 12, 1891. My people received me with so much joy that I prayed the Lord to help us to do more this year than ever before, and the Lord has heard my prayers, as the following results will show: I started in on the third Sunday in January. Collections as follows to date, April 6: January, \$51.90; February, \$49.05; March, \$200.55; and April, \$68.15. Grand total for all purposes thus far this year, \$369.65. Also, we will do as well for the SOUTHWESTERN as any charge in the Mississippi Conference. Our first quarter was held by Rev. B. L. Crump, March 28, 20. He preached two good sermons. Easter Sunday, Rev. O. H. Flowers, pastor at Pearlinton, was with us. It was a glorious day. Collection, \$81.10. April 6 was my birth-day. So Monday night about forty or fifty persons came to the parsonage with many good things. It is now 11:15 o'clock Tuesday, and my wife is not through storing away yet.

Just as they were fixing to leave, Mrs. M. Collins and Miss Catherine Raymore, called me aside and presented me an envelope, which was very heavy. I slipped it in my pocket, and after all had gone I opened it and found the following names and amounts: Martha Jones, Mary Collins E. A. Porter, Jeannie Weeks, E. Morris, E. Stevenson, Rosa Roberts, P. Morris, and Catherine Raymore, \$1 each; M. Adams, E. Raymore, O. White and J. Porter, 50c each; E. Johnson and Mrs. Green, 25c each. Total, \$11.50. I thank you, dear friends. I am 43 years old and have been married 23 years, and all of that time nobody but myself and wife. The people thought to increase my family by presenting to myself and wife two beautiful large wax dolls. We can put up with them, as they do not increase the expenses of the family.

E. Harrison, Dadeville, Ala.

The Easter services were interesting and profitable. Prof. S. H. O'Neal was with us, also did good service. The following took prominent part, E. E. Clark, Eula L. Bostock, Maggie L. Rainey, Ida B. Mitchell, Ophelia Stones. The Sunday school rendered the program to the letter. Our S. S., is the best on the Dadeville District. Collection for mission \$8.50, also 4 cash subscribers for the dear beloved SOUTHWESTERN, a friend that no family can do without. The writer sent the missionary money directly to the missionary treasury, also the money for the paper to Hunt & Eaton.

Wm. Josey, Bellville, Tex.

Easter Sunday was a great day at Richard's Grove Church. The children made glad their parents' hearts. The services were conducted by myself and Wm. Smith, at Richard Grove, at Jackson Chapel by G. H. E. Fields. My collection for missions was \$4.80.

H. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.

Rev. Ernest Lyon, Sunday-school agent, lectured for us Wednesday April 8, to a good crowd, upon the duty of parents to children. April 9 he gave the children a good and wholesome lecture. Thursday night he emphasized what God wanted and required from the people and that a good many so-called Christians needed to go and wash as Naaman did. Bro. Lyon lives in the heart of Donaldsonville. We paid \$8.50 on our Sabbath school assessment, and we will pay the balance—\$3.50.

Ned Graham, De Kalb, Texas,

reports a hard time on his circuit, but he is pushing his work as best he can.

Alfred Vincent, Darrow, La.

Our first quarterly conference was held April 12, by Rev. Pierre Landry, Presiding Elder. The quarter was one of great interest. The Presiding Elder preached an excellent sermon which shall never be forgotten.

R. P. Threlkeld, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Our Easter services were carried out to perfection. Collection for missions, \$7.

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Tract Society	50,000
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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

The New York Conference reports 10,000 conversions during the past year, and over forty thousand dollars collected for missions, the largest missionary collection in its history.

The growth of Methodism has been marvelous. When Wesley died his followers numbered 300,000; today there are 30,000,000 Methodists throughout the world. The last census gave the number of Methodists in Canada as 743,406, of which number 591,503 are put down to Ontario. Mr. Daniel Dorchester computes that there are 32,701 churches, 27,542 ministers, and 4,601,416 communicants belonging to the Methodist body in the United States. It is to the shame of our church that the Methodists were ever permitted to leave our borders. The spirit of division was abroad then. And whether they were driven out from want of sympathy or even by harsher methods, or whether by some Jesuitical power, the seeds were sown that resulted in a divided Protestantism, it is our duty now to pray and labor for the union of the Methodists with the great mother church of the English Protestantism. The aim of England's Church is to bein reality as well as in name the church of the English race.—*Toronto Evangelical Churchman.*

General Church News.

In China there are about 320,000,000 inhabitants, with an annual increase of about 4,000,000. Not one in 10,000 ever heard of the religion of Jesus Christ.

A meeting of "The Sunday School Superintendents' and Teachers Union of New Orleans" was held at the Coliseum Place Baptist Church April 7.

There was about 140 present, including a large number of pastors. 34 Sunday schools were represented and great interest was shown. The object of the union are to knit its members closer together and better prepare them for their work.

The election of officers resulted in the unanimous election of the following for the first year: Richard H. Browne, president, Edwin Belknap, vice-president, E. P. Mackie, treasurer, Robt B. Jones, secretary. Six Sunday schools were added to the roll. Several committees were appointed and notice given of amendment to constitution.

General News Items.

Both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature have put themselves on record as favoring the election of United States Senators by popular vote.

Illinois has passed a law legalizing slave marriages.

P. T. Barnum, the great American show and circus man is dead. He was one of the best known men in the United States.

The Constitutional Convention of Kentucky after a seven month's session has completed its labors and adjourned. Unlike most of the new Constitutions made in the South of late years, it makes no discrimination against the colored people, unless the section relating to separate schools for the races be construed.

The Grant Monument Association have decided upon the form of the National Memorial to the memory

of the venerated leader who brought success to the Union Army.

It will be one of the most unique and celebrated monuments in the world, occupying a position at Riverside Park on the Hudson. It will be the most costly structure ever erected by the voluntary contributions of a free people. The site chosen has been selected by Mrs Grant and her family, as the last resting place of her illustrious husband.

The form of the memorial having been determined upon, and the question of the final interment of the body at Riverside on the Hudson settled for all time to come by the action of Congress, the Executive Committee of the Grant Monument Association are now pushing forward the work of raising the necessary funds by a wide popular subscription.

One of the means chosen is the magnificent reproduction of H. A. Ogden's celebrated Equestrian painting of General Grant in the field entitled "1865." The size of the picture is 19x24 and is beautifully printed in seventeen different colors, on egg shell paper in the highest manner known to art in this country. The picture was originally intended to be sold for \$500, but is now published as a Souvenir and Certificate, and mailed, postage prepaid, to each subscriber of \$1 to the Grant Monument Fund. Every patriotic American of whatever race or color is invited and requested to contribute. Address,

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Letters from the Laity.

M. W. Harper, Millhaven, La.

Jones Chapel Easter services were excellent. Among the speakers were R. W. Logan, W. Cayson, J. D. Hutchinson, Rev. H. H. Phillips. Rev. Peter Ford, Baptist preacher and Rev. H. H. Phillips, preached a soul stirring sermon.

Wm. Randalls, Long Branch Church, Tex. On Easter our church was beautifully decorated and the program was carried out nicely. In the absence of our pastor Rev. S. Gates, our secretary Wm. Randalls, and superintendent M. A. T. Perkins conducted the exercise.

J. A. Thompson, Tabernacle M. E. Church, Galveston, Tex.

Easter was generally observed by all the churches of the city. Ours was a grand and glorious one. We collected \$19 which we forwarded at once as an Easter offering for missions. Rev. W. W. Brown our pastor preached an excellent sermon on the resurrection. We started a revival after the services were over, we have had several conversions in the Sabbath school.

R. C. Hicks, Scooba, Miss.

Our Presiding Elder was with us on the fourth and fifth inst, and held our first quarterly conference. The elder seemed to have been endowed with special favors from on high. After the sermon, the elder administered the sacrament to ninety-three. The services all day were cheering. Total collections \$13.45, of which the elder received \$11.50.

Maggie N. Green, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Our third conference convened March 12, with Rev. J. P. Price, P. E., in the chair. It was one of the most successful sessions of the three. We raised \$24.80 for the Presiding Elder. Committees on benevolent claims made good reports. We have had a glorious revival which resulted in 40 conversions, and 34 additions to the church.

Our pastor Rev. O. B. Wilson in the third year of his pastorate, realizes the true oneness of the church of God in all her branches, and is exerting more adequate efforts for the improvement of the church. Two new classes have been formed; making 19 classes. We raised on Easter \$19.03. The decorations under the management of Mrs. Matilda Brady, Mrs. T. S. Baskette, and Miss Mary Elder Neasbitt were excellent. Miss Addie Simmons, organist made sweet music. The Sunday school has been greatly increased this year.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. Henry Gibson, of Beada, Ky., inquires for some of his comrades who were in the army with him. He was in the Fifteenth Army Corps, Western Department, under Capt. Black and Edwards. Anyone knowing anything of that army corps will please address Rev. Henry Gibson, Beada, Ky.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my brother. The last time I saw him was in Louisiana, on Bayou Rapides. We were both quite young at that time, long before the war. We both belonged to a man named Henry Bonner, there were three of us Joana, Josiah and Lucetta. We were orphans and after our owner's death we were sold, the mistress bought me, and my brother and sister was sold with their father whose name was Ivory. They were bought by a man named Sam Compton, or Till Compton, after being sold my sister Lucetta died. Our mother was named Annie. The last I heard of my brother after I came to Texas, he and his master were going to Black River. Any information concerning him will be gladly received by Joana Wells, care Rev. M. Cole, Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my two brothers Dan Poe and Herbert Poe, it may be that my brother bears the name of Herbert McIntosh. The last time I saw them was at Buckatuna, Miss., in 1863. He had been carried away by the McIntosh family before the war, to Louisiana, but came back in 1868 to see mother. They carried my brother Dan away. The last time I heard from them, they were at McIntosh's landing, on the Red river in Louisiana. Any information as to their whereabouts will be gladly received. Address me, Mason Poe, Oxford Lafayette county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my son William. He and his brother Harry were born in Virginia, and were taken to Elkton Todd county, Ky., with their mother Fannie when infants. William was brought to Texas in September 1852, and lived near Riddleville with Wm. Hutchinson. William left Wm. Hutchinson after the war in 1865. Harvey went to Galveston where he is still living, (Harvey was found through this paper), but William has not been heard from since 1879. William may be going by the name of Wm. Allen. He would be about 39 years old now. He is a bright mulatto color with light colored eyes. He was married in Austin, Texas, but I never learned his wife's name. I am now living at Marion, Ala., Perry county, and his brother is living at Galveston, Texas. Any information concerning my son will be thankfully received. Mrs. Fauny Broadnax.

Books and Current Literature.

Horace L. Tranbel, whose recent articles on Walt Whitman have attracted considerable attention, contributes an article to the New England Magazine for May called Walt Whitman at Date. For the last twenty years Mr. Tranbel has been a companion and friend of the poet. Single number 25 cents. \$3 per year. 86 Federal street, Boston, Mass.

Rev. Geo. Hughes, editor of the Guide to Holiness, New York, is gathering material for A History of the Great Modern Revival of Bible Holiness. It will be a comprehensive work taking a survey of the influences of this revival in the various departments of Christian life and activity. 64 Bible House, New York.

The Venerable Frederick W. Farrar, Archdeacon of Westminster, will contribute to Harper's Magazine for May an appreciative article on The Salvation Army, giving a brief account of its development, and pointing out some of the secrets of its success, which are worthy of the serious study of other religious bodies.

Bishop J. M. Waldeu, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will contribute to the May number of Harper's Magazine an impartial and highly appreciative sketch of The Argentine People, and their Religious and Educational Institutions. Having spent a considerable time in that country—the most advanced and progressive of the Spanish American States—the bishop is eminently qualified to write concerning the unprecedented transformation which has taken place in Argentina within the past thirty years. No more complete presentation of the advantages and disadvantages, the commercial resources, and the political and social status of that country, has ever been presented than that embraced by this article and the two papers by Theodore Child in the March and April numbers of the same periodical.

The Leisure Hour and Sunday at Home, published by the Religious Tract Society, London, and represented in the United States by the Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago, are again on our tables for inspection, and a delightful task it is to dip into these magazines so rich in subjects and illustrations. We would especially recommend for careful consideration in The Sunday at Home, "Shall we give up Congregational Singing?" by J. Spencer Curwen. Each \$2 per year. From the same publishers we have received the Boys' Own Paper and Girls' Own Paper, devoted to younger folk. It is seldom that magazines so devoted to the development of the young are sent us. Each \$2 per year.

The Chatauquan for May presents the following attractive table of contents: The Intellectual Development of the English People, by Edward A. Freeman; Sunday Readings, Selected by Bishop Vincent; England's Possessions in Africa, by H. Chatelaine; Studies in Astronomy, VII, by Garrett P. Serviss; The Higher Education of Woman in Europe, by Ruth Morse. The poems of the number are by O. F. Emerson and Jessie F. O'Donnell. The usual editorial and department space are well filled.

We have received and examined Choral Song, prepared by M. Woolsey Stryker. It contains 224 pages of valuable and thoroughly useful songs for the church school. Every song is a gem, one of the best efforts of its author. Well printed and beautifully bound in cloth. Price, \$40 per 100 copies. The Biglow & Main Co., 81 Randolph street, Chicago; 76 East Ninth Street, New York.

New York, April 18.—Among the cabin passengers who arrived to day by the steamship La Bourgogne, were fourteen Parisian designers of ladies' fashionable gowns. These artists have been engaged by the enterprising managers of The New York and Paris Young Ladies' Fashion Bazar, to contribute exclusively to the columns of that popular magazine.

The new geographical magazine which we announced in a recent issue as forthcoming has now appeared. The first two numbers are before us. Its title is Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine, being published monthly by Messrs. Goldthwaite, of New York. The editor is Mr. Cyrus C. Adams, of the Brooklyn Institute. The articles are comparatively short and attractive ly written. There is a profusion of well executed illustrations. Every one must wish well to the new enterprise—the only one of its class in the English language.—March, 1891.

It must be a dull housewife in deed who cannot find encouragement and substantial help in the cheery words of Maria Parloz, Christine T. Herrick, Helen Jay, Isabel A. Mallon in the May number of the Ladies' Home Journal, every corner of which is pervaded with the breeze and sunshine of spring. Issued at \$1 a year, or 10 cents a copy, by the Curtis Publishing Company, 433 435 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Andrew D. White deals with a particularly interesting episode of the Warfare of Science in his paper on Miracles and Medicine, which opens the May Popular Science Monthly. A possible solution of the great educational problem of the day is suggested in the description of An Experiment in Moral training, given by Dr. Mary F. Lee. The conclusion of Professor Huxley on the War path, by the Duke of Argyll, is printed in this number. A survival of the human weakness for charms and magic is shown by Lee J. Vance, who writes on Evolution of Patent Medicine. Attention is called in the Editor's Table to some of the wonders of electricity under the

title, The Youngest of the Sciences. New York, D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

The twenty-second volume of the Columbian Cyclopaedia is announced as just ready; the entire set is to be completed the present year, in 32 volumes, aggregating about 26,000 pages. Its price is remarkably cheap, only \$25 for the entire set, with easy installment terms to those who want them. The high character of the work is vouched for by innumerable witnesses, among others by Prof. James Stroug, S.T.D., editor of McClintock & Strong's Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Ecclesiastical and Theological Literature, who speaks of it in the highest terms. For free specimen pages, address the publishers, The Columbian Publishing Co., 393 Pearl street, New York.

The 29th volume of the Manifesto was issued April 10th. The Columbian is the new name and new form of Alden's Manifesto Cyclopaedia—the two printed mainly from the same plates, the first in 32 volumes of 800 pages each, the latter in 40 volumes of 640 pages each. The Columbian Publishing Co., 393 Pearl street, New York.

In curious contrast with Kenan's papers The Century begins in May a brief series by the late George Mifflin Dallas, United States Minister to the court of the Czar, in which are described the magnificence and luxury of the court of Nicholas I. A frontispiece portrait of Nicholas accompanies the first number. The series of separate papers on The Gold Hunters of California will be continued in the May number by E. G. Waite, Esq., Secretary of State of California, in which the writer will treat of many interesting phases of practical work in the mines. In the June number rougher aspects of mining life will be treated by Dr. Charles B. Gillespie. Both articles will be fully illustrated.

Apropos of the recall of the Italian Minister, ex-Secretary Thomas F. Bayard is preparing an article for the May Forum on the power of the United States to enforce treaties violated within a state's jurisdiction. The same number will contain an explanation of the new Commonwealth of Australia, which has just been formed, by Sir Rodrick Cameron, of New York. In the May number of the Forum, too, will appear the first of a noteworthy series of articles by General Francis A. Walker on the Census. The title of another timely article in the same number will be reciprocity: Why Southward Only? by Mr. Roger Q. Mills.

A story of unusual power and strange plot will begin in the May Cosmopolitan and run through three numbers: The story of a man who three times in his life tries to paint Jesus. Two other pieces of fiction will attract attention in the May number of the Cosmopolitan; two real war stories by men who have been in the thick of the fight. One is by Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, and the other by Albion W. Tourgee, author of the Fools Errand. Price 25 cents. Cosmopolitan Publishing Co., Madison Square, New York.

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AN exchange says: "There are ten colored men in the Georgia Legislature this year. It would seem as if God has something to do with the politics of Georgia yet." Not quite correct, dear brother. There is only one, when if justice held sway fully a third of that body would be colored.

JUDSON Newsom, of High Hill, Miss., who has one of the premium machines, says that it gives perfect satisfaction, and he and his wife are much pleased with it. That is what they all say. Over a hundred have procured them of us, and not one has complained of them. "If it were not so (we) would have told you."

WE give our readers a few extracts from Dr. Rust's beautiful and touching tribute to the precious memory of the late Dr. Hatfield, his life-long friend, and the constant advocate and defender of the colored people in this country. Like Dr. Rust, Dr. Hatfield will ever command the undying gratitude of our people. They stood for us when "no man cared for us."

THE lines of Rev. Mack Henson in another column, concerning books, are very pertinent and may well be heeded. The publishing houses of our own church furnish all that our people need, and they should have the trade, for the profits all come back to the people. The "House of Bondage" ought to be in every home as a souvenir of the terrible trials and great deliverance. Bibles of the Bible Society can also be had of us at Society rates. When you want a book write to this office for it.

MR. Stanley to a reporter of the New Orleans Picayune who asked him what he thought of American newspapers said, "I think, they devote too much space to crime and sensation. Much that is minutely and attractively detailed could best be put into paragraphs and not given so much prominence. Writing of crime in an attractive way has the effect of inducing some people to commit similar offenses." This is unfortunately too true, and is one of the most baneful facts connected with the secular paper as it is.

THE dispatches announce the death of Edmund De Pressence, one of the most distinguished men of France and of this age. He was the acknowledged leader among the French Protestants. It is said he died of the same disease that carried off General Grant and the Emperor of Germany. He was born in Paris in 1824, and, what is singular, passed his whole life in that city, like Kant in Konigsburg. His instructor was the distinguished Vinet. He became pastor of the Free Evangelical Congregation at the age of 23, where he soon attracted wide attention, and became the object of the most affectionate regard. He was a most earnest student of history in the interest of Christianity, and published many works of marked ability, his latest being "A Study of Origins," and "Ancient Christianity"—both of which were published in this country. He was also a man of affairs. He was elected to the French Senate in 1883, where his influence became wider and more potential than ever.—Western.

A Wild Goose Chase.

Our people are too much given up to moving about in herds on "a wild goose chase," upon the oily tongued representations of every knave that comes around, and tells them of some great "promised land," some Canaan or other, somewhere. And they are too credulous in believing in every pictorial representation of that land, which has no other existence other than the paper upon which it is printed. At one time it is Africa, at another Kansas, then California, or Arkansas, Mississippi, or Louisiana, then the West and North in general. Now it is Oklahoma. Thousands of our people in Texas and other states are now on their heads to go to Oklahoma. Those who are anxious to get them out there, as they have on other occasions, to serve their own selfish purposes, declare that they have at last discovered Thos. Moore's long lost Utopia, the "real land of milk and honey."

They represent it as the land, where freedom from all harassing cares, the ordinary miseries of mankind, and especially political and social tyranny, is forever assured. Its fitness for human abode is further represented by the fact (!) that it is abundant in rivers of delight, upon whose safe and joyful banks, are to be found in infinite profusion trees of the most vigorous growth, yielding the choicest and most wholesome "slap-jacks" which may be plucked at will and dipped in those rivers whose liquid contents are superior to the best Louisiana molasses. For a change, the fattest hogs, already cooked, with knives and forks stuck in their backs go hunting around for hungry inhabitants and supply their daily wants, while the white wheat loaves of bread are raining down daily on the ground, between midnight and day, when none of the inhabitants are out, lest any should be hurt by the force of the shower. Representations akin to these are believed by too many of our people, to their great misfortune. Many of them too often break up, where they are doing well, and sacrifice their all to join in such follies.

The thing is unreasonable and foolish, and no wise man will allow himself to be thus gulled. If for any reason you decide it to your best interest to move to another county, state, section or country go and look the grounds over your self or send a reliable agent of your own selection to investigate and report to you, and then if you decide to move, so well and good, but by all that is dear in life, we beseech you, do not give away or sacrifice what you have where you are, to go anywhere upon God's footstool expecting to find a place where you can prosper and be happy, without the very same means necessary where you are now; that is education, character and capital: character must be the keystone; education and capital its supporters.

The "Methodist Review."

The May-June number of the *Methodist Review* calls for particular comment. J. B. Young, D.D., contributes a strong article on "The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians," as the third of the series on New Testament books. A. B. Leonard, D.D., presents an important biographical notice of "Major-General Clinton B. Fisk." The symposium on "Life," by R. H. Howard, D.D., H. H. Moore, D.D., and Professor H. Lummis, is a philosophical consideration of this weighty subject. W. H. Meredith, D.D., furnishes an article appropriate to the times on "Bristol in Relation to American Methodism." R. Wheatley, D.D., writes engagingly on "New-foundland." The article on "The Southern Problem," by the Rev. L. M. Hagood, M.D., is an unusual presentation of the question from the stand-point of the colored man himself.

As to the editorial departments of the current *Review*, much that

is commendatory may be spoken. "Opinion" is, as usual, miscellaneous and vigorous. The editorials under "Current Discussion" merit careful notice. The first, on "The Theology of the New Testament," is a plea for the restoration of the New Testament to its rightful place in history, ecclesiastical institutions, and the wide realm of theology. The second, entitled "Sociological Christianity a Necessity," finds in the system of New Testament sociology "the solvent for the industrial crises of the world." The third editorial, on "The Ground of Woman's Eligibility," continues the discussion of the subject begun in the previous number of the *Review*. Separating the question from extraneous and illogical issues the writer seeks to promulgate the true ground of woman's eligibility to membership in the General Conference. He is at his best in this editorial utterance, and will receive the widespread hearing of the Church. The following departments include "Progress of Civilization," with its scrutiny of recent events; "The Arena," containing miscellaneous contributions from well-known writers; "The Itinerants' Club," never more wide-awake and helpful to our younger ministry; and "Foreign Resume," which gathers up the latest trend of thought in the Old World. The "Spirit of the Reviews and Magazines" arranges in valuable synoptic form the contents of recent religious and scholarly publications. The "Critiques and Notices" of books are, as usual, full and accurate. Each issue of the *Review* seems, if possible, to eclipse its predecessor. We commend this latest number to the most careful consideration of all students of religious and sociological literature.

In a letter to *Zion's Herald*, Rev. Dr. J. H. Mansfield, in reciting some of his observations during his recent visit to this city says:

"Bishop Mallalien, is of incalculable help to our important work in the city and the South. It ought to be remembered that he is here from choice, for he might have chosen his Episcopal residence elsewhere. When asked this winter to go to China and Japan in Bishop Foster's place, he would gladly have gone had it not been for his work and plans that would suffer in his absence. The bishop has secured a commodious building, with considerable land, on Canal street, near the business centre of the city, for a medical school for the colored students especially, though white students are not shut out. The school already has eighteen students, and there will be a great increase in the near future. The medical school is a necessity. The friends of the bishop and of our work ought to send him their gifts to aid him in raising the \$50,000 needed for the fitting up and carrying on of the school.

The bishop and his co-workers in church or school are ostracised. Hence their work is full of self denial; but their efforts are surely hastening the day when all the relics of caste and barbarism will go. Meanwhile give these toilers prayers and sympathy and substantial aid. They need it and they deserve it."

The Doctor travels with a keen eye and an attentive ear; and generally gives to others the results of his own personal observation. He is especially apt in this instance.

MAY day was feared in Europe almost as judgment day. The nations, like the villas on Vesuvius, are not far from a smoking crater. Oligarchy on one side, Anarchy on the other—and both blinded by the "god of this world." "I came not to send peace on earth but a sword," said the Prince of Peace. There will be no rest to the restless nations till they rest in Him. The words of St. Augustine are true of nations as of men: "Thou hast made us for thyself and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee."

Political Review.

The Chinese Government refuses to accept ex-U. S. Senator Henry W. Blair, recently appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to that Government. It is now reported that the Senator will be sent to Japan as successor to Minister Swift, deceased.

U. S. Senator John H. Reagan, of Texas, has resigned his seat in the Senate and has been appointed on the Texas Railroad Commission by Gov. Hogg. The Governor has appointed the Hon. Horace Chilton as his successor. Hon. Roger Q. Mills coveted the prize, but as he is reported to be anxious to reserve the honor for himself when the Legislature meets, he has appointed one whom he thinks he can easily succeed.

Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, who recently resigned his seat in the U. S. Senate, is said to be booked for the U. S. Supreme bench, to succeed Justice Bradley, who will soon retire.

The Michigan Legislature, Democratic, has passed a law providing for the election of presidential electors by the several congressional districts. This was done to capture some electoral votes which that party could not hope to obtain under the old method, because the State always goes Republican in every presidential election.

The Florida senatorial fight continues without result.

The Republican National Headquarters are about to be established in Washington, instead of New York, as heretofore.

The Third, or National Farmers' Alliance party movement is not receiving the boom that was at first anticipated for it. The old party spirit is too strongly entrenched in the affection of old partisans to endanger the defeat of their old parties, when there is no show whatever for the success of this new party as a national factor.

The Lottery Amendment is stirring a considerable flurry in this State, but it will end in a flurry, because the pet baby "white supremacy," is not to be endangered. "The law will be suspended again" in the event of any danger to that idol, and the lottery will again be saddled upon this people for another quarter of a century. The prophecy is sickening and deplorable, but it is written in the book of fate.

Will A. Strong, our defaulting ex-Secretary of State, has surrendered to the authorities, and is now on trial at Baton Rouge.

Hon. James Hill has taken charge of the Vicksburg (Miss.) postoffice, and has appointed a white man as his deputy. The indications are now favorable for a peaceable possession of the office by Mr. Hill under such auspices.

THE Pope is about to issue a stupendous Encyclical. It is to solve all problems, ancient and modern, actual and possible, social, political and religious. We venture the opinion that it will have about as much effect as old King Canute's harangue to the tides. In the meantime the query often suggests itself: Who inspires the super-serviceable Associated Press to cable and telegraph *ad nauseum* whole columns of such balderdash over Christendom?

PASTORS would confer a great favor to many lost friends if they would kindly read from their pulpits, the many lost friend notices which appear in our paper. Brethren, do unto others as you would have others do to you in this matter, and help parents to find their children, and children to find their parents, that were snatched away from them by the cruel hand of slavery.

A race war is in progress at Lanapier, Indian Territory, between Negroes and Indians. The trouble was precipitated by the murder of a colored man by Indians. The Negroes were incensed thereby, and sought to avenge the murder, with the result as above stated.

Personal.

—Prof. M. W. Dogan, of the Central Tennessee College, Nashville, is on a visit to Memphis, at the bedside of his father, Mr. Wm. Dogan, who is still ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

—Presiding Elder Morant had a very sudden and severe attack of dysentery while at his home in Alexandria, a short time since.

—Mrs. E. N. Bowers, of Paris, Tex., informs us that Rev. W. H. Jackson, who has been down three weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, is slowly improving.

—Bro. H. M. Murphy, of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., has favored us with an interesting letter picturing the pathetic parting scene between the Gammon students and Rev. W. H. Crawford, Professor of Historical Theology, who has left for a trip to Europe, and the Rev. E. H. Gammon, their benefactor, who could not remain over till commencement. Prof. Crawford's family will remain in Chicago until his return.

—Last Tuesday, May 5, was the fiftieth birthday of Prof. W. H. Crozman, LL.D., the scholarly, polished and efficient professor of languages at Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. President Thirkield, of Gammon, and many of the Professor's friends, united in giving him a very fine reception on that occasion, at President Thirkield's house. Prof. Crozman has given twenty years of the most faithful service to our work in the South, and is richly deserving of the distinguished honor thus conferred upon him. A goodly purse of money was also presented him on the occasion.

—Rev. Stephen Priestley leaves tomorrow for Trinity and other points on his district.

—Rev. H. S. Priestley of the Warrenburg Circuit, East Tenn. Conference passed from labor to reward March 27. He leaves a wife and three children to whom we extend heartfelt sympathy. The deceased was a native of South Carolina.

—Von Moltke the great German Field Marshall is dead, and all Germany is in mourning. The General was the idol of his people.

—The Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Bothwell, favorably known in this city for his faithful services at Central Congregational Church, and at Straight and Southern Universities, at the latter of which he was president for several years, is dead. He died in the Brooklyn Hospital last Sunday. Where he was undergoing an operation to extract out of his left bronchus a small cork which accidentally went down his windpipe a few days before while giving medicine to one of his children. Holding the baby in one arm and the bottle of medicine in the other hand, he drew the cork out with his teeth. The childish pranks of another of his children caused him to laugh, when the cork accidentally went down his windpipe with the result above stated. His many friends mourn his untimely death.

WHILE they commend the Presiding Eldership, the bishops of the A. M. E. Church, give those in the Eldership the following word of warning and advice. We commend it to the Presiding Elders of our church:

"We fear that some of the Presiding Elders have forgotten that they are bound to work and preach as regularly and as laboriously for their allowance, as the pastors over whom they preside. The Presiding Elders are not to waste time here and there, and expect their pastors to raise their allowance and send it to them. They must go to every point and preach and labor for the upbuilding of the churches and missions in their districts, unless they are sick, and if they are sick they should report the same to the bishop. There are times, when the Presiding Elder may not be able to give a Sabbath to certain points, but he can arrange to preach there on week nights.

The pastors, true, are the stewards of the Presiding Elders, but not simple tax gatherers to raise money for them, without an equivalent of services rendered. The Presiding Elders are duty bound to assist the pastors by the prestige of their influence in every collection, efforts to build churches, and encourage every measure required by our discipline, but they cannot do this and not go to every point and preach or speak to the people."

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

There will be a grand cornerstone laying at Cushman Chapel on the third Sunday in May. The principal ministers and societies of the city will participate. Refreshment will be served by the members of the church. All are invited. The amount each church gives will be published in the SOUTHWESTERN. Come out in the morning and stay all day, and help us to pay our debts. Rev. E. Lyon will deliver the opening address. Dr. L. G. Adkinson will also be present. We will be glad to have our presiding elders and Dr. Albert with us on that day. B. G. Ankrum, P. C.

Mt. Zion, under the pastorate of the Rev. Thos. McCary, is enjoying a glorious revival. About fifty have been happily converted, and many accessions are reported. The altar is crowded at every service. Dr. Albert preached there to a crowded house last Sunday night. Every interest of the church is prospering.

A large committee of Pleasant Plains Church visited the parsonage last Saturday night at 11:30, surprising the Rev. D. J. Price with many choice presents.

Rev. T. G. Montgomery and his people at First Street Church are moving along grandly. Their revival has resulted in a goodly number of conversions and reclamation of backsliders.

THE Sixth Quarter-Centennial Jubilee Convention of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was held in Pittsburg, Pa., Sunday and Monday, April 19, 20, and was a great success. Dr. Hartzell was in command and spoke four times on Sunday raising over \$800, and delivered the principal address Monday morning and participated in the meetings Monday afternoon and night. Dr. W. L. Davidson spoke twice on Sunday and on Monday night, and gave stereopticon views of our Southern work. Rev. Dr. Prentiss, of Knoxville, Tenn., spoke twice on Sunday and also twice Monday. Rev. D. L. Antmann, of Cincinnati, preached twice Sunday and conducted the Song Service on Monday. Many pastors attended. The collections in Pittsburg will amount to about \$1300 this year as against about half that amount last year. The local city papers gave large attention to the meeting. Dr. Allen of the Presbyterian work among the Freedmen, gave an address; also Hon. J. W. Dravoe of Pittsburg. These conventions are helping greatly to bring our Southern Educational work before the Church and the Nation. Dr. Hartzell hopes to reach \$300,000 this year from all sources. He pleads with every pastor in the South to make Sunday, May 10, a historic day in every church in the South.

IN the communication of Rev. E. W. Adams, Wauhatchie, S. C., last week, the amount raised on Spartansburg circuit for increasing and improving church property should have read one thousand five hundred dollars. It would be an injustice to those patriotic people not to make the correction.

Reduced Rates to Meridian.

On account of the meeting of the Grand Lodge and Encampment K. of P. at Meridian, May 5, agents Queen & Crescent Route will sell tickets at reduced rates on the certificate plan. Full particulars on application to agents of the Queen & Crescent Route.

DAILY BREAD.

Still, O Lord, our faith increase;
Cleanse from all unrighteousness:
Thee, the unholiest cannot see;
Make, O make us meet for Thee!
Every vile affection kill;
Root out every seed of ill;
Utterly abolish sin;
Write Thy law of love within.

—Charles Wesley.

Above all beware of anger! be-
ware of worldly sorrow! beware of
a fear that bath torment! beware
of foolish and hurtful desires! be-
ware of inordinate affection.—John
Wesley.

Sacredly abstain from all spir-
ituous liquors. Touch them not on
any pretense whatever. To others
they may sometimes be of use, but
to nervous persons they are deadly
poison.—John Wesley.

By the grace of God I never fret;
I repine at nothing. I am discon-
tented with nothing. And to have
persons at my ear, fretting and
murmuring at everything, is like
tearing the flesh off my bones.—
John Wesley.

The seeds of death are sown in
our very nature! Thus from the
hour when we first appear on the
stage of life, we are traveling to-
wards death: we are preparing,
whether we will or no, to return to
the dust from whence we came.—
John Wesley.

It is not by striking off all alle-
giance, but by finding your true
Lord, and serving him with com-
plete submission, that you can es-
cape from slavery. Then give
yourself to him completely. Let
him mark you as his by whatever
marks he will.—Phillips Brooks.

We ought to measure our actual
lot, and to fulfill it; to be with all
our strength that which our lot re-
quires and allows. What is be-
yond it is no calling of ours. How
much peace, quiet, confidence and
strength would people attain, if
they would go by this plain rule!—
H. E. Manning.

I have thought—I am a creature
of a day; I am a spirit come from
God, and returning to God. I want
to know one thing—the way to
heaven. God himself hath con-
descended to teach me that way. He
hath written down in a book. Oh,
give that book!—John Wesley.

It is to be regretted that the
higher circles of society in many of
our communities are unconsciously
encouraging the vice of gambling,
it not furnishing recruits for it. To
what extent it exists the sleepless
eye of the Omniscient only knows.
Should he reveal the secret gath-
erings of the unsuspected and in-
nocent looking youths they might
be found in lots and elsewhere
from early morning 'till late at
night and on God's holy day, shun-
tling the accursed cards, tortured
by men, who are not satisfied to
look on their own wrecked lives,
crushed hopes and squandered en-
ergies, but seek to draw others
into the maelstrom of destruction
after them. God's eye may be
directing others to these dens. A
word to the wise is sufficient.

The Lord never builds a bridge
of faith except under the feet of
the faith-filled traveler. If he built
the bridge a rod ahead it wouldn't
be a bridge of faith. That which
is of sight is not of faith.

There is a self-opening gate which
is sometimes used in roads. It
stands fast and firm across the road
as a traveler approaches it. If he
stops before he gets to it, it won't
open; but if he will drive right at
it, his wagon-wheels press the
springs below the roadway, and the
gate swings back to let him
through. He must push right on
at the closed gate or it will continue
closed. This illustrates the way to
pass every barrier on the road of
duty. Whether it is a river, a gate,
or a mountain, all the child of God
has to do is to go for it. If it is a
river it will dry up when you put
your feet in its waters. If it is a
gate it will fly open—when you are
near enough to it, and still pushing
on. If it is a mountain, it will be

lifted up and cast into the sea—
when you have come squarely up
without flinching to where you
thought it was. Is there a great
barrier across your path of duty
just now? Just go for it in God,
and it won't be there.—Selected.

A clergyman was once accosted
by a doctor, a professional Diest,
who asked him:

"Do you follow preaching to save

souls?"

"Yes."

"Did you ever see a soul?"

"No."

"Did you ever taste a soul?"

"No."

"Did you ever smell a soul?"

"No."

"Did you ever feel a soul?"

"Yes."

"Well," said the doctor, "there

are four of the five senses against

you upon the question, whether

there is a soul?"

The clergyman then asked:

"Are you a doctor of medicine?"

"Yes."

"Did you ever see a pain?"

"No."

"Did you ever taste a pain?"

"No."

"Did you ever smell a pain?"

"No."

"Did you ever feel a pain?"

"Yes."

"Well then," said the clergyman,

"there are also four of the senses

against one upon the question

whether there be a pain, and yet,

sir, you know that there is a pain

and I know that there is a soul."

—Selected.

Homiletics.

Sermon Sketch from Rev. C. H.
Spurgeon.

A Frivolous Excuse.

1 Kings xx: 40—"And as thy servants
was busy here and there, he was gone.
And the king of Israel said unto him,
So shall thy judgment be: thyself has
decided it."

A man must be hard run indeed
when he cannot forge an excuse.
This is a very common one for the
loss of the soul, "I was very busy,
and had no time to attend to religion."
They say, "a bad excuse is
better than none;" this is very
questionable. Here is an excuse
which condemned the man who
made it. The man in the prophet's
story was ordered to keep a pris-
oner, and it became his first duty
to do so; but he preferred to follow
out his own wishes, and attend to
his private concerns, and so the
prisoner "was gone." It is clear
that he had power to have attended
to the king's business, for he at-
tended to his own. His excuse
was that he was wilfully disobe-
dient.

I. It is an excuse which some
cannot use.

1. They have but little to occupy
them. They are noblemen, or
ladies with no occupation, or per-
sons of large leisure, or invalids
who can do nothing for a livelihood,
and therefore have ample time for
reflection and reading.

2. They have done all their hard
work, and are retired upon their
savings, and find it hard to pass
their time.

3. They are never busy, for they
are idlers whom nothing could
provoke to industry. They kill
time.

II. It is an excuse which is not
valid.

1. There was no absolute need
to be busy. Many people make
slaves of themselves with a view
to gain, when they could earn
enough for their needs, and yet
have abundant leisure to care for
their souls.

2. To have believed in the Lord
would have lessened the needful
care of life, and so the pressure of
business would have been lightened.
The fact is that no man can afford
to neglect his soul, for thus he hin-
ders his own life-work.

3. You find time for other neces-
saries—to eat, drink, dress, con-
verse, and sleep. And have you
no time to feed your soul, to drink
the living water, to put on the
robe of righteousness, to talk with
God, and to find rest in Christ?

4. You have time for diversion.

Think of the many hours wasted in
idle chat, unprofitable reading, or
worse. If offered a holiday, or an
evening's entertainment, you make
time if you cannot find it. You
have, then, time for weightier mat-
ters.

5. You find time for judging
others, questioning great truths,
spying out difficulties, and quib-
bling over trifles. Have you no
time for self-examination, study of
the word, and seeking the Lord?
Of course you have; where is it?

III. It is an excuse which ac-
cuses the person who makes it.

1. You have enjoyed many mercies
in your daily work, for you
have been able to attend to your
business; should not these have
won your gratitude?

2. You have seen many trials
while busy here and there; why
did they not lead you to God?

3. You have abilities for business;
and these should have been used
for God. Did he not give them to
you? Why expend them on your
own selfish money-getting?

IV. It is an excuse which will
wound the memory of some.

To have worked hard for nothing,
to live hard, and lie hard, and yet
to fail, and die poor at last, will be
sad.

To have to leave all when you
have succeeded in accumulating
wealth will be wretched work. Yet
so it must be.

V. It is an excuse which cannot
restore the loss.

If you have lost the time, you
certainly had it intrusted to you,
and you will be called to account
for it; but you cannot regain it,
nor make up for its loss.

How wretched to have spent a
life in idly traveling, collecting
shells, reading novels, etc., and to
have therefore left no space for
serving God, and knowing the Re-
deemer?

Men do worse than this; they
sin, they lead others to sin, they
invent ways of killing time, and
then say they have no time.

They give their minds to scepti-
cal thought, to propagating atheism,
undermining Scripture, or arguing
against the Gospel, and yet have
no time to believe and live!

THIS IS A

Call to the young to use time
while it is theirs.

Call to the aged to spend the
remnant of their days well.

Call to the Christians to look
well to their children's souls, lest
they slip from under their influence
while they are busy here and there.

Call to experienced believers to
see to their own joy in the Lord,
lest they lose it in the throng.

Schools and Colleges.

A meeting of the trustees of
New Orleans University was held
April 22, to provide ways and
means, if possible, for a new build-
ing, as the institution is already
more than full.

After a careful consideration it
was resolved to erect a frame
building, 34x78 feet, two stories
high, to be occupied by the lower
grades of the English course. The
estimated cost is \$3,000. The
members of the board present
subscribed \$700, and directed the
work to begin immediately.

Are there not friends of our
cause who will aid this work so
that the building may be put up
without delay, as it will be needed
by the first day of October next?

Write to President Adkinson
and enclose any contribution from
\$1 up that you may feel able to
make.

A personal note from President
Libby, of Rust University, Holly
Springs, Miss., says:

"Our school year surpasses all
other years in our University's his-
tory for work accomplished. Such
is the general verdict. The church
of the town with Rust University
is all ablaze with revival power.
There have been in school and
town nearly 100 conversions, and
yet the work goes on. About 60
of our students have been con-
verted. Out of the large number
of students in attendance this

year there are but eight or ten
left unsaved. Bro. Ferguson has
done efficient and faithful work."

Gammon Theological Seminary.

Gammon Theological Seminary
has been very fortunate in the list
of special lecturers that have been
secured to address the students of
that institution during the past
year. The lecturers and their
themes are as follows:

Bishop William Taylor, D.D.,
Missionary Work in Africa.

Bishop Edward G. Andrews,
LL.D., Use and Abuse of Talents.

Bishop Henry W. Warren, LL.
D., Our European Missions.

Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., Mis-
sion and Work of the Freedmen's
Aid and Southern Education So-
ciety.

Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D., LL.D.,
The Symmetrical Minister.

Rev. A. B. Leonard, D.D., Ex-
perimental Religion.

Rev. W. A. Spencer, D.D., The
Coming Great Revival.

Rev. J. W. Lee, D.D., Wesley
Memorial Address.

Rev. Dean R. S. Barrett, D.D.,
In Florence with Savanarola.

Rev. J. William Jones, D.D.,
Philip, the Model Evangelist.

Prof. D. C. John, D.D., Ethical
Results of the Darwinian Theory.

Rev. H. N. Brown, Founder's
Day Address. The Founder's
Aim.

Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D.,
Formal Opening Address, The
Place of Faith in the Christian
System.

D. B. Hartson, Brinkley, Ark.,
has returned from a visit to Meri-
dian, Miss. He is abundant in his
praise of Prof. J. J. H. Brooks,
and the Meridian Academy. He
says Prof. Brooks is an honor to
his alma mater, Rust University.

Commencement Exercises Morristown
Normal Academy.

The following is the commence-
ment exercises of Morristown Nor-
mal Academy, Morristown, Tenn.,
May 14-20, 1891:

Thursday and Friday, May 14-
15, public examinations.

Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p. m.,
lecture by Rev. James C. Murray,
D.D., of Gammon Theological
Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Subject,
The Passion Play.

Sunday, May 17, baccalaureate
sermon by Rev. James C. Murray,
D.D.

3 p. m., annual love feast.

7:30 p. m., sermon by Rev. Geo.
T. Wright, of Wytheville, Va.

Monday, May 18, examinations
9 to 12 a. m., and 2 to 4 p. m.

7:30 p. m., public exercises by
the literary societies.

Tuesday, May 19, examinations
from 9 to 12 a. m.

3 p. m., address before the Ep-
worth Leagues by Rev. L. E.

Gray.

Rev. A. J. McNair officiated.

Navasota, Tex.—Mr. John Craig to
Miss Clara Mishaw, March 5.

Rev. John A. Tillory, P. C., officiated.

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Prentiss, D.D., of Knoxville, Tenn.
7:30 p. m., Quarter Centennial
Jubilee Services. Roll call of the
pastors of the East Tennessee Con-
ference, and reports of collections
for the Freedmen's Aid and South-
ern Education Society. Roll call
of students for subscriptions to the
Building Fund.

Wednesday, May 20, 10:30 a. m.,
annual meeting of the Board of
Trustees.

7:30 p. m., commencement annual
oratorical contest, awarding of
prizes, etc.

The friends and patrons of the
school are cordially invited to at-
tend the exercises.

William Slater, the great ben-
efactor of the colored race, who
gave the million dollar Slater Fund
for the education of freedmen, has
a son who is emulating the char-
itable example set by his father.
Recently he made a donation of
one hundred and fifty thousand
dollars to endow a public hospital.

A well-known Methodist college
president was addressing the stu-
dents in the chapel at the begin-
ning of the college year. "It is,"
he said in conclusion, "a matter of
congratulation to all the friends of
the college that this year opens
with the largest freshman class in
its history." And then, without
any pause, he turned to the Scrip-
ture lesson for the day, the third
Psalm, and began reading in a
voice of thunder: "Lord, how are
they increased that trouble me."

Prof. Scarborough, the accom-
plished colored linguist and author
of an excellent Greek Grammar,
has the satisfaction of knowing
that a large number of white in-
stitutions of learning have adopt-
ed his work, using it as a text book.
The last instance that has come
to our knowledge is the action of
the Unitarian Theological Semina-
ry, located at Meadville, Pa.,
which has placed his book in its
rooms. The success of his work
is the best evidence of its excel-
lence.

Marriages.

Shubuta, Miss.—April 20, Mr. John F.
Reid, of Ellsville, and Miss Ida Lee
Gray.

Rev. A. J. McNair officiated.

Navasota, Tex.—Mr. John Craig to
Miss Clara Mishaw, March 5.

Rev. John A. Tillory, P. C., officiated.

Obituary.

Durant, Miss.—Sister Mary Heslup,
the wife of Rev. H. Heslup, died April
18, 1891, at 7:30 a. m. Sister Heslup
was born in Lauderdale county, Miss.,
in 1851, and professed a hope in Christ
in September, 1871, under the pastoral
charge of her husband, who baptized her.
She became a member of the M.
E. Church at Lauderdale. She was mar-
ried to Rev. Heslup February 5, 1874,
after which she shared with him the
sorrows and comforts of the following
circuits: Shuqualak and Durant, at
which place she joined by letter and
lived a consistent Christian for 15 years,
at the home and residence of her hus-
band. Her pastor, Rev. D. Green, Pre-
siding Elder W. McDonald, Rev. J. W.
Winbush, and her faithful class leader,
James Rhinehart, visited her during her
illness and prayed and talked with her
concerning her hope in the Master, and
she said, "I am ready and willing to go;
I am just waiting on the Lord." A few
days before she died she called her hus-
band to her bedside and told him to keep
her children together and raise them in
the fear of the Lord. Her funeral was
attended by her pastor and over 500 peo-
ple. She leaves a husband, seven chil-
dren and many friends to mourn her
loss.

D. Green, P. C.

Paulding, Miss.—Bro. Thomas Spence
was a faithful member of Pine Grove
Church, and a class leader. He died
April 15. He was beloved by white and

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colored. He leaves a wife, children and
many friends to mourn his loss.

Sister Mahala Clayton, a faithful
member of Spring Hill M. E. Church,
died April 15, happy in the Lord. She
leaves a husband and two children to
mourn her loss.

M. Cooper, P. C.

Edna, Texas.—Sister Kate Howard, one
of the oldest members of our church,
fell asleep in Christ April 5. She said
while dying, that she was ready and
willing to go, and that this world
was followed to her last resting place
by a large concourse of friends. She
leaves a son and other relatives to
mourn her death.

I. Smith, P. C.

Zehulon, Ga.—Sister Nancy Akles,
daughter of Sister and Brother Jury
Leek, and a member of Fuller's Chapel,
on the Zehulon circuit, departed this life
April 16. She had been a member for
more than five years, and had been sick
for more than two years. The funeral
was conducted by the pastor in charge.
She leaves a husband, one child, mother
and father, and other relatives and
friends to mourn her loss.

G. W. Lamar, P. C.

NOTWITHSTANDING the notifica-
tion to our readers that we could
not afford the room to publish
where their correspondents may
write them, we continue to get
such requests. Please don't send
them, and thereby save your stamp
and us the trouble of going over
the matter. We publish the ap-
pointment of every pastor in our
territory, and that is sufficient, ex-
cept in the cases of Presiding El-
ders and pastors whose appoint-
ments are not named as postoffices.
In such, and only in such cases,
will we publish such requests.

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If you have made up your mind to buy
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and whose example is worthy imitation, tells
her experience below:

To Get

"In one store where I went to buy Hood's
Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me to buy
their own instead of Hood's; he told me their
would last longer; that I might take it on ten
days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not
pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail
on me to change. I told him I knew what
Hood's Sarsaparilla was. I had taken it, and
was satisfied with it, and did not want any other.

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a great deal with dyspepsia, and so weak
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BY UNCLE CEPHAS.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I have not written to your paper before. My father takes the SOUTHWESTERN and I delight in reading it. I see so many little letters written by little children that I thought I would write too. I am a little girl 12 years old. I am in Wiley University, it is a nice large school. I hope my letter will not reach the waste basket.

Your Niece,
HATTIE WESLEY.

Marshall, Tex.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my first letter to you. I am a little girl 11 years old. I go to day school, and also Sunday school every Sunday. My every day teacher's name is H. B. Pemberton, and my Sunday school superintendent is Simmel S. Reed. Mama takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I love to read it. Mama belongs to the M. E. Church. Our pastor's name is Rev. Cole. My father is a preacher of the M. E. Church at Blossom Prairie, and I belong to the church.

Your Niece,
ZENOBIA A. MOORE.

Marshall, Tex.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 13 years old. This is my first letter to the Children's Legion. My papa takes the SOUTHWESTERN and I take great pleasure in reading it. I go to Sunday school every Sunday morning. My mama and papa belong to the M. E. Church. We have a good pastor, his name is A. J. Price.

Your Niece,
PIRLES LYLES.

Central Grove, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my second letter to you. I am studying geography, arithmetic, spelling, grammar and history. My teacher is Prof. D. G. Edmondson. Rev. W. H. Davis preached a soul-stirring sermon on Thursday night, and collected \$11.05.

Your Nephew,
P. G. WILSON.

Martin, Tex.

Science.

New Submarine Boat.

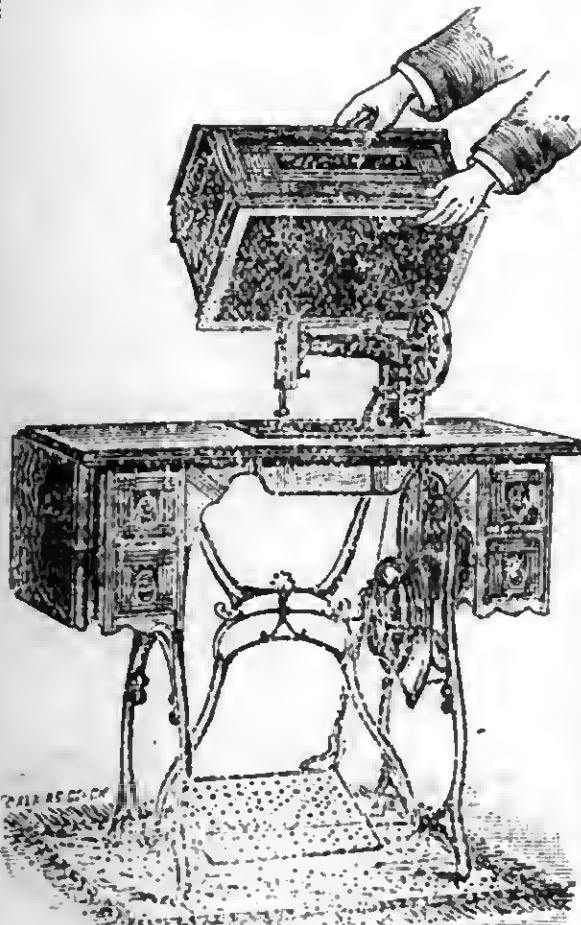
The French submarine boat Gymnote was recently tried at Toulon, and demonstrated its ability to pass through a blockaded line and escape attention in spite of systematic efforts to watch, trace or discover its course. According to the *Revue Industrielle*, it plunged and remained under water forty minutes. It rose to the surface in a distance of more than two miles and had passed under the watched line of demarcation without being seen. After having ascertained where it was, it emerged to return. It again crossed the line, but this time two of the parties on the lookout for it got a glimpse of it, not, however, sufficiently distinct to enable them to trace and pursue it. The course of the boat was in both instances rectilinear.—*Scientific American*.

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SECOND QUARTER.—Lesson VI. Israel's Overtthrow Foretold. Amos 8. 1-14. Commit to memory verses 11, 12. May 10, 1891. About B. C. 787.

HOME READINGS.
M. Amos 8. 1-14. Tu. Amos 9. 1-10. W. Ezek. 7. 1-9. Th. Prov. 28. 9-18. F. Deut. 28. 45-51. S. Luke 12. 42-48. S. Psa. 37. 3-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.
Whoever hath not from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. (Luke 8. 18.)

LESSON HYMN, S. M.

Thou Judge of quick and dead,
Before whose bar severe,
With holy joy or guilty dread,
We all shall soon appear;
Our cautioned souls prepare
For that tremendous day,
And fill us now with watchful care,
And stir us up to pray.

To pray, and wait the hour,
That awful hour unknown,
When, robed in majesty and power,
Thou shalt from heaven come down,
The immortal Son of man,
To judge the human race,
With all thy Father's dazzling train,
With all thy glorious grace.

Time—About B. C. 787.

Place—Israel.

Ruler—Possibly Jeroboam II, of Israel; Uzziah of Judah.

Connecting links—Amos' plainness of speech gave offense, and he was charged with conspiracy against the king.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Israel's Wickedness, v. 1-6.

What did the prophet see?

What showed this vision to him?

What question did the Lord ask?

What did he say about Israel?

Of what desolation in the temple did he tell?

What evil-doers were called to hear this message?

Of what acts of wickedness were they guilty?

2. Israel's Overtthrow, v. 7-14.

What had God said that he would remember?

How did he solemnly assure Israel of this?

What question did he ask about their sorrow?

What did he say about a flood?

What strange thing would happen to the sun?

How would feasts and songs be changed?

How would their raiment show sorrow?

Like what would the mourning be?

What did God promise to send on the land?

What kind of a famine was this to be?

How would the people show their distress in famine?

What would happen to the young people?

What sin of Samaria is spoken of?

What would occur to these sinners?

What says the Golden Text about every sinner's loss?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That God's judgments on sin are sure?

2. That God's judgments on sin will be severe?

3. That God's judgments on sin will be eternal?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Find out in what nation Amos lived.

Find out what his business was.

How many shepherds were used by God as his special servants?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What did God show to Amos?

A basket of fruit, ripe and ready to rot.

2. To what did he compare this basket of fruit?

To the wicked Israelites about to be destroyed.

3. What was one of their great crimes?

Wrongs of the poor.

4. How were they to be destroyed?

By the Assyrian invasion.

5. How did this punishment come?

Suddenly and without remedy.

6. From what did the Israelites suffer most in the day when they were suddenly deprived of their wealth and their families and their personal liberty?

From a famine for spiritual truth.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—God's anger at sin.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

51. Can we repent and believe of ourselves? No; the power to repent and believe is given us of God. (Eph. 2. 8; Rom. 11. 29.)

52. How can we know when we believe in Jesus Christ? "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." (1 John 5. 10.)

53. What witness is this? "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Rom. 8. 16.)

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Third Round.

Lumsden Hill Mission..... May 9-10

Seay's Chapel sta..... 16-17

Murfreeboro sta..... 23-24

Stone River sta..... 30-31

Fox Camp..... June 6-7

Murfreeboro cir..... 13-14

Spencer..... 20-21

Shelbyville..... 26-27

Farmington..... 28-29

Hillsboro..... July 4-5

Tallabona..... 8-9

McMinnville charge..... 10-12

McMinnville cir..... 11-12

Sparta sta..... 18-19

Sparta sta..... 19-20

Flat Rock charge..... 25-26

Thompson Chapel..... 30-31

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Meridian..... 23-24

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Stonewall..... 4

Quitman..... 5

Shubuta cir..... 6-7

Shubuta..... 9

DeSoto..... 10

Waynesboro..... 13-14

Chickasaw..... 20-21

Hickory..... 23

Docton..... 24

Lake..... 25

Forest..... 26

Garlandville..... 27-28

Paulding..... 29

Lake Como..... 30

Heidelberg..... July 1

DeKalb..... 10

Philadelphina..... 11-12

Edgingburg..... 46

Cartage..... 41

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Brandon..... 30-31

Jackson cir..... June 6-7

Clinton..... 6-7

Bolton..... 12

Edwards..... 13-14

Canton cir..... 18-21

Canton..... 20-21

Yazoo City..... 27-28

Rosemeath..... 30

Yazoo City cir..... July 1

Benton..... 3

Green Hill..... 4-5

Jackson..... 11-12

The district conference convenes in Canton, Miss., July 27.

J. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Marshall District, Texas Conference.

Second Round.

Greenville..... May 9-10

Paris sta..... 16-17

Blossom Prairie..... 23-24

Clarksville..... 30-31

Clarksville sta..... June 6-7

Freehope..... 6-7

DeKalb..... 10-11

Texarkana..... 13-14

Cooper..... 20-21

Wolfe City..... 20-21

Brookston..... 27-28

Bonham..... July 4-5

Honey Grove..... 11-12

Gibson..... 18-19

Red River..... 25-26

P. MORGAN, P. E.

District Conference.

The Yazoo District Conference has been changed from the 28th of May to the 21st of May, on account of the laying of the corner-stone of Rust University, which will be laid on the 29th. All are expected to be present at the corner-stone laying.

W. McDONALD, P. E.

Baton Rouge District.

Second Round.

New Roads..... May 14-15

Summer Chapel..... 16-17

Union Chapel..... 19-20

Bayou Letworth..... 21-22

Morrill Chapel..... 23-24

Mt. Zion..... 24-25

Wesley Chapel..... 26

Vincennes..... 27

Rylander..... 28

Comite..... 29

Clinton..... 30-31

Macdonia..... June 3

Pine Grove..... 4

Mt. Carmel..... 5

Jackson..... 6-7

Slaughter..... 8

Zachary..... 9

Plank Roads..... 10

Albert Chapel..... 11

Stony Point..... 13-14

Bayou Gonia..... 16

Musson..... 17

Wiley Chapel..... 18

Hartzell..... 20-21

Plaquemine..... 21-22

Indian Village..... 23

Priestley Chapel..... 27-28

Jones Creek..... 27-28

Conrad..... July 1

Baton Rouge—St. Marks..... 2

West..... 4-5

Wesley Chapel..... 5-6

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

Vicksburg District.

Second Round.

Fayette cir..... May 16-17

Natchez..... 23-24

Gloster..... June 6-7

Mamberg..... 13-14

Fayette..... 20-21

Union Church..... 27-28

Meadville..... 29-30

Vicksburg cir..... July 4-5

Vicksburg..... 11-12

Holling Fork..... 18-19

Sunflower..... 20

We call special attention to the Quarter Centennial Jubilee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and hope it may be observed throughout the district. Remember the day, the second Sunday in May.

SAMUEL A. COWAN, P. E.

Forest City District.

Second Round.

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Editorial Notes.

Jesus, my God! I know his name:
His name is all my trust;
Nor will he put my soul to shame,
Nor let my hope be lost.

—ISAAC WATTS

"I LOVE THE SOUTHWESTERN, I admire the editor. I pray that you may continue level headed and never falter."—Prof. A. J. Howard, Nashville, Tenn.

How often must we exhort you that we take no notice whatever of communications that are not accompanied with the author's real name! This applies to any and every department of the paper.

FREEDMEN'S Aid and Southern Education Day was observed in all our churches last Sunday. Now let the pastors forward at once to Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Cincinnati, O., the collection taken up for that cause.

THE present is one of the most extensive labor troubles that New Orleans has ever had; and it has been caused by the Master Mechanics' Association, an organization that declares its object to be, "the prevention of labor organizations and strikes."

JOHN D. LEWIS, late of Philadelphia, and a member of the Philadelphia bar, died recently and bequeathed \$100,000 to found a Protective Bureau of Civil Rights for Afro-Americans. The object of the Bureau is to protect, aid and secure to colored citizens their civil rights, how and wherever the same may be denied them on account of their race or color.—Ez.

CORRESPONDENTS must bear in mind that "brevity is the soul of wit" and is the best pledge for an early publication of their contributions. We cannot and will not attempt to condense or publish pieces of 15 and 20 pages. Ordinarily you ought to be able to say everything in which our readers would be interested on a postal card or on a page or two of note paper.

CONSTITUTIONAL grumblers, in the ministerial ranks are the most offensive class of grumblers in existence. They are generally too men, who if they had not been taken into the ministry, would day be following the plantation work at 50 cts. a day, from which they came. Such are the men, without any special preparation for their work, who are constantly criticising bishops, presiding elders and every body else, because they are not given big appointments paying from \$600 to \$1000 a year. If God, and not your own selfish interest, has called you to this work, do your work, trust in God and stop grumbling.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sight-Seeing.—XV.

BY L. M. HAGOOD, M. D.

"Tell me how it can be that you Southern white men take such undue and unseemly advantages of my people, despised, ignorant and defenseless, and still keep on your statutes a law prohibiting yourselves from acting honorably in this matter? Why do you keep up a continual hue and cry about the race when the females of it have such a fascination that you can't resist? Do you not feel and know that you are responsible for most of the immorality of the race? And yet you try to cover your own pollution by defaming the character of the race." "Yes, I admit we are responsible for the beginning, but what about it now?" Why, you must remember the debauchery perpetrated upon a race for two hundred and fifty years does not die out in a quarter of a century; you now see some of the points. Certainly, human nature, unrestrained for so long a time, does not so soon yield. Again, you must remember that they were colored women that went down to their graves before the war rather than become lured at the voice of their owners. Again, the better class of colored women everywhere are not vulnerable to white men of the kind you speak.

There is a class of flippant women amongst us that want to dress and lounge around; vain, ignorant and for sale. But you will doubtless call to mind the fact that some girls of your race, from your best families, set the colored girls examples they have not followed. Again, our girls, however well qualified, are shut out from all factories, stores, offices, agencies, etc. Every avenue for a livelihood is hermetically sealed against them, and their only means of support, as a rule, is as house servants. This latter employment now in the South is only equalled by the facilities for rascality, white men found before the war by putting the best girls of our race handiest to their sleeping apartments. Much of the immorality of young colored people was propagated in the houses of some who while they pretend to be religious, feel no obligation or desire to instruct their servants or protect them from exposure to temptation at home.

The sleeping apartments of too many servants are as far away from any sort of moral defense as possible. Sometimes on the same floor with male boarders or the sons of the family, while the latter is on a lower floor. No moral record is often required when hiring different servants in a household, so that often the purest minded nurse or house-girl or cook is thus brought into contact with immoral lepers, compelled to live, eat, sleep and associate with them. When the work of the house servant is finished they may go to their rooms or the streets to hold bacchanalian feasts or perambulate the streets—so they do not disturb the family and return in time for work next morning. Not only so but many employers go to the theater, shopping or church and leave the pretty colored nurse or house-girl in charge of the baby or to clean the house, while grown sons or male boarders are still in their rooms." "Yes, but have not your girls moral stamina enough to be discreet even under such circumstances?" Now Mr. Smith you know as well as I do that the Lord meant something when he told us to pray 'lead us not into temptation,' and besides I certainly do not believe you would allow your daughter to be thus exposed, would you?"

"Well, now you put it to me

straight. No, certainly I would not." "Well then suppose I call your attention to the word stamming, you need a while ago?" "O you needn't do it, I see my mistake."

Changing his position he said, "well I do not see for the life of me how such men as you see and know such things and then endure them. But this is no less strange than in political matters. Though a Democrat I've often wondered why the colored voter of the South who is either a Republican or nothing endure what they do?" "Now Mr. Smith you are about to get out of my range, for I am sick of politics and am like a good old colored brother, who, when his pastor was preaching and declared 'breddern, dar is but two roads, one leads to hell an de nudder ter damnation.' Some of the auditors thought the preacher guilty of *lapse lingue*, but one old brother taking him at his word arose from his seat, adjusting his glasses upon his forehead, vociferously shouted 'den, bress the lawd, dis nigger's gwine for de woods.' So it is with me politically, but go on. After attracting everybody's attention that was in the room by his rip-roaring laughter he continued, "Having faithfully and in some instances fatally clung to their noses, the Republican Party, they naturally expect its protection. Now what have they received?" "Well, Douglas, Bruce, Townsend, Small and Lynch got their positions by the aid of the party." "O well, good man, I fear you get it one-sided, your party gets the colored man settled one way or the other or both. The smart ones, like those you mention, when they assert their manhood have their mouths stopped with political pie, and the ignorant and less important voters have their mouths stopped by the shotgun or rope. See! Do you suppose it all the colored voters that have been murdered in the South since the war because they voted the Republican ticket had been any other race than yours that your party could not and would not have put a stop to it? You let the Irish, Chinese or Italians, who are naturalized or born here and vote, be treated that way and you would soon see blue coats marching South as thick as the lice of Egypt." "But Mr. Smith you will remember the treaties we have with other countries would help a little." "Now that's a cute dodge; but here's more, Why do not these black men defend themselves?" "I'll tell you. Everything is against them. The white people of the South control the telegraph, newspapers and railroads; they have the money, influence and can buy munitions of war anywhere and have them shipped. Oftentimes the colored teamsters that haul into the smaller towns and country from the railroads are shot down like dogs two days after with the guns and ammunition they hauled.

When Southerners travel North, newspapers have them interviewed and they give their opinion of these outrages on colored people, and their stories gain currency, while the other side is never heard. Not only so, but the local government is too often in the hands of the persons who murder the blacks or their sympathizers. I have known instances where members of the home guard or state militia were perpetrators of such crimes. No use calling for help from such soldiers. But in every instance that I know of where colored men have defended themselves, the home guard or state militia or both were called out, and in nearly every instance they shot somebody. Now you certainly know about these murders. But tell me why your party, the Democrats, do not put a stop to such crimes, since you say our party will not do it?" "Well, now

you've freed the coon, but you will not catch him. My party understands that you folks look to your party for protection, and we follow no political responsibility in this matter. You must understand also that it is to our interest to keep all the governmental reins in our hands. But we know if the colored man votes he will vote against our party, see?" Mr. Smith having to leave for the states next day arose and departed. He had hardly passed out until in anguish of soul we cried out with the words of Job: "Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said there is a (colored) man child conceived. Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it. As for that night let darkness seize upon it, let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months. Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein. No doubt ye are the people and wisdom shall die with you. But I have understanding as well as you: I am not inferior to you."

[FINIS.]

Christian Manhood.

R. C. MEYER, ESQ.

[Mr. Meyer, delivered an excellent address on the above subject before the Sunday School League in this city recently. We publish the following excerpt for the benefit of our readers.]

Christian manhood necessarily implies christian womanhood, for all society rests on this distinction and difference. The primary form of fellowship lying as it does at the ground of our universal life, is at once secured and provided for, by a radical disruption into two great sections or halves, in the form of sex. It comes into our view accordingly in the first mention of man's creation, where we are told, that he was made in the image and likeness of God, and under the two-fold character of male and female, as the necessary form of his perfection. His nature became complete, only when woman was taken from his side, and he was permitted to hail her as bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh. Should we ask the sage, the poet, the philosopher and the statesman, to what he owes his success, his reply will be, to the early teachings and precepts of christian women.

When we seek to acquaint ourselves with a man, we ought not to ask what is his color, what is his creed. Indeed we ought not to propound such a question at all, for men are sometimes practically right, while theoretically wrong, and the reverse. But we should enquire how did such a man live? How did he act? How did he work? If he labored, and labored honestly; if he worked and did his work well, he is our man; we enshrine him in our hearts; he is the great and good man, and he receives and deserves our homage. No! tell us not what a man professes; but what he is, what he does; what works he leaves behind him, written or unwritten; what impression he has made upon his age; what impression he has left for future ages; not what his father is, but what fruits that faith produces. This is what we want to know. For the test of christian character, left upon record for the instruction of all future ages, is 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'

After giving several happy illustrations of biblical character that eminently portrayed christian manhood, he concluded as follows.

"During the reign of Henry the VII, Hugh Latimer preached before the king and assailed the very sins for which the monarch was notorious until he stung him by his stern rebuke. The king sent for Latimer and said to him, 'Your life is in jeopardy, if you do not

recant all you said to-day, when you preach next Sunday.' The trembling courtiers all anxious to know what he would do, and next Sunday the chapel was crowded. The venerable man took his text—and after a brief pause began: "Now Hugh Latimer, bethink thee thou art in the presence of thy earthly monarch, thy life is in his hands, and if thou suit not thy self to his fancies, he will bring down thy gray hairs with blood to the grave. But Hugh Latimer, bethink thee, thou art in the presence of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who hath told thee that thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. For they can do no more, but rather fear him that can kill both body and soul and cast thee in hell fire forever. Yes, I say, Hugh Latimer fear him." He then went on, and not only repeated what he had said before, but if possible repeated it with greater emphasis. What was the consequence. The king sent for him and said how dare you insult your monarch so. Latimer replied. If I thought I was unfaithful to my God, it would be impossible to be loyal to my king. The king embraced the grand old man, and exclaimed "Is there one man who is brave and honest enough to tell me the truth." Latimer is created bishop, and again christian manhood prevailed.

In conclusion, it behooves us as christians to inculcate into the hearts, and minds of our children, this grand principle of manhood; to teach them that the exercise of this spirit, will in the future enable them to stand upon equal footing with all men; to teach them that the asserting of this right will win for them the admiration of the world, and the blessing of the most high. But this principle cannot be acquired by mechanical means. It must come by the spirit of the living God entering their hearts. When they shall have acquired this principle, christian manhood, will continue to play no small part in the social and political revolution in the march of human progress, and the time will come when the will of God is done on earth as it is in heaven.

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Letters from the Districts.

South New Orleans District.

PIERRE LANDRY, P. E.

Our city churches are to be found among the good, better, best. First Street Church is the largest and most powerful on this district. Its board of officers is the equal of any in the Louisiana Conference.

Every department of the church was well and ably represented at their first quarterly conference, which was held in the presence of a large gathering of the people. Connected with this congregation is to be found an element of young people who cannot be overlooked. Take them in, brethren, and give them a chance, and they will help to make your burden light, and increase your influence for good as an organization. The Rev. T. G. Montgomery, ex-presiding Elder of the Shreveport District, a true and faithful christian gentleman, is serving a second term there as pastor with great acceptability.

It was quite a treat to be at Simpson Chapel on Easter Sunday night, amid the elaborate floral and other displays commemorative of the occasion. The resurrection sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Hilton, pastor, to a crowded house, who were fed spiritually from the text, "All power is given unto me." This church has just gone through a course of thorough renovation. For taste and elegance it is not by any to be surpassed. The indebtedness incident to this improvement is in easy control of the very efficient board of trustees. This being the case, we bespeak another first-class year's work for the Master's cause.

At Williams Chapel the Rev. Henry Taylor is the pet of a people whose delight it is to make him happy and comfortable; and who find in him equivalent reciprocity. A missionary society, a sewing school of 78 scholars, and a sewing circle which is composed of the ladies of the church, who meet at different houses every Wednesday afternoon, are benevolent enterprises connected with this church. Sister D. C. Mead is president, and Sister A. L. Messiah secretary and treasurer. Upon invitation of this circle, the Presiding Elder, accompanied by the pastor, partook of lunch, which was served at the pleasant home of Mrs. Priestley, on Wednesday, April 8. A committee composed of Rev. Taylor, Prof. Camphor and Bro. William Matthews, was appointed by order of the quarterly conference, whose duty it is to confer with the board of trustees with a view to the improvement of the church, or to rebuild.

Both Cushman and Maunden Chapels are good and well located churches, and when out of debt, which Bro. B. G. Auckrum, a young man of good report (supplying), proposes to do this year at Onshman; and Bro. Henry Taylor, acting pastor at Maunden, will do the same: we will have two good openings for as many good men in the Louisiana Conference. Bros. Brown and Norwood are among the faithful local preachers at these churches.

Haven Chapel, which was named for the illustrious Bishop Haven, is now, after a hard struggle for many years, free of debt. Under the able leadership of their pastor, Rev. W. S. Harris, these faithful people are now preparing to make needed improvements on their church, which is a necessity. They propose, also, with the assistance of Bishop Mallalieu, and Mrs. Dr. Thirkield, of Atlanta, Ga., to build a parsonage on the church lot to front on Plum street, which would fill a long felt need there.

On account of high water, we couldn't reach Shady Grove and Lees Creek, in the parishes of St. Tammany and Washington.

At Pontchatoula and Springfield the Rev. R. C. Barrow is doing a good work, spiritually and otherwise. Sixteen miles from Springfield a new work is about to be opened, in the parish of Livingston. The demand for the old mother

church out in these regions is being heard on all sides. Slowly but surely we are making headway out there.

We spent Easter Sunday at Pontchatoula, which occasion was celebrated jointly at the A. M. E. Zion Church, Rev. Oldfield pastor, who rendered an excellent program. For their kind hospitality, Elder Oldfield and family, Bros. Rollen and Roberson and family, will ever be kindly remembered.

The Rev. Simeon Evans, in the canon of Camp Parapet, is having a good time. Our people there are faithful to the old church, and will not be behind in the performance of their whole duty to the cause. It was our pleasure there to meet, among the brethren at the quarterly conference, Father Lawson, one of the founders of this work, who is full of years and full of faith in God and the final triumph of the Church. Bro. Evans has done three good years' work at this place, and this year he will finish up with pain and limo.

Rev. Alfred Vincent is the active and faithful pastor at Darrowville, opposite Donaldsonville. Since his appointment there by Bishop Newman, a parsonage has been started, which will soon accommodate the pastor and his family. All the interests of the church are being looked after. A project is now on foot looking to the purchase of a bell. The church, parsonage and fence are to be painted and whitewashed, which will greatly improve the appearance of this valuable property.

At Dutch Town, Bro. Henry Wilson is struggling against odds, which he will soon overcome. The young people of New River are manifesting great interest in the success of this young man, and the cause. For the purpose of building a Methodist Church on the Manchac, a subscription of \$25 was raised, and more to follow. So, even New River, in the parish of Ascension, may be counted on for Methodism.

The quarterly conference of the University charge was held with decorum and dispatch. Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D.D., and his officers, were on hand with reports, showing the work to be in good shape and growing. This charge forms a part of the New Orleans University, the educational center of the Southwest and the pride of the Louisiana Conference; yea, the Negro race.

I need not here attempt a description of the entire property; suffice it to say that the main building is one of the most magnificent educational structures in the city. It is situated on St. Charles Avenue, one of the principal thoroughfares of New Orleans, and together with other buildings it occupies part of two squares of ground. The building has been fitted up at great cost, with all of the modern appliances necessary for the comfort of its inmates and patrons.

Every department of the institution is in satisfactory operation, which is evident from the large attendance this year, the best in its history.

With the big soul of Bishop Mallalieu in it, the fostering care of the Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., backed by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; the unalloyed friendship of the Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., president of its board of trustees; the broad experience and wise management of the president, the Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D.D.; this healthy state of things is the most natural.

Every political party is represented by an organ in sympathy with its object. Every religious organization is represented by an organ in the same way, which is supported by its votaries. The concentrated wisdom of our great church designated the SOUTHWESTERN as its organ for this part of our Methodism, with our own A. E. P. Albert, D.D., a man of recognized ability throughout the length and breadth of the church, its editor, who is fearlessly and honestly standing by our every interest as a race, and the cause,

to which great compact the SOUTHWESTERN is an indispensable adjunct. Shall we not stand by it, brethren? Let Methodist people everywhere rally to the support of their "Advocate," and avoid the possible misfortune of its discontinuance by the General Conference in 1892.

We ought to have at least 1500 cash subscribers on the South New Orleans District. In the city of New Orleans we ought to have at least 3000. And why not?

Program of the Jacksonville District Conference of the Florida Conference.

BENJ. DILWORTH, P. E.

Opening sermon, Rev. R. B. Pinckney.

The duty of the Church to superannuated ministers, Rev. J. P. Patterson.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, D. E. Jacobs. Punctuality, R. Drake.

The relation of the pastor to the church, press and country, S. Jackson.

PROGRAM SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY.

Origin of the Sunday school, J. B. L. Williams.

Relation of the Sunday school to the growth of the Church, J. H. Williams.

How to build up a Sunday school, J. M. Deas.

The pastor's relation to the Sabbath school, R. E. Robinson.

The great object of the Sunday school, J. F. Elliott.

How to increase attendance in the Sunday school, C. O. Mannigan.

The best methods to retain adults in the Sunday school, B. Dilworth, Presiding Elder.

The best methods to instruct our infant classes, General discussion.

The duty of parents to the Sabbath school, S. B. Darnell.

The district conference will convene in St. Augustine, on Thursday, May 28, 1891. All Sabbath schools are asked to send one delegate besides the superintendent. All members are earnestly requested to be on hand the first day, and come prepared to remain during the session.

Revs. R. E. Robinson, J. M. Deas, J. F. Elliott, committee.

Program of Palatka District Conference of Florida Annual Conference.

S. A. HUGER, P. E.

Will convene in Ocala, May 21, 1891.

Opening sermon on the night of the 20th, by L. J. Little.

Address on missions, T. Holseu-dorf.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, L. J. Middleton.

Extension of our church in the State of Florida, by the Presiding Elder. Open to discussion.

Sunday school and its relation to the Church, P. A. Daniels.

Duties of officers and teachers of the Sunday school and their relation to the pastor, J. Wilson.

Duties of class leaders and stewards and their relation to the pastor, L. J. Little.

A lecture on the small increase of our membership and the remedy therefor, P. C. Jackson. Open to discussion.

Is it expedient that we have a colored bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Y. K. Meeks; alternate, J. Grant.

What has the M. E. Church done for the colored people? J. Grant. The use of tobacco, I. J. Johnson.

Temperance, D. Johnson, J. J. Higgs and P. A. Daniels.

Articles of religion, J. J. Higgs.

An educated local ministry, Y. K. Meek.

A fifteen-minute lecture on preaching each day, J. Grant.

Local preachers will please choose their own subjects. All members will please bring written reports.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take no notice of this. That all anonymous letters go directly to your waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Names and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

Affairs in North Alabama.

A. W. M'KINNEY.

Winter lingered long. We had snow here on the 4th and 5th of April, which days were as cold as any in January. But the balmy days of spring have come at last, and buds and flowers are springing into new life. The greatest thing in North Alabama is Methodism. On his return from conference, Bro. Todd organized an Epworth League, which is now about 100 strong. Young and old have joined and take part in the meetings.

School has been fuller this year than usual. We closed on the 8th of May. The time is propitious. The State Normal school is to be removed four miles from the city. But the advantages of Huntsville as an educational center are known, and already agents of other denominations are prospecting. Yet we creep on, when we could fly just as easily.

A revival has been in progress at the Missionary Baptist Church. The C. M. E. Church organized here two years ago, and has now a fair congregation and Sunday school. Dr. Brown, a graduate of Meharry Medical College, is the Presiding Elder. He is intelligent and a Christian gentleman much above the average.

The State Teachers' Association of colored teachers held its annual meeting here April 8-11. The annual address by the president, Rev. G. M. Elliott, was dignified, scholarly and logical.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. J. S. Todd, pastor of our church, which was responded to by Prof. E. C. Sylsby, of Talladega College.

Dr. DeForest, president of Talladega College, W. H. Mixon of Selma, and Prof. B. T. Washington, of Tuskegee State Normal School, took active part in the work of the association. But the center of attraction was, perhaps, the address of Hon. Mr. Harris, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and that of the Rev. Mr. Wright, field agent of the A. M. A.

Mr. Harris said: "I must feel an interest in that people whom God has in his providence placed here. It is not color that makes the man or that makes the woman. But I would have every man to be manly and every woman to be womanly. You have struggled on and on, till many of you know what citizenship means. You are here, and here to stay, and should take an interest in the development of the country. For the same law that protects the colored man protects the white. The same law that protects the white woman protects the colored. There is only one question—that is the question of social equality. Whenever a white man steps down out of his own race (or steps up, as you may call it) and associates with other races on terms of equality, look out, for he is a villain."

The speaker went on to say that parents should keep their children's faces and hands clean, and let whisky alone. He knew a man who went to town with one dollar and bought ten cents worth of meal, ten cents worth of meat, and eighty cents worth of whisky.

Coming back to the race question, the speaker said: "I know a colored man who before the war was a shoemaker. He had earned and saved for himself \$3000. His master offered to allow him to buy himself, and told him that he would take \$1200 for him. The colored man replied that he could not afford to own a \$1200 Negro. The war ended and the Negro was free with his \$3000. The master did not have a dollar. But the colored man lent his old master the \$3000 to commence business. Now," said he, "the race problem between these parties was forever settled."—Even so.

Mr. Harris went on to say that the Southern white man was and ever will be the Negro's best and truest friend. He had stated at the beginning that when a boy he played with colored boys and girls. [A voice in the audience repeated girls.] When visiting a Northern convention he noticed a colored man on the ground, to whom no one seemed to pay any attention. He sought him out and made his acquaintance. The man was Bishop Arnett, of the A. M. E. Church. He was a stranger in a Northern community, and no man had given him any attention. He wanted to see each race true to itself, and each respect the rights of the other. There was no distinction before the law between the races. The colored normal schools of Alabama receive \$2500 more than do the whites.

Mr. Wright, agent of the A. M. A., was called on, and delivered a most excellent speech. He said that he could not say that he had played with the boys and girls of the colored race, as had Mr. Harris. He never saw a colored man till he was about grown. But he felt a call to the work of uplifting and enlightening our people in the South. A patriotic as well as a Christian call.

He said: "We have often felt that our work was misunderstood by both colored and white people. The white people thought that we came down here to teach the Negroes how to vote, and the Negroes thought that we were a poor class of white people who could not get anything to do at home, and hence came down to make a living off the colored people. But the results have been such as to cause us to thank God and take courage."

Easter Sunday was a high day in Huntsville. The Independent Order of Immaculates turned out in a body to listen to an able sermon by Rev. J. S. Todd, at Lakoside M. E. Church. A donation was given by the order for the benefit of the poor in our city, and the members of another organization made a donation to a widows' and orphans' home. This indicates a healthy growth of the true heaven of Christianity in Huntsville.

Our baccalaureate sermon was preached May 3, by Dr. W. H. Nelson, of the Central Alabama Conference.

A. Porter, Memphis, Tenn.

Reports the organization of Porter's Chapel and Sunday school, on Weeks Avenue, in a flourishing part of Memphis. The church is not completed, but will be next fall. The promises are most favorable for its future growth. Rev. J. L. Massey, Profs. H. Franklin, R. Hill, Jos. Read, Miss A. Orolley, and Mrs. H. Porter, are among the most active workers in the church and Sunday school.

P. R. Crump, Forest, Miss.

Easter Sunday was a grand day. The church was beautifully decorated and the program was carried out in full. As it was conference day the Presiding Elder, J. M. Shumpert, was present and gave many words of encouragement. Collected for missions, \$10.25; for Presiding Elder, \$12.50; total for the day, \$22.75. Received 25 full members. Five subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

D. Shelby, Shreveport, La.

Easter Sunday was observed in grand style in Fairfield Church. Collection, \$2.45 for missions. The church was nicely decorated. We have a grand people.

A. B. Allen, St. Paul M. E. Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Our church is in a good spiritual condition. Several have joined the church since conference, and we have a large attendance each Sabbath. We are largely encumbered with debt, but we are doing all we can to cancel it. Last Sunday was rally day. Our members worked like heroes. The whole church was divided into three companies, with Mrs. M. Hall, M. K. Jackson, and B. Ash and Jones, leaders. The first reported \$83; second, \$81; third, \$50; total, \$214. We intend, God being our

helper, to pay all claims against us and be entirely free. Everybody speaks hopefully of the church. On Monday night, after class meeting, the pastor and wife were agreeably surprised by a lively crowd of members and friends of St. Paul, who came and left our tables groaning with loads of good things. Mrs. Fulfur, Jones, McNeal, King, Glover, A. B. Speight, Lettie Gool, Pickness, Moore, Howard, Carter, and many others, were among them. Call again. You are always welcome.

C. H. Brown, Bolton, Miss.

The people received my family and myself kindly, and bought a new set of furniture for the parsonage. They gave me a pound party, which resulted in about thirty pounds. The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. Campbell, has held our first quarter. We observed Easter with good success. Collection, \$10. We had a grand time Sunday, the 12th. Administered the sacrament to 84 persons and received five into the church. We have received twelve persons into the church since I have been here. I have the promise of five cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. She goes thundering through the State every week. God help her to go on.

M. Cooper, Paulding, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference convened March 25, 26, with Rev. J. M. Shumpert in the chair. The Elder preached an able sermon. The Lord's supper was administered to 98. Collection, \$10.40. Elder J. M. Shumpert is the right man in the right place.

J. B. Ledbetter, Exprairie, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Bethel Church, April 11, 12. Rev. W. McDonald, our Presiding Elder, was on time, and Rev. S. R. Gipson, our beloved pastor, made a good report.

W. C. Bryant, Hampton Circuit, Ga.

Our first quarterly conference was held April 11, 12, by our beloved Presiding Elder, E. L. Hammett. All the reports showed progress. Paid Presiding Elder, \$20; pastor, \$42.09. Raised for missions, \$9.51; for traveling and moving expenses, \$14.30. Total since conference, \$85.00. The Elder preached two soul-stirring sermons, and administered the Lord's Supper to 75.

PASTORS would confer a great favor to many lost friends if they would kindly read from their pulpits, the many lost friend notices which appear in our paper. Brethren, do unto others as you would have others do to you in this matter, and help parents to find their children, and children to find their parents, that were snatched away from them by the cruel hand of slavery.

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Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	280,000
Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	238,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Portraits of Bishops Soule and Andrew, who adhered to the South in the great division of 1844, have recently been placed with the portraits of the other Bishops, in the Mission Rooms of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York. This recognition is said to have been due to the efforts of Dr. C. F. Deems. The portraits were executed by Miss Sallie Thomas, of Nashville, Tenn., from originals in the Vanderbilt University.

General Church News.

American Bible Society.

United States—The Fourth General Bible Supply Successfully Completed. The Work of Eight Years:

Families visited	6,309,928
Families found without the Scriptures	757,581
Destitute families supplied	473,804
Individuals in addition	299,053

On an average one family in eight found without a Bible. Copies of the Scriptures distributed, 8,146,808, in 27 different languages. Some of the more important are as follows: In Welsh, 29,287; German, 473,920; Dutch, 11,807; Danish, 153,707; Swedish, 220,777; Italian, 57,883; Finnish, 2,314; Polish, 2,317; Hungarian, 2,543; Bohemian, 9,924; Chinese, 7,243.

Cost of this benevolent home work \$862,557.93.

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This society has, in 12 years, spent about \$100,000 in Scriptures for the best interest of church and state in Texas, and why not now, aid the society in the day of its need?

It is the helper of every good work and the greatest of Missionary societies. W. B. Rankin, District Superintendent, A. B. S. Austin, Texas.

There are three mission steamers on the waters of the Upper Congo. They convey teachers and preachers to the various stations on the great river and carry supplies when needed.

It is said that for what it costs to fire one shot from one of our largest cannoes, a missionary and his family can be supported over two years in Japan. Would we not better spike the cannon and send the Gospel abroad?

The American Baptist missionaries on the Upper Congo have made discoveries which show that Lakes Mantumba and Leopold are connected and form a secondary course for the waters of the Congo. The Upper Congo Valley is one vast net-work of lakes and rivers.

General News Items.

With a population of fifteen thousand, the colored people of Indianapolis, Ind., have thirty-three churches, three doctors, three lawyers, four letter carriers, two clerks in the postoffice and eight policemen.

The Colored Press Convention recently held at Cincinnati, Ohio, was harmonious throughout. The election of officers resulted in the

choice of John Mitchell, of Richmond, as president; L. G. Coppen, Philadelphia, vice president; Mrs. W. H. Heard, Philadelphia, secretary; Rev. Geo. W. Clinton, Pittsburgh, assistant secretary; Robert Pelham, Detroit, treasurer; T. Thomas Fortune, New York, historian, and an executive board of fourteen members.

The committee on Southern outrages made a report, which was adopted. It related especially to the "Jim-Crow" car legislation in the South, and recommended the appointment of a committee, whose duty shall be to act conjointly with the president and secretary to keep before the country every attempt made to insult and outrage the self-respecting members of the colored race, and to raise means to aid in testing such cases before the courts.

Good. Now let them all rally to the support of the American Citizens' Equal Rights Association in testing these laws.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my mother, Charity Florid. When we parted she went by the name of Charity Dulaney. But the last that I heard of her she went by the name of Charity Florid. I was living in Baton Rouge, La. She was the mother of four children: Emily, Victory, William and Edwin. Emily is the one she left in Mississippi with Mrs. Blunt, and the other three children were carried with her. She was sold to Isaac Jackson. When we parted I was quite small. I have not seen her in forty-four years. Any information will be gladly received, write to Emily Brown, Pickens station, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my sister. She was born in Madison county, Missouri, and belonged to a man named Sam Oaruthers. At his death she was taken from Cape Girardeau to New Orleans and then to Texas, by a man named Liv Cooper. Our mother's name was Hannah White, who lived on Caster creek, seven miles from Fredericktown. There were six brothers and sisters of us, Lewis, Isaac, George and Eliza White, who belonged to William White, one sister Elizabeth Ferguson, belonged to Andrew Ferguson of Mine La Motte, and a brother whose name was Frank Clay, lived in St. Francis county and belonged to Wade Clay. Our father's name was Frank Villan, and belonged to Judge Villan of Fredericktown, Mo. A man by the name of Daniel Smith went with my mother to Cape Girardeau in 1859-60. That was the last time she saw her daughter. Any one who can give us any information, will please address George Villan, Fredericktown Madison county, Mo.

Mr. Editor: My mother and step father with six children went from Greensboro, N. C., to Montgomery, Ala., in 1870. Father's name Moses Pinnix; mother's Londa Pinnix, and six children: Bro. Felix, Bro. Moses, Bro. James Morris Pinnix, sister Caroline Martha and sister Suzan Pinnix. Any information will be gladly received. Address W. R. Pinnix, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Letters from the Laity.

J. L. McGowan, Cold Springs, Texas.

Our first quarterly conference convened at Camilla Hill M. E. Church, April 11; 12. Rev. F. Parker, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Bro Parker is in the hearts of the people. We are glad to have him with us, and sorry when he leaves. He preached two splendid sermons, and administered the Lord's Supper to 92. Seven joined the church. Raised for the Presiding Elder \$16.10, for missions \$28.25. Our pastor Rev S. H. Grant's wife is very sick and has been for several days. But she is now better.

M. Halsendorf, Cordele, Ga.

Our pastor Rev. L. K. Rimbald, has done good work this year and is beloved by all his people. He has built a church since he has been with us this year. Presiding Elder John Watts, held his first quarterly meeting on the 11th and 12th in the church. On Sunday he preached two wonderful sermons.

Bertha A. McNeil, Marthaville, La.

The church here is spiritually alive under the charge of Rev. J. H. Pierre. He has built a parsonage 18x30 feet with four rooms. They had a grand rally on the third Sunday in April and realized \$150 for building purposes, and have added to the church 51 members. The people are well pleased with the pastor.

James Beaver, Capleville, Tenn.

We have closed the first quarter up with great success. We expect to bring up every requirement in the benevolent money collections.

Wm. Prescott and Crawford Scott, Burton Crenit, Ga., sends us flattering reports of their Easter services. They express great satisfaction with their new pastor, Rev. A. Owens. Easter missionary collection \$30.25. The church is enjoying great prosperity.

Anna Lamb, in an essay on work says: The stars are very numerous, but at night each gives its own light. One does not hold back duty because there are so many at the same occupation, but does all that he can. So it should be with us, anything that is in our duty we should do always with a ready mind, and in the very best way we can.

Science.

Koch's Consumption-Cure.

It cannot yet be said that the exact status of Koch's remedy is fixed; nor can we even yet say with certainty that this much-heralded cure is destined to survive among established methods at all. The most that is claimed for it by its most ardent advocates is that it seems capable of depriving the bacillus of the material in which it thrives best—i. e., of disintegrating and destroying tuberculous tissue. There has been no claim that it has any direct effect upon the existence of the bacillus, nor that it, having deprived the bacillus of its food, tends in any way to remove that parasite from the body, and thus to eliminate the possible source of danger of subsequent or more general infection. Under its influence in some forms of tuberculosis—especially of the skin—it has been shown that tissue which was of the very lowly organized variety characteristic of the disease has been at first in part and then wholly replaced by a tissue of higher organization, and one that is likely to be permanent.

In regard to tuberculosis of the lungs, there can be no question that improvement in the patient's general condition and also evidence of improvement at the site of the disease have followed the use of this remedy. The general improvement manifests itself by a gain in weight, lessening of fever, increased appetite, better sleep. The local improvement is surmised from certain changes to be observed by auscultation and percussion, together with a diminution in the severity of the cough and in the amount of expectoration, and also a diminution in the number of the bacilli in the expectoration or their complete disappearance from it. This has not always been the case. In not a few instances no improvement has resulted, and in other cases direct and most damaging results, including hemorrhage and even death, have been brought about by it. In the treatment of tuberculosis of the bones and joints results seem to have been widely different. It is certain that some cases have been benefited, and equally certain that others have not.—From the Editor's Table in *The Popular Science Monthly* for April.

Books and Current Literature.

With every issue the New England Magazine becomes wider in its scope, and is more artistically gotten up, it being the evident desire of the editors and publishers to make it take first rank among the great illustrated monthlies. The May number presents a varied and excellent table of contents. Mrs. Bernard Whitman writes in a lively, gossiping strain about the Puritans of early Dorchester, one of the suburbs of Boston. Lovejoy—Hero and Martyr, is a strong plea for remembrance of one of the early Anti-Slavery agitators. The writer of it, Thomas Dimmock, has made a special study of Lovejoy's work, and he brings sympathy, and calm, rational inquiry to his task. O. S. Adams writes an amusing account of some of the old antebellum newspapers. There is a fair installment of poetry and fiction. New England Magazine, 86 Federal street, Boston, Mass.

The May Arena opens with a remarkable paper by C. Wood Davis on The Wheat Supply of Europe and America. A notable feature is the debate on the subject, Is Spiritualism Worth Investigating? by Julian Hawthorne and Rev. Minot J. Savage. Abram S. Isaacs, professor of Hebrew in the University of New York, and editor of the Jewish Messenger, contributes the second paper on the world's great religions, entitled What Is Judaism? Dr. Henry D. Chapin discusses the Survival of Faith. Prof. J. W. McGarvey, of the Divinity School of Kentucky University, ably presents the Orthodox view of New Testament inspiration. The editor contributes a strong plea for freedom in an editorial entitled Is Socialism Desirable? Taken as a whole this number, which closes the third volume of the Arena, is one of the strongest and most attractive issues that has yet appeared of this review.

St. Nicholas for May presents a very tempting table of contents, beginning with an imaginative poem, "Morning," by the late Emily Dickinson. The departments, and the usual delightful jingles and pictures tucked in between the longer stories and poems, force one to confess that St. Nicholas not only gives good measure, but generously inserts small extra bits wherever space can be found.

Rudyard Kipling will contribute to the forthcoming number of Harper's Weekly a new story of life in India, entitled "The Last Relief."

James Lane Allen's new book, "Flint and Violon, and other Kentucky Tales and Romances," is announced as ready for immediate publication by Harper & Bros.

"Princeton College" is the subject of an illustrated article by Robert Bridges, which appeared in Harper's Young People April 21. Mr. Bridges was a member of the class of '79, and he tells several things which, although not found in the College Catalogue, every Freshman or prospective Freshman ought to know.

The May Century begins a new volume, and in it are begun several new features of what the Century calls its summer campaign. Examiner John Bigelow gives a chapter of secret history which he calls "The Confederate Diplomats and their Shirt of Nessus." In open letters, Mr. James Lane Allen replies to certain criticisms, and there are brief papers on "The Negro in Nashville," Homeopathy, and Vivisection.

If any well-informed man were asked what are the most important topics that have engaged public opinion during the month of April, and about which the public desires authoritative information, he would be sure to answer (1) the Italian difficulty, (2) the new Australian Commonwealth, (3) our reciprocity treaties with South America, (4) religious discussions caused by a large number of trials for heresy, and (5) silver coinage.

The Forum for May contains articles for every one of these subjects—on our Constitution and the demand of Italy, by ex-Secretary Bayard, who takes the same position taken by Mr. Blaine; on the Commonwealth of Australia, by Sir R. W. Cameron, the best authority in the United States; on reciprocity, by R. Q. Mills, ex-Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, and by Senator Frye, who writes with special reference to the improvement of our Southern harbors; on changes of orthodox belief in our own time, by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Mearns, of King's College, London; and on Free Silver Coinage—Why Not? by Edward Atkinson. In this way the Forum tries to make good its claim to give its readers not only important information, but important information just when it is most desired.

NOTWITHSTANDING the notification to our readers that we could not afford the room to publish where their correspondents may write them, we continue to get such requests. Please don't send them, and thereby save your stamp and us the trouble of going over the matter. We publish the appointment of every pastor in our territory, and that is sufficient, except in the cases of Presiding Elders and pastors whose appointments are not named as postoffices. In such, and only in such cases, will we publish such requests.

I FEEL it my duty to say a few words in regard to Ely's Cream Balm, and I do so entirely without solicitation. I have used it more or less half a year, and I have found it to be most admirable. I have suffered from catarrh of the worst kind ever since I was a little boy and I never hoped for cure, but Cream Balm seems to do even that. Many of my acquaintances have used it with excellent results.—Oscar Ostrum, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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THE program rendered at the first session of the Illinois Itinerants' Club, at Bloomington, Ill., May 11-15, was a grand one. Rev. Drs. J. W. Hamilton, Chas. N. Sims, and Bishops Vincent and Merrill presided in the order named.

THE views expressed by one hundred American Bishops on the opening of the Columbian Fair which we published in a previous issue, should have been credited to the N. Y. Independent. It was an oversight which caused our failure to give due credit to our excellent contemporary.

REV. J. W. Winbush, pastor at Durant, Miss., writes us that the machine which Bro. Henry Barnes, of Owens, Miss., got with his paper, perfectly pleases the family. It sews like a charm and he would not exchange it for one that cost \$55. Any one is at liberty to address them for further information. —"We told you so."

The spring conferences have all voted and the result on the woman question stands as follows:

	FOR.	AGAINST.
Previously reported.....	1,891	2,375
Troy Conference.....	52	141
Maine Conference.....	64	26
Vermont Conference.....	46	47
East Maine Conference.....	40	26
Africa Conference.....	7	9
Total.....	2,100	2,624

PASTORS would confer a great favor to many lost friends if they would kindly read from their pulpits, the many lost friend notices which appear in our paper. Brethren, do unto others as you would have others do to you in this matter, and help parents to find their children, and children to find their parents, that were snatched away from them by the cruel hand of slavery.

THE Louisiana State Sunday School Convention was the most successful the white people of the State have ever held. The marked feature was the spirit of Christian unity that prevailed. The time draws nigh, we believe, when the "other sheep" will be recognized as also a part of Christ's flock. The Holy Catholic Church of the creed must become one in fact—and then will the kingdom of God draw nigh.

MR. REYNOLDS and the Sunday School Convention assented quite *ex cathedra* that B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago, was the originator of the International Lesson system. We Methodists are good natured, and while we don't object to the other churches taking nearly everything we have, we think history will give the palm to Bishop Vincent, to whom it of right belongs. Some good brother will rise up next and claim the Epworth League as the child of our Southern sister.

Defeated, Whether "Disgraced" or Not.

AFTER a month's rumbling the mountain has brought forth a monse. Such is a proper designation of the long and meaningless tirade of abuse which the Rev. Dr. A. M. Green of the A. M. E. Church contributed in the form of a speech to the *Crusader* of last Saturday, in answer to our protest against the efforts of Wilberforce to revive the black code in Ohio. This she did by asking the State of Ohio to give her the Negro's proportion of the Agricultural College fund appropriated by the last Congress. This great central denominational school which enrolled, according to her own catalogue, 177 students last year, only 71 of whom were from Ohio, unblushingly asked for the money that belonged to the colored Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal and the children of other churches of that State. This she could not get, unless the State could see her way back into the re-enactment of her black laws, by reviving her separate school system. Wilberforce did not care how it come. All she was after, as Dr. Green started to say in his speech, was the golden fleece. But she didn't get it.

As a consequence there is to day in the state of Ohio, only one State Agricultural College, and that is open to both races. The shameful scheme was defeated and our people of other denominations are not to be sidetracked into Wilberforce A. M. E. University as a pseudo agricultural college for colored people, thanks to the vigorous and timely protests of the colored citizens of that state. Contrary to Dr. Green's assertion, we have no fights to make against the A. M. E. Church. We make no fight against the A. M. E. Zion, and the C. M. E. Church. Then why should we be found constantly at war with the A. M. E. Church? Simply because so many of her preachers are constantly misrepresenting us and our church. Our warfare is always in defense of our manhood, which Dr. Green so insultingly denies us, in his present effusion as others of his Church too often dare to attempt.

We assure them, however, that we shall ever be prepared to present them with foemen worthy of their steel. Having neither the space nor the inclination to harass our readers with the rehearsed fabrications which they have been reading from that source for the past quarter of a century, we dismiss Dr. Green and Wilberforce, minus the golden fleece, the appropriation, which belongs to no sect but to the people, whose children will enjoy its benefit in common.

THE Ecumenical Conference Executive Committee held a meeting in Baltimore May 4. The Committee decided as the opening date for the Ecumenical Conference in Washington, October 7, of this year. Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher, chairman of the finance committee, was invited to meet the executive committee at its next meeting, which it was determined to hold at Saratoga August 5. The program committee decided on the leading themes to be discussed by fifty eminent speakers. Rev. Wm. Arthur of London will preach the opening sermon. The conference will continue twelve days, and living questions will be dealt with, such as Biblical Criticism in its Latest Phases, Education, Temperance, Amusements, Labor and Capital, the Press, the Sabbath, Christian Giving, Place and Power of the Lay Element, Social Problems, Romanism, etc.

THE latest news from the Epworth Hymnal No. 2 is, that it will be ready about the first of July. Previous announcements fixing an earlier date are reluctantly recalled. But in this matter haste is at the expense of merit, and would cost more than waiting. The book will appear simultaneously East and West.

John Wesley and Slavery.

Tyerman, whose magnificent volumes are *par excellence* the supreme authority on all things relating to John Wesley, says (vol. iii, p. 115): "Let it be noted that besides all his other honors, John Wesley, the poor, persecuted Methodist, was one of the first advocates on behalf of the enthralled African that England had, and that sixty years before slavery was abolished in the dominions of Great Britain, he denounced the thing in the strongest terms it was possible to employ. In 1787, William Wilberforce, Granville Sharp, Thomas Clarkson and others, organized in London a society for the suppression of the slave trade. Wesley thereupon wrote as follows:

Mr. Thomas Funnell:

LEWES, SUSSEX, Nov. 24, 1787.
My Dear Brother—Whatever assistance I can give those generous men who join to oppose that execrable trade, I certainly shall give. I have printed a large edition of the "Thoughts on Slavery," and dispensed them to every part of England. But there will be vehement opposition made, both by store merchants and slave holders, and they are mighty men; but, our comfort is, He that dwelleth on high is mightier. I am,
Your affectionate brother,
JOHN WESLEY.

The conflict for emancipation in the British colonies lasted forty-six years, and triumphed August 1, 1834. Wesley died four years only after it had begun. As with especial love and reverence we turn to the last writings of St. Paul, his letter to Timothy—so do we contemplate the last words John Wesley ever penned—his letter to William Wilberforce who had brought before Parliament the question of the abolition of slavery. Six days later John Wesley died. Here is the immortal letter in full. (Vide Tyerman, vol. iii, p. 650)

LONDON, February 24, 1791.
My Dear Sir:—Unless the divine power has raised you up to be as Athanasius *contra mundum*, I see not how you can go through your glorious enterprise, in opposing that execrable villainy, which is the scandal of religion, of England, and of human nature. Unless God has raised you up for this very thing you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils; but if God be for you, who can be against you? Are all of them together stronger than God? O! be not weary in well doing! Go on, in the name of God, and in the power of his might, till even American slavery, the vilest that ever saw the sun, shall vanish away before it. Reading this morning a tract wrote by a poor African I was particularly struck by that circumstance—that a man who has a black skin being wronged or outraged by a white man, can have no redress, it being a law in our colonies, that the oath of a black, against a white, goes for nothing. What villainy is this! That he who has guided you from your youth up may continue to strengthen you in this and all things, is the prayer of, dear sir,
Your affectionate servant,
JOHN WESLEY.

A Fraud!

The general public is hereby warned against the fraudulent representations of a troupe styling themselves the "New Orleans University Glee Club," under the management of a Mr. F. S. Thomas, which is said to be raising funds for an industrial school in the South. The faculty and trustees of New Orleans University know nothing of such a troupe. They have fraudulently assumed our name and are guilting our friends, especially in the North. All friendly exchanges please copy.

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President Board of Trustees New Orleans University.

THE Germans of New Orleans honored the memory of Von Moltke by a great assemblage. The most striking feature was the rendering of Luther's hymn by a chorus and orchestra:

"Ein feste burg ist unser Gott
Eine gute Wehr und Waffen."
A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing.
Our helper amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.

A German Lutheran pastor, a Jewish rabbi, and an Episcopal

clergyman took part in the exercises. The Roman Catholic clergy were conspicuous by their absence. Luther's hymn would have acted on them as holy water is reported to act on a certain personage whom popular imagination invests with hoofs and horns. Germany still stands by the Reformation, and by Martin Luther, her greatest son.

Old Folk's Home.

The attention of the members of the Louisiana Conference is earnestly invited to pp. 197, 198, La. Conference Minutes 1891; every church in the conference is pledged to raise the money to pay the note of \$581.25, which is due on the Old Folk's Home property. This must be paid before June 1, of this year. Unless this is done the \$500 paid last year is lost. Pastors and presiding elders, please attend to this matter at once and send the money to Rev. J. W. Hilton, president, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, care of this office.

Political Review.

President Harrison has his face turned to the East and is slowly making his way to Washington from the Pacific Coast. Patriotic ovations were extended him everywhere. He succeeded in favorably impressing the people everywhere, and the indications point now to his re-nomination and election. The felicitous manner in which he rebuked the plea of the mayor of Memphis for white supremacy by telling him and the nation that majorities must rule was especially pleasing to our people.

There is a vast accumulation of unsolved diplomatic problems before the State Department just now. The Italian and Behring Sea complications; the Canadian reciprocity and Newfoundland fisheries negotiations; the Chilean troubles; the Spanish agreement; the Venezuelan treaty; the Haytian coaling station; the refusal of China to receive our minister; the trouble over the failure of a consul at Victoria to toast the Queen and quite a number of minor matters.

The canvass for the Speakership of the National House has fairly set in, with the indications favorable to the selection of a Southern free trader and free silver coinage candidate.

The National Farmer's Alliance proposes to go into the next presidential campaign under the name of the Reform Party, and nominate an ex-Federal and an ex-Confederate. The party will nominate state tickets this year in Ohio, Iowa and other western states. Such will not be the case in the South however.

"Mark the prediction!" says the Aberdeen, Miss., Weekly. "The Mississippi alliance will, when the test comes, hold its sub-reasury proclivities subservient to its love for the Democratic party. Its members know, as we all know, that the only salvation possible to the South lies by and through this great and long-lived party, and to desert it, or strike it would be to commit political suicide."

White supremacy must not be endangered. Do you see the point?

Among those now being prominently named for the Republican nomination for Governor of New York, are the Hon. Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University; Channcey M. Depew, Cornelius N. Bliss and Cornelius Van Cott in New York, and ex-Mayor Frederick A. Schroeder in Brooklyn, all men whose fitness for the Governorship is unquestionable.

In Ohio Major McKinley will probably be nominated by acclamation.

A peaceful revolution has just taken place in Nebraska, whereby Gov. Boyd, Democrat, who was elected by a plurality of votes last November, has been ousted and replaced by Gov. Thayer, Republican, who holds over.

There were three candidates for

Governor at the election in November—Mr. Boyd, Dem., Mr. Richards, Rep., and Mr. Powers, Ind. The result of the balloting was close, there having been 71,331 votes cast for Boyd, 68,878 for Richards and 70,187 for Powers. The supreme court of the State declared that Boyd was not a citizen of the United States, having never been naturalized.

The lottery agitation is intensifying and the warm notes of the coming storm are heard from every section of this State. We advise our people to stand for high moral principle against vice and immorality in this matter.

THE number of convicts in the United States, as given by the recent census, is 45,233, an increase of 13 to the 1,000,000 as compared with the previous census. Of these the foreign-born element furnished 14,725, the colored population 14,587, and the native whites 13,715. These figures are rather striking. By the census of 1880, and the same proportions still hold good, the native white population was in round numbers 37,000,000, the foreign 6,670,000, and the colored 6,580,000. The foreign born and colored population, therefore, furnishes two-thirds of the convict class, with only one-third as great numbers as the native white population. The latter, numbering 37,000,000, has but 13,715 convicts. The two former, numbering 13,250,000, has 29,412 of the convict population.—Pittsburg Post.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Rev. H. C. Wilson and his people are thankful to Judge Ephraim Turner, of Gretna, for the use of his court room in which to hold services, since they have been driven out of their church by the high water.

Pursuant to the request of the preacher's meeting requesting every pastor to raise \$15 each to pay the note of \$585 due on the Old Folk's Home, Rev. T. G. Montgomery of First Street Church has raised for the purpose \$18. The committee at that church Mrs. Clarissa Fields, Mrs. Harriet Clark, Mrs. Alice Green, and Mrs. Eliza Gantt were determined and they have succeeded abundantly. Let every church in the conference take hold at once, follow this wholesome example and forward the money to president J. W. Hilton, Simpson Chapel, New Orleans. A speedy and successful rally must be made at once or the \$500 already paid will be lost and the old folks thrown out homeless. Let everyone reading these lines, contribute something to save this splendid property.

Rev. H. C. Armston, Asbury Chapel, Algiers, writes. The water is nearly in my church. The plantations are all under water from 2 to 6 feet. I am trying to stand by my people in their distress, but I fear I shall have to leave soon, for I am unable to get a living here.

THE Iowa Methodist for May contains fine, large and accurate portraits of Drs. Hartzell, Gray and Chadwick. The *Methodist* is one of our best and most welcome visitors. Its thorough loyalty to our official publications makes it one of the most efficient allies of all our Advocates. Success to you Dr. Fairall.

THE West Tennessee *Whig* calls its colored readers "Negro books and wenchies." Why on earth, do our people continue to patronize such papers? Patronize no concern, of whatever kind, that fails in according you the respect due you.

In Japan people travel largely in jinrikishas, i. e., two-wheeled carts each drawn by a man. When he landed at Yokohama, Bishop Goodsell could not find a jinrikisha man willing to take him as passenger. Every man who surveyed the ponderous episcopal frame shook his head in refusal. At last the Bishop proposed that two men pull and a third push.

Personal.

—Rev. M. C. B. Mason, of Loyd Street Church, Atlanta, Ga., who was reported sick some weeks ago, has recovered and is now busily engaged in a glorious revival, which has already resulted in eighteen accessions. The altar is crowded with seekers every night. We are glad to announce that Bro. Mason will graduate as a Bachelor of Divinity from Gammon, on the 18th inst., and will attend the next commencement exercises at New Orleans University, when he will there receive his Master of Arts degree *in cursu*.

—Revs. L. F. Abernathy and Green, of Calcasieu, made a pleasant call last week. They were here attending the State Sunday School Convention.

—Rev. H. C. Wilson, of Gretna, left last Saturday to visit our churches in St. Charles, St. John and St. James.

—Rev. C. D. C. Bryant who was appointed to Campti, has been changed to Columbus, and is having a good time. Has built a parsonage and is preparing further improvements. Has also just commenced a protracted meeting with evidences of great success.

—Bishop Mallalien continues to plead for the New Orleans University Medical School. He has just closed the last of his spring conferences, and is now attending the Bishops' Meeting at Greencastle, Ind. From there he comes directly to this city, where many warm and loyal hearts will be glad to welcome him home again.

—Rev. E. Lyon, who has been in Iowa, doing effective service in the interest of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, returned last week.

—Rev. Hiram C. Wilson, having been driven from Gretna by the high water, requests his correspondents to address him at No. 445 Constance street, near Third street, New Orleans.

—Rev. Z. T. Gayden, of West Baton Rouge, made a pleasant call last week.

—Bishop Bowman has recovered from the Grippe.

—Bishop Joyce has been dedicating churches in Ohio and West Virginia.

—Mrs. Dr. J. W. Mendenhall mourns the death of her father and mother at Wooster, Ohio. They died within a few days of each other.

—Bishop Foss preaches the annual sermon at Drew Theological Seminary May 17, at the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary June 13 and 14, at the Wesleyan University June 21.

—CLAFLIN University, Orangeburg, S. C., has honored herself in conferring the degree of *Doctor Divinitatis* upon President C. N. Grandison, of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. The Doctor is a born orator and is an honor to his race.

—Bishop Mallalien made a very earnest plea in behalf of the Church Extension Board before the Chicago Preachers' meeting last week. He gave a graphic description of our work in the South and its needs.

—Dr. J. C. Hartzell's father, of Moline, Ill., has been a class leader from the time a class was organized in that section. When with his young wife he removed to the new west fifty-four years ago, an Indian chief was greatly pleased with his "white squaw," and offered him four ponies for her.

NEXT to the great injustice perpetrated on the Negroes in this country no greater danger threatens the safety of the Republic than the flood of foreign vice and ignorance that is constantly pouring into this country from Europe. More than 100,000 immigrants of that class, steerage passengers, have landed in this country during the four months of this year, and the stream flows steadily on.

Humors of the stomach, salt rheum, and blood disorders, are cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

DAILY BREAD.

Nothing is worth a thought beneath,
But how I may escape the death.
That never, never dies!
How make mine own election sure,
And, when I fall on earth, secure
A mansion in the skies.
—Charles Wesley.

It is no great matter to live
lovingly with good-natured, humble
and weak persons, but he who can
do so with the troward, willful,
ignorant, peevish, and perverse
bath true charity.—Selected.

What a desolate place this world
would be without a flower! It
would be a face without a smile—
a feast without a welcome! Are
not flowers the stars of the earth?
and are not our stars the flowers
of heaven?—Selected.

One of the best things you can
give your minister is to give him
your attention in the house of God.
It will warm his heart, brighten
his hopes, quicken his efforts, give
fervency to his prayers, and bring
a blessing to yourself.—Selected.

The right and true christian faith
is not only to believe that the holy
Scriptures and the articles of our
faith are true, but also to have a
sure trust and confidence to be
saved from everlasting damnation
by Christ; whereof doth follow a
loving heart to obey his command-
ments.—John Wesley.

Let us be warned against that
bateful custom of painting things
beyond the life. Let us make a
conscience of magnifying or exag-
gerating anything. Let us rather
speak under than above the truth.
We, of all men, should be punctual
in all we say, that none of our
words may fall to the ground.—
John Wesley.

In 1729, I began not only to read,
but to study, the Bible, as the one
only standard of truth, and the
model of pure religion. Hence, I
saw in a clearer and clearer light,
the indispensable necessity of hav-
ing the mind which was in Christ
and of walking as Christ also
walked.—John Wesley.

You seem to apprehend that I
believe religion to be inconsistent
with cheerfulness, and with a social
temper. So far from it, that I am
convinced, as true religion cannot
be without cheerfulness, so steady
cheerfulness cannot be without true
religion.—John Wesley.

I believe religion to be contrary
to all preciseness, stiffness, affec-
tion and unnecessary singularity.
But I do not yet see any possible
case wherein trifling conversation
can be an instance of it. In the
following Scriptures I take all such
to be flatly forbidden: Matt. xii,
36; Eph. v, 4, and iv, 29; Col. iv, 6.
—John Wesley.

To judge whether any action be
lawful on the Sabbath or no, we
are to consider whether it advances
the end for which the Sabbath was
ordained. Now the end for which
the Sabbath was ordained was the
promotion of holiness. Whatever
therefore tends to advance this end
is lawful. Whatever does not tend
to advance this end is not lawful
on this day.—John Wesley.

Revivals cause joy in heaven.
Revivals make happy homes.
Revivals fill up the empty pews.
Revivals are fatal to card parties.
Revivals diminish saloon receipts.
Revivals open closed pocket-
books.

Revivals are hard on icy formal-
ity.
Revivals create agreeable neigh-
bors.

Revivals give strength to weak
saints.

Revivals suit nineteenth century
conditions.
Revivals give zest to all church-
ly activity.

Revivals that stay avoid sensa-
tional methods.

Revivals often square up old ac-
counts at the grocer's.

Revivals reach after sinners who
are very low down.—Selected.

Horace Mann gives this bit of
advice to boys: "You are made

to be kind, boy"; generous, mag-
nanimous. If there is a boy in
school who has a club foot, don't
let him know you ever saw it. If
there is a boy with ragged clothes,
don't talk about rags in his hearing.
If there is a lame boy, assign him
some part of the game that doesn't
require running. If there is a
hungry one, give him part of your
dinner. If there is a dull one, help
him to get his lessons. If there is
a bright one, be not envious of him;
for if one boy is proud of his tal-
ents, and another is envious of
them, there are two great wrongs,
and no more talent than before.
If a larger or stronger boy has in-
jured you, and is sorry for it, forgive
him. All the school will show by
their countenance how much better
it is than to have a great fuss.
And remember who said: "Love
your enemies," and "Bless them
which curse you."—Selected.

Homiletics.

Hymns 502, 521, 574.
Scripture Lesson, Psalm 126.
Text, James 5: 20: Let him know,
that he which converteth the sinner
from the error of his way shall save a
soul from death, and shall hide a mul-
titude of sins.

Introduction: The text is very
emphatic. It is very positive.
When the text says "let him know"
it means that everything contained
in the text is very important; and,
that it is very true.

1. The text teaches that sinners
are to be saved by human effort.

Every converted soul has been
led to Christ by the prayers and
persuasions of some christian.

The preacher's business is to
convert sinners.

The Sunday-school worker ought
to be a soul winner.

The father and mother must save
the children.

God alone can pardon and save,
but the christian can and must
say to the sinner "Behold the Lamb
of God that taketh away the sins
of the world."

All christians should do this. The
youngest, and the oldest, the low-
est and highest, the poorest and
the richest all must strive to win
souls.

2. The sinner is a wanderer
away from God. "He that con-
verteth the sinner from the error
of his way," leads him from the
paths of sin to the ways of holiness.
To do this the christian must

(a) Love the sinner.

(b) Pray for the sinner.

(c) Plead with the sinner.

(d) Set a good example to the
sinner.

(e) Must be patient with the sin-
ner.

(f) Must have faith that the sin-
ner will be converted.

3. In the case of every converted
sinner two important things always
happen.

First, His sins are all washed
away in the blood of the Lamb.
Though they were red like crimson
they shall be as white as snow.

All his sins are freely forgiven.
Whenever we confess our sins God
is faithful and just to forgive us
our sins.

The text declares that a multi-
tude of sins shall be hidden. God
promises to remove the sins of the
converted soul as far away as the
east is from the west. He says he
will cast them behind his back.
He says he will remember them no
more forever.

In these ways God hides the
sins of the converted sinner.

When thus hidden they shall
never rise up in judgment to con-
demn him.

Secondly, When the sinner is
converted his soul is saved from
death.

Before he is converted his soul
is dead in trespasses and sin. His
soul is separate from God, and that
is the beginning of eternal death.

In conversion the soul is born
again, and a new life begins.

He now loves the things he once
hated, and hates the things he
once loved.

His conscience is alive, and he
sees and knows what sin is, and he
resists the tempter, and avoids sin.
His affections are made alive. He
loves God. Loves to do his will.
Loves to keep his commandments.

Loves to serve him in all things,
and he also loves his neighbor.
He shows his love by kind thoughts,
by kind words, by kind deeds.

But salvation from death means
that all fear of death be will taken
away. It means that God will be
with the soul in the dark valley.
All impenitent, and unconverted
sinners will be banished from the
presence of the Lord and the glory
of his power. They will be cast
into the lake of fire prepared for
the devil and his angels. This will
be eternal death.

The converted sinner at death
will be taken by angels to heaven,
just as Lazarus was taken to
Abraham's bosom.

The converted soul will never
see death, but will be given an
eternal home in heaven.

In that blessed country there
will be no sorrow, nor crying, nor
pain nor death.

Let every christian take this
text to heart. Let him think of it
night and day. Then let him go
to work earnestly to convert sinners,
so that they may be saved from
death, and brought at last to heaven.

Schools and Colleges

Rust University Commencement, May
23-29, 1891.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—Lecture
by Rev. A. E. P. Albert, A. M.,
D.D., before the Independent So-
ciety. Subject, "The March of
Civilization."

Sunday, 9:30, a. m.—College
Love Feast.

Sunday, 10:30.—Baccalaureate
Sermon by Rev. A. E. P. Albert,
D. D.

Sunday, 3 p. m.—University
Sermon by Rev. C. M. Moss, Ph.
D.

Sunday, 8 p. m.—Annual Ser-
mon by Rev. J. O. Eekles.

Monday, 7:30—Lecture before
the Rust League Literary Society,
by Rev. C. M. Moss, Ph. D. Sub-
ject, "The Making of a Man."

Tuesday, 10 a. m.—Alumni
Meeting.

Tuesday, 7:45 p. m.—Concert.

Thursday, 2 p. m.—Annual
Meeting of Trustees.

Friday, 9:30 a. m.—Corner-stone
laying of New Rust Hall. Ad-
dresses by Revs. J. C. Hartzell,
D.D., R. S. Rust, D.D., LL.D., H.
R. Revels, D.D.

Friday, 2 p. m.—Commencement.
Friday, 8 p. m.—President's le-
vee.

Commencement Week of the Ft. Worth
(Tex.) University, May 29—June 3.

The program includes an address
before the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W.
C. A. in College Chapel, by Rev.
Mr. Bateu, pastor Broadway Bap-
tist Church. Annual University
Sermon in First Baptist Church,
by Rev. J. Morgan Wells, D.D.
Baccalaureate Sermon in Cumber-
land Presbyterian Church, by Rev.
J. I. McLaughlin, Dallas. Joint
session of Athenian and Orophil-
ian literary societies, in College
Chapel. Annual meeting of the
Board of Trustees. Address be-
fore the literary societies, by Rev.
O. A. Smith, Austin. Annual lit-
erary commencement and inaugu-
ration of President O. L. Fisher,
in Greenwall's Opera House. Ex-
aminations daily during the week.

Program Wiley Alumni and Undergrad-
uate Association, May 27, 1891.

Invocation—Rev. W. H. Logan.
Salutatory—Prof. P. W. Wy-
rick, B. L.

Declamation—John D. Dixon.

Essay—G. W. Blackmon.

Debate between J. S. Dansby
and D. J. Wallace. Question—
Resolved, That a third political
party formed by the Negro race
will better their condition.

Declamation—Lucinda Wood-
ard.

Oration—F. B. Wilson.

Valedictory—R. J. Jermany.

All participants are requested
to make special effort for the occa-
sion.

An invitation is extended to all
students and friends of Wiley Uni-
versity to be present commence-
ment week, beginning May 25.

For any information, address H.
B. Pemberton, A. B., President, or
W. F. Bledsoe, Secretary.

Meridian Academy.

We beg to extend an invitation
to the many friends of Meridian
Academy, and of education, to be
present May 27-29, at the com-
mencement exercises of the class
of '91. This will be the first class
of graduates (eleven in number)
sent out by this school.

Free admission. It is hoped
that the friends and patrons will
avail themselves of the pleasure
and benefit of being present. The
faculty and students are making
efforts to make the occasion pleas-
ant and entertaining.

The fact that a new college at
this point is to be built soon, is a
grand reason why the friends of
this school desire to have present
a majority of their friends. It may
seem strange that an educational
point so important as Meridian
bids fair to be, should have such
limited provisions for the means of
education. Meridian, so to speak,
is the first city in the State, the
greatest railroad centre, and em-
braces a vast colored population,
who are eager to sustain the means
of an education.

The probabilities of a new col-
lege here are more favorable now
than ever. A donation by the
Freedmen's Aid Society has al-
ready been appropriated, subscrip-
tions are being collected, and a
general canvass of the State by
some able representatives will be
made during summer, when the
work of building is expected to be
in progress.

Notwithstanding many disad-
vantages, the faculty has labored
with much success. Not only
Methodist children have received
much benefit from the work, but
many others.

J. H. Burnside, class orator;
Miss S. C. Cole, secretary.

A note from Rev. J. S. Hill, pres-
ident of Morristown Normal Acad-
emy, Morristown, Tenn., says:
"Our school was never so crowded
as this year, and never a better
class of students or more thorough
work done. Our new building will
go up this summer."

The musical entertainment given
by the musical department of the
New Orleans University, under the
direction of the music teacher,
Mrs. M. Littlefield, a week or two
ago, was a very creditable affair.
The paper on "Esthetics," by Mrs.
Littlefield, especially was a mine
of wealth and beauty. It showed
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of the subject, and such a versatili-
ty of thought and language as
captivated every heart. The young
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The Colored State Teachers' As-
sociation of Florida will meet June
23, in Jacksonville, Fla. Teachers
and all others interested in the
cause of education are invited to
attend.

Rev. Ohas. Parkhurst, D.D.,
editor of Zion's Herald, is deliver-
ing the annual course of lectures
at Lasell Seminary, Amherst, Mass., on "The Evidences of Chris-
tianity."

Mr. J. M. Sojourner and Miss
Ollie Wright, of the class of '91,
will accept thanks for invitations
to the class day and commence-
ment exercises of Straight Uni-
versity, at University Chapel May
27, at 1 p. m., and at Central
Church May 29, at 7:30 p. m.,
respectively.

The Twenty-Second Commence-
ment Exercises of Clark Univer-
sity, Atlanta, Ga., take place May
14 to 20. Baccalaureate sermon
will be preached by President W.
H. Hickman. Addresses by Revs.
George Standing, G. A. Arnold,
Rev. L. M. Hagood, M. D., Presid-
ing Elder of the Lexington district,
Ky.

Tuesday, May 19—University
address by Hon. Wm. J. Northen,
Governor of Georgia.

May 20, 9 a. m.—Graduating ex-
ercises in Loyd Street M. E.
Church, followed by presentation
of diplomas and certificates.
There will be ten to graduate.

Marriages.

At the bride's residence, in New Or-
leans, Mr. Horace Rochon, formerly of
St. Martinsville, but now of Houston,
Texas, to Miss Josephine Dorsey, April
28. Rev. T. A. Wilson officiated.
Among the invited guests present were
Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Henderson, Rev.
and Mrs. A. E. P. Albert, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Anderson, Messrs. Burt Kennedy,
J. M. Vance, Mrs. Julia Weeks and her
son Willie, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Prof.
Weber, Mrs. Harris, Miss Lewis, and
several other friends and relatives of the
couple. They left the following day for
their new home in Houston, Texas, fol-
lowed by the best wishes of their friends.
St. Louis papers please copy.

Rev. Longan Linsley to Miss Euxia
Session, April 11, Rev. J. D. Mead offici-
ating.

Gonzales, Tex.

Obituary.

Brookhaven, Miss.—Miss Hattie
Townsend was 28 years old. She died
April 17. She leaves a father, mother,
three sisters, three brothers, and a host
of friends to mourn. The funeral was
attended by Revs. Mays, S. A. Jourdan
and B. L. Crump, P. E. Brother and
Sister Townsend are old citizens of
Brookhaven, coming from the State of
Ohio about 20 years ago.
B. L. Crump, P. E.

Kansas City, Kans.—April 12, J. H.
Bailey died three weeks after the death
of his wife. Her death pressed on his
mind very heavily. He was taken sick
about ten days after her death. He and
his wife joined the same church in New
Orleans many years ago. He died as he
lived, a Christian.
Lelia Bailey, 1018 Jersey Avenue.

Fayetteville, Ark.—Sister Esther
Moore, after an illness of several months
from consumption, was taken from la-
bor to reward.

Also, April 23, at 3 a. m., Sister
Pais Young departed this life in full
triumph of faith. Both were members
of the M. E. Church. The pastor being
indisposed, the writer officiated.
Henry Moore, L. P.

Dallas, Tex.—Nathan Williams died
April 19. He moved to Dallas in 1874,
and joined the St. Paul M. E. Church in
1876, in which he lived a consistent
Christian until his death. He leaves a
wife, three brothers and a host of
friends to mourn his loss.
A. Jackson, P. C.

Heidelberg, Miss.—Sister Emeline M.
Lindon died very suddenly, while visit-
ing her daughter, April 26. She was a
faithful member of the M. E. Church.
She leaves a husband and four children
to mourn her loss.

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Also, the baby of Sister Jennie Moffet
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N. Toole.
Roane Mountain, Tenn.—Bro. W. M.
Webb died April 25. He had been a
member of the M. E. Church 12 years.
He came to us from the A. M. E. Zion
Church, and has lived a good member.
Age, 70 years.

C. Boyd, P. C.
Clinton, La.—Bro. Willie Bell de-
parted this life in full triumph of faith.
James P. Lewis, P. C.

Millhaven, La.—Sister Amanda Gor-
don departed this life April 28. She was
65 years old and had been a member of
the M. E. Church for 24 years. She died
in full triumph of faith, leaving a son, a
daughter and a host of friends to mourn
her loss. Funeral by Revs. N. C. Car-
ter and S. Robinson, Baptist preachers,
and her pastor
H. H. Phillips, P. C.

Jeanerette, La.—Sister Lucy Dus-
chenes, the wife of Bro. Duschenes and
daughter of Rev. A. Moore, departed
this life November 9, 1890, in full tri-
umph of faith. Age, 25 years.
J. A. Vincent, Pastor.
[Rec'd April 29, '91.]

The Plains, La.—Mr. Willie Robelair,
a young man aged 18, died April 15. He
was with his father at Lindise Station,
La., who bought some groceries and
sent them home by his son Willie, tel-
ling him to stay at home that night, be-
cause the crowd was not respectable.
Willie was persuaded by some of his
friends to disobey his parent. The
crowd with which he went was a whis-
key-drinking one, and one John Van-
saw, intending to kill one Beamer, shot
and fatally wounded Willie. He died
Wednesday, April 15. On his dying
bed he acknowledged his wrong, begged
pardon of his father and mother, and
had them good-bye. This is a fair
warning to young men. Revs. A. Gov-
ernor of the Baptist Church, and T. A.
Brown of the M. E. Church attended the
funeral.

WHAT IS SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, ac-
cumulating in the glands of the neck, pro-
duces unsightly lumps or swellings, which
causes painful running sores on the arms,
legs, or feet, which develops ulcers in the
eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or
deafness; which is the origin of pimples, can-
cerous growths, or the many other mani-
festations usually ascribed to "humors," which,
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The Household.

Ventilation.

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Dr. Henry Hartshorne says: "No educated person denies the importance of ventilation; but scarcely one in a hundred of the best educated people give enough practical attention to it. We need ventilation in order that we may breathe, and we breathe for the purpose of purifying the blood. When a person is entirely submerged in water for a few minutes he dies simply because the water has kept the air out of his lungs. If a man goes into a beer vat lately emptied of its liquid, but containing carbonic acid resulting from fermentation, he falls insensible, and unless quickly taken out he loses his life. Sleeping in a tight room in which charcoal is burning has frequently been fatal.

The atmosphere is composed of about one part oxygen and four of nitrogen. When breathed out from the lungs it contains less oxygen, a considerable portion of carbonic acid, while the quantity of nitrogen remains unchanged. By breathing, the worn out particles of matter are removed from our system, and in return it receives the life giving oxygen.

During ordinary respiration we take into our lungs about thirty cubic inches of air. Warm blooded animals cannot exist any considerable length of time without fresh air. The story of the "Black Hole of Calcutta" is too well known to be repeated. The following example illustrates the same principle; The steamer Londonderry was overtaken in a storm on the Irish Sea. The passengers, two hundred in number were ordered below and to prevent water from getting in the hatches were battened down, and before their suffering and alarm compelled the captain to set them at liberty seventy two had died of suffocation. After the battle of Ansterlitz three hundred prisoners were crowded into a prison and two hundred and sixty died in a short time from inhaling the poisoned air.

In addition to the carbonic acid given off from the lungs, a considerable amount is formed by burning lamps and fire in stoves and grates. Carbon Monoxide is a still more dangerous impurity and frequently escapes into our rooms from stoves and furnaces.

Scarcely a week passes without witnessing a death of one or more persons from inhalation or illumination of natural gas. People unacquainted with gas fixtures frequently blow out the gas light instead of cutting off the supply of gas by turning the stop cock.

Whenever we enter a crowded and ill-ventilated room we detect an unpleasant odor which proceeds from the poisonous organic matter thrown off from the lungs. Few of us would care to go to a second-hand clothing store and purchase under garments for our personal use, neither would we like to patronize a restaurant where the dishes used by preceding guests had not been washed, yet with scarcely a protest we breathe the air that has just been exhaled from lungs polluted from whiskey, snuff and tobacco and perhaps reeking with disease.

In the school-room children breathing irritated air become dull and stupid and cannot learn their lessons; and in churches hearers of the Gospel become sleepy and unattentive.

Persons who habitually breathe impure air are slowly poisoned and their systems rendered susceptible to the attack of numerous diseases. The practical question is, how can we secure the best possible ventilation?

In school-rooms and churches apertures should be provided in the ceiling for the escape of impure air, and all windows should be so arranged that they can be lowered from the top. The secret of good ventilation without unpleasant draughts consists in providing a considerable number of small openings for the entrance of pure air and the escape of impure air.

No system has yet been invented by which a good supply of pure air can be secured in cold weather without the expenditure of considerable amount of fuel. School-rooms, churches and dwelling apartments should contain not less than five hundred cubic feet of air to each person, and this should be changed at least twice every hour.

Our Symposium.

Don't forget to make your regular pastoral visits; offer a prayer; don't stay too long; don't go to the same place too often; visit all the members. Do these things and success is yours.—*Southern Christian Recorder.*

Four or five weeks ago one of the most distinguished advocates of the admission of women said: "I contend that women should have the privilege of going, and that those who wish should have the right to vote for them; but I have never seen a woman that I would vote for." We differ from him at both points; for we know a hundred women for whom—if we did not think it antisciptural, likely to weaken their influence, and to prove injuries to the church—we would gladly vote. Such is our respect for their intelligence, intellectuality, and piety.—*Christian Advocate.*

A teacher should not be appointed simply because he is black, nor rejected because he is white, but all should come and go upon their merit. There are no good reasons why white and black may not teach side by side in harmony just as lawyers and doctors practice side by side in harmony.—*Weekly Test.*

Three murder societies have their tap-root in the Roman Catholic Church—the Mollie McGuire, the Clan na Gael, and the Mafia. The pope himself was the first boycotter, and issued murderous edicts against all who presumed to differ with him. He cursed everybody who would give the heretic a crust of bread or a night's lodging.

The Roman Church is intolerant and fosters intolerance. Hence these murder organizations, a "horrid brood," are her legitimate offspring. Confessed murderers are walking the streets of our cities to-day because protected by these societies of thugs. The American people must deal with them. And when the time fully comes they will know how to do it.

That the reader may see how true are the above statements, let him imagine an effort to organize an oath bound murder organization among Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, or any other Protestant denomination. It is unthinkable.—*World Wide Missions.*

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Bengal, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Mexico, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
South India, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Fochow, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Malayan, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
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Bulgaria, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
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Korea, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Switzerland, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Germany, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Denmark, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Japan, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
Norway, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1. Taylor
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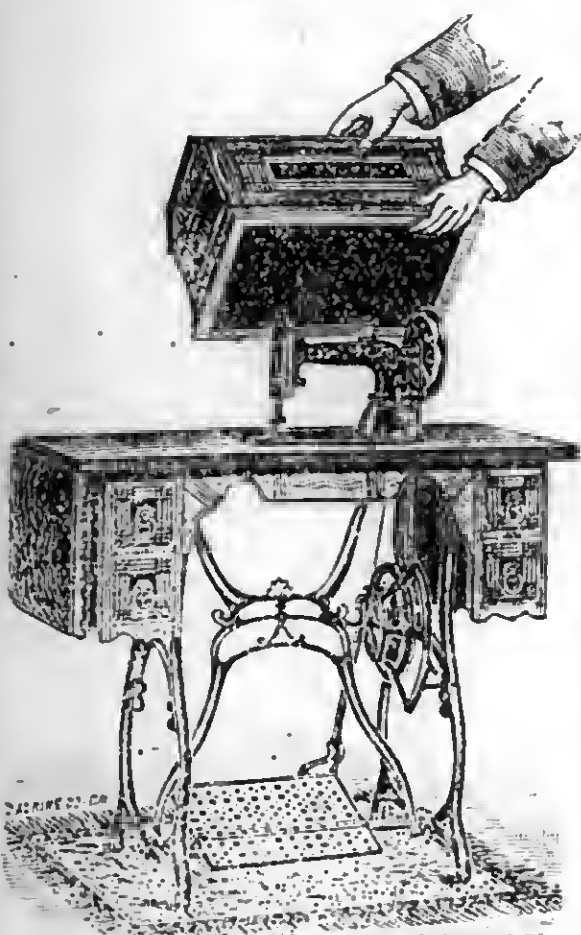
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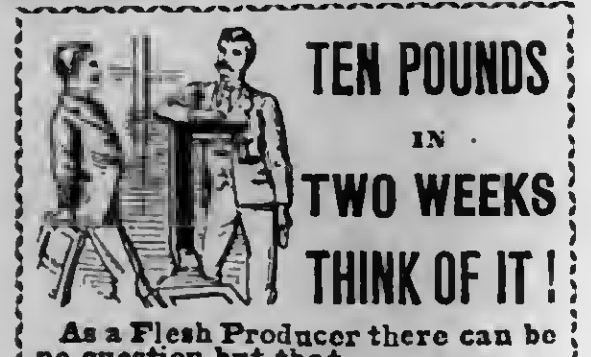


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SECOND QUARTER.—Lesson VII. Six the Cause of Sorrow. Hos. 10. 1-15. Commit to memory verses 12, 13. May 17, 1891. Abont B. C. 725.

HOME READINGS.
M. Hos. 10. 1-8. Tu. Hos. 10. 9-15. W. Isa. 59. 1-9. Th. Jer. 44. 16. F. Psa. 50. 16-23. S. Isa. 57. 15-21. S. Acts 2. 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.
Your iniquities have separated between you and your God. (Isa. 59. 2.)

LESSON HYMN, 7. 6.
O Bread to pilgrims given,
O Food that angels eat,
O Manna sent from heaven,
For heaven-born natures meet:
Give us, for thee long pining,
To eat till richly filled;
Till, earth's delights resigning,
Our every wish is stilled.

Jesus, this feast receiving,
We the Unseen adore;
Thy faithful word believing,
We take and doubt no more;
Give us, thou true and loving,
On earth to live in Thee;
Then death the veil removing,
Thy glorious face to see.

Time—About B. C. 725.
Place—Hosea's messages were probably all delivered in the king dom of Israel.

Rulers—Hoshea, king of Israel, and, probably, Hezekiah, King of Judah.

Connecting Links—Hosea prophesied during a very long period, probably sixty years. It is not easy now to define precisely when and where each prophecy was delivered.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY
1. Sin, v. 4.
What is Israel declared to be?
What sin had increased with prosperity?
What would become of their altars and images?
Why had Israel no king?
Of what evil in speech had they been guilty?
What followed from their wickedness?
2. Sorrow, v. 5-15.
What would cause fear to the people of Samaria?
Who would sorrow because of a lost glory?
What was to become of their idols?
Who then would be ashamed?
What is said about Samaria's king?
What high places would be overthrown?
Where would thorns and thistles grow?
What would be the people's prayer?
From what time had Israel sinned?
What did God desire to do to them?
To what is Ephraim likened?
How would Judah be humbled?
What were the people exhorted to do?
What reason is given for so doing?
What sorrows had they known?
What future evils to the people are predicted?
What to the King of Israel?
Why did all these sorrows come?
(Golden Text.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.
Where in this lesson are we taught:
1. That ingratitude is sin?
2. That sin brings sorrow?
3. That sin ends in death?

**HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-
BEANS.**
Find a passage where Isaiah compares God's ancient people to a vineyard.
Find a passage where Jesus compares his disciples to the branches of the vine?
Find a passage where Jesus compares the Jewish nation to a vineyard.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.
[For the entire school.]
1. What sin did the Israelites constantly indulge in? The sin of idolatry.
2. What was the chief form of their false worship? They wor-
shipped a calf made of gold.
3. Why did God send calamities upon them? To bring them back to him.
4. How did he tell them they should reap if they sowed in righteousness? They should reap in mercy.

5. What was the cause of the alienation of this nation from God? "Your iniquities have separated," etc. (Golden Text.)

Doctrinal Suggestion.—Suffering from sin.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.
54. What fruits doth this faith produce? Justification, regeneration, sanctification. (Rom. 5. 1; John 1. 12, 13; Gal 2. 16; Thess. 2. 13.)

55. What is justification? Justification is that act of God's free grace in which he pardons our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight for the sake of Christ. (Eph. 1. 7; 2 Cor. 5. 21; Rom. 3. 24; 5. 19.)

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Conference Notices.

Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference
Second Round.
Alexandria..... May 16-17
Pineville and Avoca..... 16-17
Chocoyville and Stewart's Ch..... 23-24
Booneville..... 30-31
Bunkie and Morrow May 31, June 1
Cottouport and Bordeloville..... 6-7
Eola and Soudlower..... 13-14
Waxia and Palmetto..... 17
P.airie l'Esperance..... 18
Washington and Ville Platte..... 20-21
Opelousas..... 21-22
Lake Charles..... 27-28
Rayce..... 29
Lafayette..... 30
Breaux Bridge..... July 1
St. Martinsville..... 4-5
Cade..... 8-9
New Iberia..... 11-12
Abbeyville..... 14-15
Olivier..... 16
Jeanerette..... 17-18
Hubertville..... 17-19
St. Peter..... 18-19
Sorrent..... 22-23
Glencoe and Island..... 25-26

Dear Brethren: Have all reports written, and not an item of interest left unnoticed. Bear in mind that the district conference meets at Washington, La., August 12, connected with which there will be a camp meeting. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us and our work. S. E. H. MORAN.

Holly Springs District.
Second Round.
Vaidon cir..... June 13-14
Vaidon—Rev. L. P. Brown..... 20-21
Elliot..... 20-21
Lodi..... 27-28
Winona..... July 4-5
Grenada and cir..... 11-12
Batesville..... 18-19
Hernando..... 25-26
Oxford and cir..... Aug. 1-2
Elijah—Rev. B. F. Woolfolk..... 8-9
Holly Springs cir..... 9-10
Myrtle..... 11
Bright Prospect..... 15-16
Water Valley..... 22-23
Abbeville..... Sept. 5-6
Dear Brethren: Do all you can for Rust University, the "Southwestern," the benevolent enterprises of the church, and for the salvation of souls.

H. R. REVELS, P. E.

Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference.
Second Round.
Shuqualak..... May 16-17
Macon..... 30-31
Mashulaville..... June 6-7
Deerbrook..... 13-14
Crawford..... 20-21
Kosciusko..... 27-28
McCook..... 30
Kosciusko cir..... July 1-2
Durant..... 3-5
West sta..... 4-5
Goodman..... 7
Expatrie..... 11-12
Pickens..... 18-19
Bee Lake..... 23
Lexington..... 25-26
Tchula..... 25-26
Greenwood..... 31
Carrollton..... Aug. 1-2
Minter City..... 8-9
Itaboea..... 15-16
Columbus, Miss.

Rome District, Savannah Conference.
Second Round
Carrollton sta..... May 17-18
Cit..... 16-17
Donglass..... 23-24
Temple..... 23-24
Tallapoosa..... 30-31
Summerville..... June 6-7
Floyd..... 13-14
Chickamauga Park..... 20-21
Adairville..... 20-21
Cartersville..... 27-28
Marietta..... 27-28
Rome—First Church..... July 5-6
Secone Church..... 11-12
Cave Springs..... 11-12
Cordartown..... 18-19
Dear Brethren: Let us push every interest of the church. Let us take hold in earnest. Under God, we expect a glorious victory all along the line.

H. R. ALLEN, P. E.

Change of Conference.
The Yazoo River Upper Mississippi Conference will convene in the city of Kosciusko, Miss., Thursday, May 21. The brethren coming west can come on the evening train, at 6:15. Those coming

east on the morning train, at 5:15. Local preachers, exhorters, district stewards, Sunday school superintendents and class leaders, who expect to attend the session will please notify me by postal card at once, so we may have homes for them.

J. M. NEVILLS.

Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference.
Second Round.
Dadeville..... May 23-24
Mitchell Springs—A. N. Jock-
son..... June 6-7
Talladega..... 6-7
Sarkepetory..... 13-14
Chiloh..... 21-22
West Point—H. Matthews..... 20-21
Ashland..... 27-28
Lafayette—B. Jocksoo..... July 4-5
Sylawaga..... 4-5
Sandy Creek—G. W. McLemore..... 4-5
Talladega..... 11-12
New Style—B. Jocksoo..... 18-19
Opelika..... 18-19
Mount Grove..... 25-26
Bethania..... Aug. 1-2
Ranoke..... 8-9
District conference August 6 to 9.

W. F. SMITH, P. C.

Palestine District, Texas Conference.
Second Round.
Palestine sta..... May 16-17
Butler..... 23-24
Hearne..... June 6-7
Sutton..... 9-10
Franklin..... 13-14
Cotton Gin..... 20-21
Stewart's Mill..... 27-28
Buffalo and Hopewell..... July 4-5

Columbus District.
Second Round.
Columbus sta..... May 23-24
cir..... 30-31
Alleyton cir..... June 6-7
LaGrange sta..... 13-14
LaGrange cir..... 20-21
Zellehooger and Industry..... 27-28
Shlenhurg cir..... July 4-5
Oakland..... 11-12
Shihle cir..... 18-19
Hallettsville..... 25-26
Edna and Wharton..... Aug. 1-2
Victoria..... 8-9
Fannan and Mission Valley..... 15-16
C. L. MADISON, P. E.

San Antonio District, West Texas Conference.
Second Round.
Corpus Christi..... June 6-7
Cerro..... 13-14
Wealder..... 20-21
Gonzales..... 27-28
Gonzales cir..... July 4-5
Belmont..... 11-12
Lookhart..... 11-12
Luling..... 18-19
Seguin..... 25-26
Laverio..... Aug. 1-2
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Editorial Notes.

Just as God leads me, I abide
In faith, in hope, in suffering true;
His strength is ever by my side—
Can aught my hold on him undo?
I hold me firm in patience, knowing
That God my life is still bestowing—
The best in kindness sending.
—*Sauvagesse*, 1735.

ITALIAN Consul Cortes has been recalled from this city to Rome to render a personal account of the circumstances connected with the Italian lynching.

A NOTE from Bishop Walden now in Europe, says: "The Indiana Conference is in charge of Bishop Bowman, and the Holston, East Tennessee, Central Tennessee, and Tennessee Conferences are in charge of Bishop Joyce."

WE invite the attention of our readers to the card of the Afro-American Real Estate Association, in another column. The corporation is in the hands of some of our most substantial colored citizens, and we take pleasure in commending it to the attention of our people.

JUNE 14, the second Sunday in June is Children's Day. Let every charge observe it. Don't wait, but write us at once for the "Pearl Gatherers," the rich program prepared by the Board of Education for this year. We have a large supply at this office.

BISHOP Mallalen is making himself felt in all the South. He is doing a herculean work and with presence, voice and pen is an inspiration to the church with which he comes in contact. His plea for help for a medical college in New Orleans should be responded to liberally, and the church should see that the money needed for carrying forward our work in the Southern States is provided, and that liberally.

THE Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church has sent to every pastor two copies of its last Annual Report with two specimen copies of the next Children's Day Exercise called the "Pearl Gatherers." One copy both of the Report and of the Pearl Gatherers should have been placed in the hands of every Sunday school superintendent in Methodism. One copy of the report and of the exercises has also been sent to every supernumerary and supernumerary preacher. If any of the above parties have failed to receive these documents, or any other person wish the same, and will send a postal card to Rev. C. H. Payne, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, the request will receive prompt attention. Every minister and Sunday school superintendent in our church should read these valuable publications of the board.

Twenty-Four Years at the Front And a Few of the Results of the Struggle.

BY REV. I. B. SCOTT, D. D.

I believe him a braver man who having espoused the cause of the lowly withstands the jeers and hisses of those unfriendly to his cause, than is he who under the inspiration of the moment charges a battery in action or otherwise braves the rigors of war. Without doubt he is a brave man who makes a true soldier in battle; and I would not detract one iota from the feeling of reverence and admiration we have for such a one. But who questions for one moment the moral courage of him who in the face of scorn, derision and a prejudice so bitter that it leads not only to ostracism but to heartless persecutions and at times even to death. Who I say questions the bravery of the one amid such surroundings gives himself to the elevation of the degraded and despised.

There certainly is no one! I am sure this description does not overdo the position occupied by many devoted men and women who came South during reconstruction days to work in our midst as preachers and teachers. They were scorned, they were derided, they were persecuted and a few put to the death. In those days ostracism was the least of the evils heaped upon these God-sent workmen. In fact it would have been a pleasure to many of them to have been let alone. May God bless their memory even more than He has their labors.

Among the very first of these laborers to arrive was the Rev. John Braden now president of the Central Tennessee College. Dr. Braden is too well known to require any introduction to the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN. Still it will not be out of place to state that he was born in the city of New York, August 18th, 1825. He graduated at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1853. The next year he joined the Cincinnati Conference and continued in the active ranks there and in the Tennessee Conference till he took charge of the Central Tennessee College in 1867. His wife, whom I feel safe in saying, is loved by every Central student whose good fortune it is to know her, was a Miss Laura Collier of Hillsdale, N. Y. Their only daughter, Miss Mary E., has grown up at the Central. She is a finished musician and is thoroughly conversant with every phase of her father's work.

The Doctor has labored here long and well. His experience as a preacher among our people gave him a thorough knowledge of the home life of the boys and girls committed to his care. He had not only preached to them, but broken bread around their humble boards, rejoiced with them in their prosperity and sorrowed with them in the time of reverses and affliction. He came to the college in its day of small things; when its only building was the memorable old gun factory. He came here when he was hissed as he passed along the streets and hooted at as the "Nigger teacher." How much more enjoyable to have been ignored altogether! But it is not my purpose to call up the unpleasant past of which the city of Nashville has proven herself as ashamed of as we are. No, it is better to forget that if possible and think on nobler things.

Well do I remember when one cold winter night during the seventies I met Dr. Braden for the first time. Not the least demonstrative, and yet affable and courteous. Business right through, life too short to waste—few words and to

the point. Well, I was not just accustomed to that style of a man but still "I guess he'll do" I thought. At any rate, I put in and soon concluded he was all right; he simply wishes to know you before embracing. If you are all right he is too.

As a preacher, the Doctor is quite popular with the brethren of his conference. He is thoroughly identified with them in their work. The Tennessee Conference honors him, notwithstanding he is the only white man in it. He has served both as pastor and presiding elder. For years he was secretary of the conference, and more than once represented it in the General Conference. As the brethren became qualified he has gradually turned these posts of honor over to them. But not to desert the conference or "snk in his tent," but to stand by and encourage them. They understand if they need him they have but to call on him. And this they do not fail to do. If there is a church to be dedicated, the Doctor must take part. Is there a district conference or Sunday-school institute, his name must be on the list; and occasionally he must attend a wedding or be present to say the last words over some departed friend. In short, Dr. Braden understands the people and the people understand him. They love him and trust him. With him no manly man is ever so ignorant that he is made to feel his inferiority; neither is there one so highly educated that he must be ignored in order to hold him down.

As an educator the Doctor has impressed the whole South. Even in the early days he was elected secretary of the Tennessee State Teachers' Association, (white.)

Among the public school authorities of Tennessee his name is a synonym for scholarship and general efficiency. In many towns and counties a note of recommendation from him would not only secure for the holder the position sought but preclude the necessity of examination as to literary attainments. In the school-room Dr. Braden is perfectly at home. He believes in absolute thoroughness. The students passed from his classes will in nine cases out of ten pass anywhere. Equally at home in any department of the college he would often drop in to a recitation room and betray such a degree of familiarity with the subject in hand that more than one boy would afterward whisper, "I'll be bound Dr. Braden studied up on this lesson just to rattle us."

During these twenty four years as president the Doctor has seen this school develop, from its very humble beginning in the old gun factory, into one of the largest and most effective in all the South. The literary departments embrace every course, from the lowest to the highest. In the line of the professions it is exceptionally well equipped. Its theological department has its representatives not alone in every Southern conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in every colored denomination at the South. Its Meharry Medical College has representatives in every Southern State. The pharmaceutical department is supplying colored druggists with efficient poison dispensers; and the dental school has long since made itself felt, especially by those who find it necessary to have teeth extracted. The law department is also at work and those who have gone forth are gradually elbowing their way in among the many able men of their profession. And this is not all; the great industrial wing must not be forgotten. I verily believe this arm of power with its various departments is destined to accomplish as

much for the development of the Negro and the South as all the other departments combined. If the professions live in our midst it must be upon the industry and thrift of our people. The Central Tennessee College is pushing ahead on all these lines. During these years the Doctor has enrolled upwards of 6000 students, who have gone forth to enter almost every avocation in life. Among these the lawyers are numbered by the tens, the doctors by the scores, the preachers by the hundreds and the teachers by the thousands. Of these various professions there was a sufficient number in our last General Conference to hold a rennion.

Here are the thousands who have come in direct contact with the man; but only think of the tens of thousands who have come in contact with these students, either as clients, patients, parishioners or pupils. By him and them waves of influence have been set in motion that will extend away into eternity. And when I think of Dr. Braden's labors I can but think of the scores of others who labored and endured, but were not permitted to see the fruits of their devotion. Many have died and were buried on the field where they fell. I know where a number of such graves are myself. Some died violent deaths. Sacrificed for God—for humanity—for the Negro! Such devotion! It seems we ought never to forget them! Some, like the Doctor, linger and labor still—but all are going. The question very naturally suggests itself: What shall we do to commemorate these heroes—these heroines? In answer, it strikes me, nothing would be more fitting than that the boys and girls who knew and loved them should erect at the National Capital, or in some central Southern city, a monument that would be an honor to the living and sacred to the memory of the dead. If not, why not? Had they not done the work they did, and at the time they did, who would have done it? When would it have been done? The Lord only knows, for we see no alternative. During all these years of labor and waiting, Dr. Braden has been at the front and in the thickest of the fight. So have many others. What shall we do to show our gratitude? They have wrought a great work. We are building on the foundation they laid.

Houston, Texas.

The Great American Problem.

Some time ago *The Times* sent out the following questions, to distinguished men throughout the country—to both Democrats and Republicans, to white and black:

1. If there is a "Race Problem" what is it?
2. How can the colored man best aid in its proper solution?
3. How can the white man best aid in its proper solution?

In reply Prof. J. G. Townsend says:

Editor Times—

In response to your circular sent me on the 28th, I permit me to say briefly as you request conciseness:

- (1) The whites of the South principally claim the existence of a "Race Problem" and their uniform question is "What shall we do with the Negro?"

They (the Southrons of Anglo-Saxon extraction) do not wish social intercourse with Negroes through the fear of consequent dreadful amalgamation, or miscegenation, nor political affiliation for fear of Negro domination. They want the Negro in reality under or, in profession simply, away.

The recollection of his former servitude and the enforced thought

of his present constitutional habits and actual enjoyment of civic immunities and honors intensify a bitter, Christless, and senseless prejudice against the condition of poverty, ignorance, and superstition supposed to be represented by the Negro's black skin.

In their frenzy to keep the Negro under, these whites resort to savage and inhuman treatment which tends to stir up the baser passions of his nature with strong feelings of resentment.

(2) The colored man can best aid in the proper solution of the alleged problem by the cultivation of piety, fraternity, the intellect, and manual dexterity; by the establishment of industries, and race unification.

Get the thing the whites want and worship—Mammon—and they will not be slow in making friends of unrighteous Mammon.

Invest along with the whites in all honorable and legitimate money-making enterprises and buy and establish comfortable and respectable homes and before the lapse of 250 years you will not know except by looking at your persons whether you are white or black.

Christian and industrial education is going to do the work for us.

(3) The white man can best aid in the proper solution of the problem by taking Christ as his Exemplar and doing all in his power for the elevation of the Negro race by the kind of education recommended above.

I can conceive of no other practical solution.

In dealing with the Negro the white man, as does the Negro, must always act in accordance with the answer to this question—How would Christ act if he had a case like this to deal with?

Very respectfully,
J. G. TOWNSEND.
Kingstree, S. C.

Presiding Elders of Colored Conferences to the Front!

Presiding Elders' Convention.

The presiding elders' convention previously announced, will meet in Chattanooga, Tenn., June 23, and continue in session till the 26th, inclusive. The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, who has had some practical experience in the presiding elders' convention, warmly commends the convention project. Be on hand, Doctor, and tell us how to secure twenty-five thousand subscribers upon the ADVOCATE list.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammond says: "I am in full and hearty sympathy with the movement, and am exceedingly anxious that our meeting shall command the respect and receive the attention of the entire church."

The venerable Dr. Wesley Prettyman strongly advises the holding of a convention in our branch of the service. He will be there.

All the Tennessee presiding elders, Price, Phillips, Bradford, Anderson, Wright, Provine and Boyd, are enthusiastic over the idea of holding a convention.

Rev. H. N. Brown, who bears Gammon's honors, says, Amen! to the proposition, and thinks all the presiding elders should answer the call.

Dr. Braden, than whom our cause has no truer friend, regards it as a step in the right direction, and is hopeful that it will be productive of much good to all the interests of Methodism.

Dr. L. M. Hagood, who brings much ability and sturdy energy to his new position as Presiding Elder, votes yea.

May we have a "Pastors' Symposium" in connection with the convention? What is meant is this. Invite the pastors to write, in as brief manner as possible, up-

on the topic: In what way can the presiding elder best aid the pastor towards securing success in church work? These papers could be forwarded to be read in the meeting. Could we not learn from them something that might increase our efficiency?

D. W. H.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

A Veterans' Permanent Fund.

REV. JAY BENSON HAMILTON.

"A Century of Dishonor" is the striking title of a powerful volume portraying the sin of the American nation in its dealings with the original Americans. Just as true and terrible a volume could be written about the superannuated ministers of Methodism. It could fittingly bear the title, "A Century of Neglect." Our church is not to be censured by comparison with other churches for this evil condition of things. We do better by our veteran ministers than any other large Protestant church in this country. Giving full credit for all that has been, and is being done, no one will assert that the best is more than justice; no one will deny that the least is gross injustice. The annual collections of the whole church for this cause average a dime from each member and probationer. The average allowance is less than \$120 for each claimant. Is it asking too much to fix twenty-five cents per capita as the least average amount each church ought to raise?

Annual collections will always be variable and uncertain. A permanent fund is essential to insure an even and regular provision for a steady and certain need. The Book Concern dividends are now an annuity upon an invested fund of \$2,400,000. If every Methodist family would subscribe for an official Advocate; if every Methodist church, Sunday school, Chautauqua Circle and Epworth League, would buy all their supplies of our own Book Concern; if all Methodists would buy nothing anywhere else that they can buy of our own book depositories, the annual sales would soon reach \$5,000,000. The dividend to the veterans of five per cent upon the business done would amount to \$1,000,000 every four years. The problem is very simple and practical. For every dollar you spend at our book depositories you receive one dollar's worth and at the same time loan the dollar for one year and make it earn five per cent for the veterans.

Beside the annual collections and the dividends from the Book Concern, we need a permanent fund for the veterans. We propose to the Church to raise one million dollars for this purpose and suggest the following plan:

To avoid all discussion as to administration and distribution, let the fund be under the control of the annual conferences. Let each conference build up its own fund. The income can then be added to the annual collections from the churches and be distributed in the usual way by the Conference Board of Stewards. The General Conference will probably devise a plan to level up the conference allowance to the veterans. We presume it will never adopt any plan that will supersede local funds; local collections, local distribution and administration.

We solicit the co-operation of Methodist ministers and laymen in the formation of a league to raise \$1,000,000. Fifty-thousand annual subscribers of \$5 each would contribute \$1,000,000 in four years. We have issued a Subscription Card for the "Veterans' League" upon the basis of five dollar pledges for four years. Send a two-cent stamp and receive the League Card. Sign it and hand it to your pastor. Pay the money to him and ask him to send it to the treasurer of the permanent fund for the veterans in your annual conference. If fifty thousand Methodists will join our League, the million dollars is sure to be raised. You can take as many five-dollar pledges as you please, the more the better; you can pay them annually, or the whole amount in advance, as you choose. Who will be the first to join the "Veterans' League?" Address Jay Benson Hamilton, Hackettstown, N. J.

Letters from the Districts.

Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference.

E. PROVINCE, P. E.

Dear Brethren: Let us push every interest of the church. Send in your reports of what you have raised on missions. Let us advocate and pray for all the grand causes of the church.

A. J. Phillips, Texarkana, Ark.

Camden is a town of four or five thousand inhabitants, and over one-third of the inhabitants are colored. There are three churches among the colored people, and we feel that there is room for the M. E. Church, for the people are friendly toward our church and think we ought to build, as we have a few members who are waiting and praying for our church to come. We need money to purchase a lot. Rev. J. M. Airhart is the preacher there, and he wants to stay and build the church. For the sake of our church in Camden, let all who can send one dollar, and Rev. Airhart will acknowledge it through the SOUTHWESTERN.

Marshall District, Texas Conference.

WADE HAMILTON, P. E.

The Sunday School Institute of the Marshall district will convene at Mineola, June 18, 9 a. m. Every Sunday school superintendent will be expected to report: What kind of literature is used in his Sunday school. The number of scholars on the roll. Number of conversions this year. The amounts collected on Easter and Children's Day.

The district conference will convene at Queen City, Aug. 6, at which time we hope all the pastors of the Marshall district will have collected every dollar of their benevolent money, and be able to report at the district conference.

Program of the District Conference of the Aberdeen District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

J. C. ECKLES, P. E.

Convenes at Starkville June 17 to 21.

Opening sermon, H. Cawthorne. Devotional services by J. M. Mitchell.

Sermon, G. J. Dohson. Discussion of the evils of the rum traffic, by T. W. Davis and W. H. Whitlock.

Our schools in the Upper Mississippi Conference, J. L. Wilson, C. A. Greene, and G. W. Drake.

Sermon by T. W. Davis.

Sermon by E. C. Conway.

Discussion of the new thing of the Bible, by A. J. Trice and J. M. Thompson.

How to make prayer meetings interesting, L. J. Terrell, N. R. Olay and R. W. Rose.

Meeting of the district stewards.

Sermons by J. L. Wilson and S. D. Hutson.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Conference love-feast by W. C. McEwen.

Sermons by J. C. W. Pair, Fred H. Bunton and Will E. Mask.

Will E. Mask, secretary. Committee: Fred H. Bunton, Thos. W. Davis, A. J. Trice and J. M. Thompson.

Program for the Shreveport District, Louisiana Conference.

S. DUNCAN, P. E.

To be held at Natchitoches Aug. 13. Opening sermon preached by Rev. C. D. C. Bryant August 12. Missionary Society, T. J. Johnson.

Work of the M. E. Church, J. H. Pierre.

Church extension, S. S. Wright. Sunday School Union, B. J. Reddix.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, C. D. Shallowhorne.

Educational Society, W. Harrison.

American Bible Society, S. Green.

Tract Society, M. T. Fairfax.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, B. Bolden.

Woman's Home Missionary Society, R. O. Colton.

Bishop's claim, C. W. Reeves.

What has been done for the colored people by the M. E. Church? S. Carroll.

The need of an educated minister, G. Johnson.

The best time to take conference collections, A. McGlocklin and I. Ogilvy.

How to be loyal to the M. E. Church, E. Hutchinson.

How shall a preacher prepare for the pulpit? H. R. Hasou.

How shall a minister make a success of his charge? D. Shelby.

The need of the SOUTHWESTERN in every family, H. Daniel and W. Emmit.

Local preachers must select their subjects and be ready to give an intelligent talk on them. The Sunday school superintendents must be present to talk on the Sunday school work. One class leader from each charge is expected to be present. Also, the district stewards.

S. S. Wright and committees.

W. Wesley, Palestine, Tex.

The SOUTHWESTERN is as fresh and new as ever. No minister and no member can afford to do without it. Owing to the quarantine having prevailed so long on my district, I have been unable to do scarcely anything for the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN. Now that the clouds have about cleared away, I hope to be able to push vigorously all the interests of the church.

Presiding Elder Landry, of the South New Orleans district, has issued an address to his preachers, in which he says:

"The experience of every intelligent pastor is that the putting off of the benevolent collections for the last of the year is fraught with danger. To persist in this way is to invite defeat. Let us make a new departure on this line, by taking up our Educational, Missions, Church Extension and, if possible, our Episcopal funds at once and be ready to report at district conference, and thus avoid even the possibility of a failure.

Our discipline requires that something be raised for each cause, and it is essential to the dignity of our district that you do so.

For Children's day, second Sunday in June next, let the rally cry be by each child: 5 cents for the cause of Christian education and the evangelization of the world.

On the second Sunday in July you are to have a missionary rally which is to be known as the Missionary Sabbath. Organize at once for the occasion and make this a day of consecration of body and soul, and silver and gold. Let young and old be included in this great feast of love. See Discipline 1888, ¶ 370.

To assist in the creation of a greater benevolent interest on the district, and otherwise help the Presiding Elder and pastors, I have, after prayerful thought, appointed the following co-laborers as district agents:

Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D. D., Educational Agent.

Rev. T. G. Montgomery, Missionary Agent.

Rev. Reese Thompson, Church Extension Agent.

Rev. J. W. Hilton, Episcopal Funds Agent.

Rev. H. J. Wright, Quarter Centennial Jubilee Agent.

Our district conference at Thibodaux, August 28, 1891, is to be one of the grandest ministerial gatherings of the season. On Saturday, the 29th, the roll of pastors will be called and each will report his work and collections. Sunday, 30th, will be observed as a Grand District Quarter Centennial Jubilee of Preachers and People.

Forest City District.

W. R. R. DUNCAN, P. E.

Our first round on the district was completed during the last days of April. The pastors are all at their posts of duty assigned them at the last session of our conference,

with the exception of Bros. J. F. Richmond, H. E. Roseman, and Bros. E. H. Clark and E. Harrison, who have returned to the Louisiana Conference.

The work on the district is prospering grandly. Each pastor and family seem to enjoy good health.

Come up to the mark, my dear co-laborers. Let each man be a faithful dispenser of God's word.

May the second round be a successful one in the conversion of many souls.

Brethren, take Christ and our Methodist polity and conquer for Him who is our every stay. You have no bosses (the A. M. E. Church is to be blamed for such falsehoods), but, the very best of brethren and friends. Push the SOUTHWESTERN.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to my waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

St. Paul Church, Shreveport, La., T. J. Johnson, P. C.

I found on my arrival to St. Paul a cordial welcome, which gave me a good heart to proceed immediately to the indebtedness. I found a debt of \$2,485. With the members and friends the trustees have paid \$379.55. We are to have a grand rally the third Sunday in May, to meet one of our notes when Rev. Stephen Duncan, P. E., of the Shreveport District, and other brethren will assist in the grand union rally. We have placed a grand Estey organ in the church at a cost of \$300, and have a choir organized, and Dr. J. B. Maxlin and William Walker have assumed the debt of the instrument with the help of members and friends of the church.

I. H. Grant, Cave Springs, Ga.

We observed Easter in good style. Rev. F. M. Gordon, professor in the Deaf Mute College; our day teachers, Dr. W. H. Harris, H. T. C. Kittels, D. C. Warren and Miss Lucy Tarver took part. Chubb's collection, \$31.18; at Cave Spring, \$45. Total, \$76.18. Rev. J. McHenry preached the Easter sermon. Our faithful willing workers reported as follows: Jeffie Samuels, \$1.04; John Burge, \$1.05; Miss Savannah Shepherd, \$1; Miss Katie Cook, \$1.27; Miss Anner Kenney, \$1.30; Thomas Shepherd, \$2.40; Robt. Chubb, \$1.50; Isah Jones, \$1.71; Charlie Owens, \$1.11; Charlie Samuel, \$7.11; Sidney Gordon, \$1.90; Miss Mary Boyd, \$1.63; Miss Cornelia Ware, \$6.26; Miss Burther Grant, \$1.35; Miss Susie Johnson, \$1.10; Miss Maple Green, \$1.24; Miss Laura Lane, \$1.25; Miss Pollie Kelehan, \$3; Miss Amelia Kelehan, \$1.40; Miss Willie McElendon, \$3.50; Miss Caro Leake, \$1.19. Our money has been forwarded. We will finish our benevolent collections on Children's Day. We have a grand man for our Presiding Elder, I mean Bro. H. Allen. We are going to build a \$1,500 church at Cave Spring this year. We are under the impression that we have swept the field of the Savannah Conference in Easter collections. We are also preparing to carry the banner on Children's Day.

Wm. T. Trammell, Sylacauga, Ala.

Our Presiding Elder W. F. Smith came over to Springhill, Sylacauga circuit, April 11 and 12, and held my quarter. The conference was a success. When I came here our people were worshipping in temporary quarters but we are now better prepared for the future. At the conference the Presiding Elder collected \$9.45 and added thirteen souls to the church. We want to make this a year of jubilee to Dadeville District, and to all the friends of Methodism. We are rallying to build a good church. The Marble City Land Company agrees to assist us in this undertaking. We hope in the near future to be able to praise God under our own vine and figtree. The plat of ground on which we are building our temporary church is not ours, but we are to hold it

free of all rents until we can purchase a piece of ground of our own. We need help; we need the church. This is a thriving town and we wish to erect a good church that will be of lasting benefit to all our people.

R. McAlpin, Canton, Miss.

March 29 I dedicated a new church on this circuit, assisted by Rev. B. Stewart. We are getting along nicely. This is a great field.

S. S. Wright, Natchitoches, La.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Asbury with Rev. S. Duncan in the chair. We had a good quarter; made some repairs on the church property amounting to \$40. One convert, one on probation. Sunday-school in a good condition; taken up in the quarter, \$33; paid to the Rev. S. Duncan, \$12.50. Our district conference will take place here Aug. 12. Just before the quarter a company of young ladies and gentlemen, headed by Mr. C. Henry, gave an entertainment for the pastor. Next morning a committee presented the writer with \$17.50. Elder Duncan is the same as he was six years ago; he can preach and sing all day and is fresh at night.

P. Pruitt, Clency, Tex.

My quarter met March 28-29. Presiding Elder Morgan preached a good sermon.

Wm. Campbell, Starkville Circuit, Miss.

My first quarterly conference convened April 11-12, Rev. R. Sewell, P. E., in the chair. Our new Presiding Elder is loved. The Elder gave a grand lecture and preached a soul stirring sermon. Collection paid Presiding Elder, \$12.50; pastor, 20.

L. Felder, Montgomery, Tex.

Easter program was very successfully carried out.

C. A. Taylor, Sweet Home, Ark.

April 11 and 12 Rev. Geo. W. Lacey was with us and held our first quarter. Reports showed the work was alive. The Presiding Elder preached for us and all were made to rejoice. Paid pastor this quarter, \$49.25; Presiding Elder, \$10.

J. H. Swann, Belton, Tex.

My first quarterly conference convened April 11, Rev. Mack Heuson in the chair. Reports showed much good had been done this quarter; fourteen souls had been converted, five backsliders reclaimed and thirty-seven accessions. Pastor's salary was fixed at \$415; Presiding Elder \$70. Paid pastor, \$28; Presiding Elder, \$11. Sunday the 12th was a season of great joy. The Presiding Elder preached two sermons of unusual instruction and power. The minds of the people were aroused about the dear old SOUTHWESTERN.

A. Martin, Knoxville Circuit, Tenn.

Our Easter services will be long remembered here. The program was rendered nicely. The following ladies and gents read essays: Mrs. L. C. Charleston, Mr. J. S. Holland, Mrs. A. McMillan, Mrs. J. Bannerster and the writer. Collection \$10.80.

J. C. Houston, Yazoo City, Miss.

We have just closed one of the most successful revivals that Yazoo City has experienced in many years. After three or four weeks preaching in our church the heavenly flames rapidly spread over the city from church to church. The results were as follows: M. E. Church, 105 additions; Baptist, 90; A. M. E. Church, 45. Revs. D. A. Bragg and I. W. Davis rendered much valuable assistance. Elder J. Campbell held conference during the revival and preached a strong sermon which proved very profitable.

J. W. Pierce, Lafayette, La.

Rev. E. E. H. Morant, P. E., held my first quarterly conference. I have received six in church since conference. The church is progressing better than ever before. Rev. S. E. H. Morant, P. E., spent four days with us. The people are delighted with Bro. Morant as their Presiding Elder; and they are doing all they can for the pastor, and they will try to have all the conference money by the district conference.

B. H. S. Ferguson, Holly Springs, Miss.

We have just closed a glorious revival which lasted two weeks, resulting in ninety six souls very happily converted. The meeting was effective in Rust University to the conversion of about fifty-three students, and in the State Normal to the conversion of about ten or twelve and in the Miller Institute to the conversion of several and the rest out in town, Methodist, Baptists and C. M. E's shared in the benefits. Quite a large number of old persons were converted, some 40, 50, 70 and 101 years old. We were assisted at Asbury by Dr. Libby, Profs. Bragg, Sawyer and Boyd, Revs. Payne, Cooper, Jones and Somerville. On the closing day, April 19, assisted by Prof. Sawyer, we received sixty into the church, baptized forty-seven and more to follow. Several joined the University church under Dr. Libby. God's name be praised; the fire still burns. Rev. Payne, of the C. M. E. Church, has run only one night, resulting in three converts.

P. O. Jamison, Starkville, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference convened April 18th, Rev. J. O. Eckles in the chair. Eleven had been received in full membership. On Sunday the Presiding Elder preached an able sermon to a large audience and administered the sacrament to 150 persons. At 7:30 p. m., Rev. T. H. Bunton, of Aberdeen, preached a soul stirring sermon to a crowded house. Paid Presiding Elder, \$12.50; pastor, \$77.35.

N. Cannon, Fayette, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held March 14, 15, by Elder S. A. Cowan. The work is in a healthy condition. The Elder preached three reviving sermons. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten.

M. P. Franklin, St. Martinsville, La.

Our first quarterly conference was held March 21, 22, by our new Presiding Elder, Rev. S. E. H. Morant. Everything went on nicely, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. The church was well pleased with him. The church was packed to overflowing to hear him preach. He preached one of his best sermons and everybody went away rejoicing. Collection \$18.75; paid Presiding Elder, \$10; pastor, \$43.50.

The grand rally at our church in Natchez, Miss., for their new church resulted in the collection of \$135. Among the ministers present were Revs. J. C. Hibler, S. A. Cowan, Presiding Elder, and Bro. Buffington, pastor.

T. Larkins, Morgan City, La.

Please correct collections on Easter Sunday. Not \$72.25, but \$72.5.

G. J. Izard, Richmond, Texas.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., P. E., held his first quarterly conference here April 18. Encouraging reports were presented. The Doctor lectured and preached two sermons of great power. The visible result of the day's work was the reception of ten on probation. Several came forward for prayer. Paid the Presiding Elder, \$11.05; pastor, \$59.30, and \$12 for

benevolence. Both Sunday-school and church are spiritually alive.

H. L. Kennedy, Hardsboro, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held April 4-5. Rev. B. L. Crump, P. E., preached three sermons. Collection for Presiding Elder, \$15; pastor, \$58. Protracted meeting closed April 5, with seven accessions to the church, and two converts. Easter collection, \$12.

June Lemons, Richmond, Ark.

My beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. H. W. Harris, held my first quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday and preached three soul stirring sermons to a crowded house. Paid Presiding Elder, \$6; pastor, \$19.45, and we have collected for benevolent purposes \$65.00. At night we had about eighteen to come forward for prayers. I am doing all I can for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Thos. Cole, Marshall, Tex.

Prof. S. S. Reed, superintendent, Prof. H. B. Pemberton, of Wiley University, with the assistance of the officers and teachers, carried out the Easter Program to the letter. Collected \$38, donation \$15; total, \$53. The church is alive. We are reaping the harvest of our beloved Brother McMillan's work of 1890. Twelve into full connection, baptized four adults, three deaths. Rev. Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder, is much beloved. The quarterly conference was a success; \$20 for Presiding Elder, \$20 for pastor.

J. W. Richmond, McMinnville, Tenn.

Rev. J. P. Price, P. E., held my second quarterly conference April 12. He preached one of his good sermons. Collections during the quarter, \$10; received in full, fifteen. Organized one Epworth League with eighteen members and it is doing good work. We have done \$35 of repairs on the parsonage; raised for all purposes, \$95.35. We are looking out for our new house. The people say the church is in better shape than it has been in fifteen years. We raised \$23.35 in our quarterly meeting.

H. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.

St. Peter M. E. Church observed and used the Easter service program. There was a good attendance. The church was beautifully decorated. Miss Elsie E. Landry, the superintendent, Miss Alice E. Hampton and Mrs. H. J. Moore, teachers of our Sabbath and day school, took prominent part with the pupils and in the decorations of the church. Miss Hampton is the principal of Donaldsonville Academy, with Miss Landry and Mrs. Moore assistants. These three ladies are heart and soul in the work of lifting our people up. Collections for missions sent off to the missionary treasury, \$7.

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THE Nebraska Advocate says: "In management for the entertainment of the General Conference, Bishop Newman has displayed a very superior order of generalship as those who are on the inside can testify."

Few men have been so highly honored by those who are without as has Phillips Brooks, the great Boston preacher, who has recently been elected Bishop of Massachusetts by the Episcopal Church. His selection has elicited the praise of the press without respect to sect or party.

OUR types last week made us seem to contradict ourself, as to whether or not we had "any fights to make against the A. M. E. Church." What we meant was that ours, in every case, was self defense. We have no purpose in the world to antagonize the A. M. E. or any other church in the accomplishment of their work, so long as they do not make it a part of their mission to misrepresent us to further their own work.

WE commend to our readers the plan suggested by Dr. Hamilton, in another column, for the establishment of a Veterans' Permanent Fund, for our superannuated preachers. Read it. Those worthy heroes deserve the united energy of the church to make such a plan a permanent and blessed success. And then, we must remember, that we will too soon become such veterans. We become old and disabled like a flash.

THE minister who would not crawl on his hands and knees to proclaim the Gospel to a people who are too poor to pay him, is not worthy of his place, and ought to retire as speedily as possible. On the other hand, the strong and healthy congregation that will solicit and use the time and strength of a financially straitened minister without any thought of material reward, needs to learn some of the first principles of the Gospel, and ought at once to set about the lesson.—Nashville Advocate.

THE Northwestern in commenting upon the Italian imbroglio very pertinently remarks:

"We are embarrassed in this controversy because the men who murdered the Italians in New Orleans previously assented to the existence of the corrupt court machinery which made the acquittal of the Italians possible. The vigor and determination shown by the leaders of the mob might have cleansed the courts, and banished venality from the jury box, if they had addressed themselves to that wiser work. Italy is embarrassed because the murdered Italians belonged to a murderous mafia. The 'white-man's league' in Louisiana has hands as red as those of the mafia. Italy has reason to protest, but her arrogant officials cannot help doing the right thing in the wrong way.

Misrepresentations Corrected.

We emphatically endorse, and commend to our brethren throughout the church, the following resolutions adopted by the Delaware Conference at its recent session in Cambridge, Delaware.

WHEREAS, Many untrue things are said about us, and many misrepresentations made concerning our standing in, and relation to the M. E. Church. And

WHEREAS, These things are done by bishops, preachers and others in Negro religious organizations, when they know their utterances are false and misleading. Therefore,

Resolved, That we realize our status in the M. E. Church to be not that of slaves or inferiors, but peers of the other races constituting the membership of our church.

2d. Resolved, That we most earnestly protest against and denounce the conduct of this class of Negro preachers, who vilify and misrepresent us in the South because of our membership and standing in the M. E. Church, and then go North in disguise, begging for and securing money from our white Methodist people, in order to sustain alien organizations in the South.

3d. Resolved, That we are satisfied with the old vine, and bid the branches God speed in every good work.

4th. Resolved, That we will everywhere enlighten our people upon the benefits accruing to us by reason of our sticking to, and remaining in the great and grand Methodist Episcopal Church, which gives us back for benevolent purposes about five dollars for every one we raise.

Apostles of Retrogression.

No greater curse attends our people than the class of men who are constantly seeking to secure some selfish advantage or other for themselves, which they could not obtain upon the score of merit, by constantly reviving or maintaining the color line, which they pretend to despise so much in white people. The other day Wilberforce University was seeking to do that very thing, to get a few thousand dollars out of the agricultural school fund in Ohio, at the risk of reviving the "black laws" in that State; and now comes a case of a similar character in Illinois. We clip from the Chicago Daily News:

"A HOSPITAL FOR NEGROES.—The colored people of the city are divided on the question of a separate hospital for the race. A few prominent colored men have raised money and will soon open a hospital at 29th and Dearborn streets. The opposing faction is bitterly fighting the undertaking on the ground that it will do much to keep up and foster race prejudice. John J. Jones, a colored attorney, who is antagonistic to separate institutions, says that in all the Chicago hospitals Negroes receive treatment similar to that of the whites. He says that few who have been agitating the matter of a separate hospital have raised money from prominent white people, representing that the masses of the Negroes desired such an arrangement. The lawyer says their motive is not to benefit the race, but to gain some cheap notoriety and make a few dollars for themselves. A series of meetings to protest against the establishment of the hospital will be held."

Another Fraud.

To the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

My Dear Brother:—I have had several communications of enquiry concerning a young man who is traveling in various parts of the South, representing himself to be from Africa, and connected with the Central Tennessee College. We have several students from Africa and they are in attendance at school, or present in the city. One, calling himself the son of a King Oetawayo, going by the name of Omashaw was here for several weeks during the summer of 1890. It was vacation and he worked for a short time, giving a few lectures about Nashville, making some money, telling the people that he was intending to secure an education and remain here and go to school at the college; under this pretense he aroused considerable sympathy and considerable aid was given him. He left here without any other reason than that he wanted to be

traveling, went from here to Memphis and I heard he told the same story there, secured considerable money, aroused considerable friendship and spent his money in questionable places.

He has been traveling through the country representing himself as connected with the Central Tennessee College, which is entirely false.

J. BRADEN.
Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tennessee.

THE action of the Grand Jury in its failure to find true bills against the lyuohers of the Italians murdered March 14, was so much in keeping with inst what everybody here expected, that we inadvertently failed to call attention to the fact last week. By a process of special pleading the crime was smothered over, and saddled upon the whole community, hence no one was specially amenable (!) This is the kind of justice that all along has been reserved for Negroes. Dagones under the name of the innocents, gave many such doses to that race.

They are now receiving their share of the same medicine. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay saith the Lord." We have no sympathy with lawlessness and mob law; but cannot help reflecting upon the fact of how things are swung in a circle in this world; and how men come to fall into the same pits which they had dug for others. "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

THE Negro question has come up with more or less prominence in the Arkansas Legislature this season, and there has been the usual amount of talk about the colored man "knowing his place" and keeping in it. But the climax was reached on last week when in the course of debate a member of the House said in reply to an opponent that the Democrats or his own county were not like the people of Little River county, "who went about shaking hands with niggers." To a certain class of Southern minds no more serious charge could be made than that of "shaking hands with niggers." And it is not to be wondered at that this was the signal for a personal encounter between the parties in question. They were finally separated, but not until one had hurled an ink-stand at the other and received a cuspidore in return. But now that they have fully relieved themselves of the least suspicion of any fondness for shaking hands with "niggers," it is an open question whether the "niggers" would really care to shake hands with either of these members—Central.

The question is hardly an open one. Only a renegade of a Negro would stoop to shake such hands.

THE Central Christian Advocate, very pertinently suggests that "Now that the Pope has given his approval to the coming World's Fair at Chicago that the Roman Catholic Church avail itself of the opportunity of making in the educational department of the fair a thorough exhibit of the parochial school system. The people of this country in particular would like very much to know just what is taught in these schools and how it is taught. All the text books used either by the scholars or teachers should be placed upon exhibition together with the educational appliances, and the methods of instruction should be clearly explained. Here is the chance for the Catholics to show that their schools are all that they claim for them. As the 'godless' public school will be fully represented, this arrangement will enable us to make a very profitable comparison of the two systems."

Will he do it?

"BRING out the old doctrines, make repentance the porch, faith the door, holiness the temple—religion itself; hold that no one of these can be possible without perfect consecration of self and goods."—Bishop Warren.

Echoes from Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Jubilee Celebration.

A. Butler, Waynesboro, Miss.
Had a good time. Collection, \$6.50.

P. O. Jamison, Starkville, Miss.
It was a success. Collected \$29, our full apportionment for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, which I have forwarded to Dr. J. O. Hartzell. Also collected \$7.70 for church expenses. Total for the day, \$36.70.

N. H. Williams, Greenville, Miss.
Grand occasion. Quarto-Centennial Jubilee collection, \$13.70.

Geo. W. Lewis, Reidville, Ga.
We observed the Quarter Centennial Jubilee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The program was nicely carried out. Collection, \$12.25, our apportionment being only \$12. We desire to make special mention of the work done by Sister Nancy Williams. God bless the dear woman. She is a noble worker in the M. E. Church.

N. R. Clay, Aberdeen, Miss.

We celebrated the Quarter Centennial with appropriate addresses and music. Oration by Prof. Geo. W. Drake, late of Jefferson, Tex. The claims of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society were fully and clearly put before our people, as never before, which was fully demonstrated when the collection was taken, which amounted to \$50. We have also raised money enough to have the church repainted inside and outside, which cost \$150. The financial movement of the church exceeds by far that of any previous year in its history. Rev. F. H. Bunton has awakened the church up all along the line.

B. F. Woolfolk, Providence.

The quarter-centennial of the Freedmen's Aid was celebrated May 10. We had a grand time. Collection, \$11.

THE suggestion which we have given touching the wisdom of establishing mission schools in connection with every one of our churches, we rejoice to announce is bearing wholesome fruit in many quarters. The Aberdeen District Herald is fully alive to the importance of the subject. It says: "We have advised our ministers wherever it is practicable to establish in dependent schools. We have several such schools now within the bounds of our district, and we are glad to report favorable results."

This is the only way that the masses can be reached.

Let every pastor and Presiding Elder take hold of the matter until every church becomes or has connected with it a mission school. Teachers can be found whenever needed.

Gov. Tillman of South Carolina, like Gov. Nicholls of this state, refuses to accept that state's share of the federal appropriation for mechanical and agricultural colleges, as stipulated under the law which requires the state to pledge to make an equitable division of the fund between the two races, where separate schools prevail.

This attitude, nearly all the Southern States have taken. They want the money but they do not want the Negro to share equally from its benefit. What an outrageous shame! Secretary Noble however is firm, and will not pay over the money to the states until they accept the conditions.

Cheap Excursion to Meridian and Return.

During the Spring Races and the Gun Club Shooting Tournament at Meridian May 12-15, Agents of the Queen & Crescent Route, will sell Excursion Tickets to Meridian and return at special low rates, from all stations between New Orleans, Birmingham, Vicksburg and Meridian. Tickets good for return until May 17. Full particulars on application to Agents Queen & Crescent Route.

Personal.

—Dr. W. L. Davidson, the agent for the South, of the Sunday School Union, is pushing a vigorous campaign of work in Tennessee and Kentucky. Every day and night for five weeks is filled solidly. The Doctor recently spent a week with our church in and about Chattanooga, Tenn. The Methodist Advocate speaks in highest terms of the value and success of his work.

—Rev. W. S. Rollins, has moved from Louisville, Ky., to Indianapolis, Ind. Where he requests correspondents to address him.

—Mrs. M. O. Merritt, for several years a faithful and efficient missionary among our Baptist brethren in this city has had recently to retire from the work on account of failing health. She is now permanently located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The change of climate having greatly improved her health. She has accepted work as pastor's assistant in the Mt. Auburn Baptist Church, of that city. A note from her says: "My prayer goes up daily for the work in New Orleans."

—Secretary Blaine is reported to be quite sick in New York.

—The meeting of the Church Extension Board here last week, brought quite a number of the brethren together at this office, viz. Presiding Elders Williams, Marshall, Landry, Morant. Revs. H. J. Wright of Donaldsonville, T. A. Brown, Zachary, B. Bolden, Boyce, W. S. Harris, F. T. Chinn, E. Lyon, A. J. Pickett of this city, and Bro. A. B. Gibson, of Glencoe.

—Mr. Earl M. Cranston, son of Rev. Dr. Earl Cranston, of the Western Methodist Book Concern, and Miss Florence Pitkin were married in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Denver, Col., April 16. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. David H. Moore, assisted by the father of the groom.

—Rev. Dr. Emory J. Haynes, formerly of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but who united with the Baptist Church several years ago, has returned to his first love. At the last session of the New England Conference he made application for membership, was accepted and appointed pastor of the People's Church, Boston.

—Rev. Dr. O. H. Warren, editor of the Northern Christian Advocate, has been confined to his room for two weeks with the grippe. Great is the gripe.

—Rev. C. W. Bennett, D.D., professor of historical theology in Garrett Biblical Institute is dead. Prof. Bennett was one of the able men of our church, and was greatly beloved by his colleagues and students at Garrett Institute. The funeral was attended by a throng of people.

—Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Trimble, of Columbus, Ohio, honored and loved throughout the church, is critically ill.

—Mrs. Sarah Tribbey Baldwin, mother of Mrs. Eliza N. Frye, wife of the editor of the Central, died at Chicago, April 15, in the eighty-eighth year of her age. Mrs. Baldwin had been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church from her youth.

—Rev. E. B. Clarke, of the Holston Conference, is dead.

—After several weeks absence, holding conferences in the East and attending the Bishop's meeting at New Castle, Ind., Bishop Mallalien returned to this city last Friday. All hearts rejoice to welcome him back home.

—Mrs. Lewis, wife of J. W. Lewis, is quite sick. She is suffering from a cancer. We hope for her speedy recovery.

—The editor goes to Holly Springs Friday afternoon to attend commencement.

Our printer, Mr. James Pendergast has been blessed by the advent of a bright little girl, which arrived Saturday evening. Pendergast is building a nice residence on Barone street, and we congratulate him on such evidences of a smiling Providence.

Schools and Colleges.

Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, Anniversary Exercises.

May 23, 7:30 p. m.—Musical rehearsal.

May 24, 3 p. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by President Whitaker.

7 p. m.—Missionary sermon, probably by Rev. P. Morgan.

May 25, 26, 9 a. m.—Examination of classes.

May 25.—7:30 p. m., Anniversary Davis Literary Society.

May 26.—7:30 p. m., Annual Prize Contest.

May 27.—9 a. m., Woman's Home Missionary Convention.

May 27.—7:30 p. m., Alumni Anniversary.

May 28.—10 a. m., Commencement Exercises with Oration by Rev. William Wesley, B.S.

All friends of this great work are most cordially invited.

GEO. WHITAKER, Pres.

New Orleans University, Commencement Week, May 27, 28, 29.

Annual Examinations, 9 to 12 a. m., College Recitation Rooms.

May 27.—Commencement program of Society of the Friends of Africa, 8 p. m., College Chapel.

May 28.—Exhibition of 6th grade, 8 p. m., College Chapel.

May 29.—Fifth Anniversary of Mallalien Literary Society, 8 p. m., College Chapel.

May 30.—Second Anniversary of the Temperance Society, 8 p. m., College Chapel.

May 31.—University Love Feast, 9 a. m.

Baccalaureate Sermon, 11 a. m., College Chapel.

June 1.—Alumni Reunion, Address by Bishop W. F. Mallalien, D.D., 8 p. m., College Chapel.

June 2.—Commencement, 2 p. m., College Campus.

Address by Bishop A. G. Haygood, D.D., 8 p. m.

Annual Festival, 9 p. m.

A SELF-CONCEITED and bombastic editor of a colored paper declares that nobody is battling the difficulties that confront the race "but the few Negro newspaper men." He says:

"The preacher advises him to lay it before God. The teacher has his mouth locked behind a fat salary, while the politician, with but few exceptions, blows for what's in sight."

The Natchez Reporter demolishes the snob with the following caustic retort:

"The truth is, no particular class nor profession of men is fighting the race battle alone, but every one from the least to the greatest is doing his best. The preacher in his study, studying the word of God and lifting up his voice from week to week from the pulpit, for that righteousness that exalteth a nation. The teacher in his school room, imparting culture, decorum and loyalty, is throwing up an impregnable wall in defense of our rights. The business man, standing behind his counter keeping his books, is defending the race against the imputation that as a race we have no business capacity. In fine, the lawyer, doctor, politician, and every honest hard handed toiler, be he ever so humble, is defending, and nobly too, the claims of the Negro to inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and is there an editor in the land that can do more?"

Old Folk's Home.

The attention of the members of the Louisiana Conference is earnestly invited to pp. 197, 198, La. Conference Minutes 1891; every church in the conference is pledged to raise the money to pay the note of \$581.25, which is due on the Old Folk's Home property. This must be paid before June 1, of this year. Unless this is done the \$500 paid last year is lost. Pastors and presiding elders, please, please attend to this matter at once and send the money to Rev. J. W. Hilton, president, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, care of this office.

DAILY BREAD.

Who suffer with our Master here,
We shall before his face appear
And by His side sit down;
To patient faith the prize is sure,
And they that to the end endure
The cross; shall wear the crown.
—Charles Wesley.

Revivals reveal the peculiar talents of heretofore diffident Christians.

Revivals in which the Holy Ghost is honored give permanent results.

Revivals reach some people who could not be moved in any other way.

Revivals inspire the kind of singing that should last all year around.—Selected.

He that made the Captain of your salvation perfect through sufferings, has called you to walk in the same path, and for the same end; namely, that you may learn obedience by the things which you suffer.—John Wesley.

It is a great step towards Christian resignation to be thoroughly convinced of that great truth, that there is no such thing as a chance in the world; that fortune is only another name for providence; only it is covered providence.—John Wesley.

When the son of man shall come in his glory, and assign every man his own reward, that reward will undoubtedly be proportioned, (1) to our inward holiness, our likeness to God; (2) to our works; and (3) to our sufferings.—John Wesley.

I have often found an aptness, both in myself and others, to connect events that have no real relation to each other. So one says, "I am as sure this is the will of God as that I am justified." This is an exceedingly dangerous way of thinking or speaking. We know not what it may lead to. It may sap the very foundation of our religion.—John Wesley.

No man has a right to require a church free from all defects. Such an institution is impracticable in this world. God has chosen the best plan that circumstances allow, to help his people, and it does not become short-sighted men and women to ignore or to find fault with his arrangement, because it is not absolutely perfect.—Rev. J. A. Wood.

There is nothing new in life, yet nature wears always new aspects of beauty and meaning. The sunrise, the sunset, the summer sky, are these not always new? The Gospel is old—from eternity, yet the holy Christ has the dew of his youth. He is forever beautiful, and his words are as fresh as the springs of the morning.—Selected.

Man is always dependent on God for success in his work. God is never dependent on man for his success even in man's sphere of work. Hence man owes everything to God, while God owes nothing to man. It is a privilege to work for God; but he who does best and most for God is "an unprofitable servant" whom God has honored in spite of his unprofitableness.—Selected.

No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven. That Scriptural declaration settles beyond dispute the duty of every Christian man toward the liquor traffic. If we write down murder, drunkenness and blasphemy as sins which shut souls out from heaven, then whoever does not seek to save men from those is not seeking their salvation. Whoever makes it easier to commit these is helping men to perdition. This reasoning will not seem severe to any except to those who are friendly to the whiskey traffic.—Central Baptist.

The genuine revival means that somebody has got a mighty hold on God. It is not an accident, or an incident, but it is a set thing. Somebody has been with God about the matter. Somebody has been bearing sins in a burdened way before God. Somebody has got in dead earnest about the things of

sin and salvation. Somebody has become mightily stirred about the coldness, worldliness, deadness of the church, and God has been wrought on by their clamorous desires and burdened sorrowful hearts. The secret of the revival is that somebody has been hiding themselves with God in the secret place.—Selected.

A story of answered prayer is related by Mr. Newberry, who is laboring as a protestant missionary in Italy. He says, "Some years ago one of our helpers out in a country district was in need of money. He had none for a week, and had often been that way before. So his wife came to me and said, 'We must have money. Why don't God provide for us now in our need?' I said, 'Have you not got Jesus Christ? And with him you have all things.' She said there were not even any vegetables in the garden, and it looked as if they must starve. I said we should get down on our knees and pray. We had prayer and while we were on our knees the postman's knock came to the door. Finding no one to take the letter from him, he came up to my room and knocked at the door. He handed me a registered letter, which he could only deliver to myself and receive my signature that I had received it. It contained a remittance from a friend in America who had been blessed at some of our meetings two years ago. So God answered our prayers. If we didn't grumble so much, but praised the Lord for his blessings, he would answer our prayers at the time, and bless us more abundantly than he does.—Selected.

Dr. Scott F. Hershey, pointing out, in an article in the *Christian Intelligencer*, the dangers of cigarette smoking, says:

"If I was to say that this terrible habit was likely, in the near future, to prove more hurtful to the American race than the drinking habit, it would be thought exceedingly extravagant. Yet this is what I believe; am fully convinced of it, from my scientific studies and experiments and my observation. Every scientific expert's opinion confirms mine.

By way of remedy, Dr. Hershey suggests the following:

1. Parents should exercise proper government with their boys when they are small. A great many boys eight and ten years old are at this work of self-destruction. Parents are responsible in the beginning. They should look upon such things with as much horror as if they would learn their boy had committed a crime. Parental government is too weak.

2. Ministers and teachers, in pulpit and school-room, should get in earnest. I suggest that every minister who reads this preaches in his church the plainest and strongest sermon he can on the subject. Talk plain to parents.

3. Business men should prohibit its use by their employees.

4. Young ladies should assail the habit. They are disgraced at the smell and breath produced by the habit. Let them say so.

A loving word is always a safe word. It may, or it may not, be a helpful word to the one who hears it, but it is sure to be a pleasant memory to the one who speaks it. Many a word spoken by us is afterwards regretted, but no word of affectionate appreciation to which we have given utterance finds a place among our sadly remembered expressions. Looking back over our intercourse with a dead friend or fellow-worker, we may indeed regret that we were ever betrayed into a harsh or hasty or unloving word of censure or criticism in that intercourse, and we may wish vainly that we had now the privilege of saying all the loving words that we might honestly have spoken while yet he was with us; but there will never come into our hearts at such a time a single pang of regret over any word of impulsive or deliberate affection which passed our lips at any time. We have reasons

to be on our guard in our speech in most directions, but we can be fearlessly free in our loving utterances. Apart from any question of the good we do to others by our words of love, we are personally the gainers, for now and for hereafter, by every such word which we speak out explicitly; and we are sure to be the losers, now and by-and-by, from every such word which we ought to have spoken and failed to speak.—Selected.

In a large city in Scotland a faithful minister of Christ was one winter's day visiting among the wretched poor. He climbed up into a garret at the top of a very high house. He had been told that there was a very poor old woman there that nobody seemed to know about. He went on climbing till he found his way into that garret-room. As he entered the room he looked around. There was a bed, and a chair, and a table with a candle burning dimly on it, a very little fire on the hearth, and an old woman sitting by it, with a large Testament in her lap. The minister asked her what she was doing there. She said she was reading.

"Don't you feel lonely here?" he asked.

"Na, na," was her reply.

"What do you do here long winter nights?"

"Oh," she said, "I just sit here w' my light and w' my New Testament on my knees, talkin' w' Jesus!"

Schools and Colleges.

Gilbert Academy and Agricultural College.

Closing week: May 24-28. Sunday 24, 11 a. m.: The annual sermon, by Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, D.D.

Thursday, 8 p. m.: Graduates, Grammar School. A class of sixteen persons.

W. D. GODMAN, Pres.

The dispatches say that the Commissioners of the State Negro College met on the 10th, in Atlanta and decided upon Savannah, Ga., for the location of a college, Savannah having given a large tract of land and \$10,000.

The state of Texas has promised to build a university for colored students, but the Legislature is inert and the people are as dumb as an oyster upon the subject. The law provides for the location of this branch and Austin has been decided upon by a vote of the people. If this institution is not needed now it never will be and the people never will get it unless they make some effort to get it.—Union.

The catalogue of the Meharry Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Departments of Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., for 1891, exhibits great prosperity. This excellent institution has already graduated 121 Negro physicians, 14 dentists and 1 master of pharmacy. There were in these several classes the past school year 94 students principally from the South.

May 1st was observed in honor of John McDonough, by the public school children of this city.

When this benefactor of the children left his magnificent gift of \$2,000,000 to the cities of Baltimore (his birthplace) and New Orleans (his home for half a century), he expressed a desire in his will that the children of the schools should each spring strew flowers on his grave.

This wish was fulfilled on May 1st, in the 25 McDonough school buildings in New Orleans and the one in McDonoughville across the river, where he died in 1850.

In each of these schools, with memorial services, his bust was decorated with flowers by the children.

These buildings and their furnishings have cost over \$900,000, and a large invested fund remains.

There are six colored pupils in the graduating class at Atchison, Kan.

Hon. J. H. Dismukes, of Nashville,

Tenn., a colored man is dean of the Law Department at Central Tennessee College.

The closing exercises of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., will come off May 31, June 3.

Sunday at 3 p. m., annual sermon by Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D.D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary. June 1, 2, Oral Examinations.

A personal note from Rev. W. H. Hickman, D.D., Atlanta, Ga., says:

"This has been one of the most prosperous years in the history of Clark University. We enrolled 456 students coming from 15 different states. 75 boys in the shops distributed among the 8 different trades. We have sold \$15,000 worth of goods, such as wagons, carriages, harnesses, shoes, etc. There were 18 girls in the 'model home' work, and 75 were taught more or less in the principles of home-keeping, nurse-training, etc. Our outlook was never better."

Anniversaries of U. S. Grant University, May 22-28, 1891.

At Athens, Sunday, 24, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. A. H. Tuttle, D.D.

7:45 p. m.—Annual sermon, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D.

Monday, 7:45 p. m.—Address before the Alumni, Rev. D. N. McInturf, A.M.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Address before literary societies, by Rev. John Reed Shannon, Ph. D.

Wednesday, Commencement.

The Priscilla Lee Bennett Hall will be dedicated at 3 p. m., Sunday, May 24, by Dr. Tuttle, assisted by Chancellor Spence, Dr. W. L. Hypes, and Dr. J. D. Walsh.

At Chattanooga, Sunday, May 24, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. G. E. Ackerman, D.D.

7:45 p. m.—Sermon before the Young People's Christian Association by Bishop I. W. Joyce, LL. D.; Rev. John Reed Shannon, Ph. D., alternate.

Thursday—Commencement.

Our city public schools will close May 29.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Hickman, president of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., has been chosen by Dr. Lyman Abbott, chairman, to discuss, at Lake Mohonk Conference, the question of the co-education of the races.

Commencement exercises of Straight University take place at Central Church, this city, May 29, 7:30 p. m. President Oscar Atwood favored us with a kind invitation.

I suffered for more than ten years with that dreadful disease, catarrh, and used every available medicine which was recommended to me. I cannot thank you enough for the relief which Bly's Cream Balm has afforded me.—Emanuel Meyers, Winfield, L. I., N. Y.

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Marriages.

Lonoke, Ark.—April 15, Miss Ellen Martin to Mr. Joseph M. Obovant. Rev. A. J. Fletcher officiating. (Rec'd May 15.—Ed.)

Longstreet, La.—March 2, Mr. Lewis Ross to Miss Polly Ross.

April 11, Mr. John Robson to Miss Amanda Stenson.

April 15, Mr. Chone Mack to Miss R. C. Harts. H. Daniels, P. C.

Obituary.

Carey, Miss.—Sister Rebecca Jefferson was received into Mount Gilliam M. E. Church March 29, and died the next day in full triumph of faith.

On Saturday, May 2, little Pierre Landry Thomas, the eight-year-old son of Mr. Isaac Thomas, died. He was playing with a pistol that had been found by him and another little boy, while Mr. Geo. Thomas, his uncle, was in the field at work, and finding cartridges for the same, they loaded it. It accidentally went off, and the ball lodged in the body of little Pierre, killing him instantly. The funeral was attended by the writer.

Bro. Richard Norris met his class at Solomon's Temple last Sunday and told the members that he would never meet them again in class, and died that night and went home to heaven. D. D. Goodwin, Pastor.

Mexia, Texas.—Bro. Austin Phillip, a member of Whiten Chapel M. E. Church, aged 54 years, departed this life April 11. He leaves six children, and relatives and friends to mourn. J. D. Mead, P. C.

Alleyton, Tex.—Bro. Willie Bracy died in Alleyton April 5. He joined the church in 1884, under Rev. E. Cogswell, and lived a faithful Christian up to his death. He leaves a Christian mother, four brothers, three sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Rev. Jas. Brawley attended the funeral. G. R. Smith.

Greer's, S. C.—Amanda Francis Robertson, wife of Rev. B. Robertson, departed this life April 16. She died in peace, and leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her loss. B. Robertson.

In Memoriam.

The Epworth League, Chapter 5340, of Chattanooga, Tenn., mourns the loss of Sister Jimima Johnson. They have adopted the following:

Resolved, That we feel very keenly the loss of our sister. We have lost one of our most conscientious and Christian-hearted members, whose bright and smiling face will long be remembered and sadly missed.

Nellie Calloway, A. R. Jackson, Lula C. Henderson, Committee, Wiley Memorial Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pearlington, Miss.—Sister Rebecca A. S. Peters, nee Gilbert, was born Sept. 12, 1865, entered Straight University in November 1879, and was converted and joined Central Church, New Orleans, January 20, 1880. She returned home June 12, 1882, and joined the M. E. Church May 8, 1883. She was married to M. M. Peters, a local preacher of our church. She lived a devoted wife and a consistent Christian. April 23, the wheel of life stood still.

Sister Emily Avery departed this life April 23. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church. She leaves a husband, father, sisters, brothers, three children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She told her husband to meet her in heaven. Her funeral was preached by the writer.

O. H. Flowers, P. C.

Canton, Miss.—Sister Fannie Davis, the wife of Rev. P. H. Davis, pastor of Canton charge, departed this life May 7, in full triumph of faith. She was a member of the M. E. Church ten years. She leaves a husband, four children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She told her husband to take good care of the children and bring them home to heaven. Her funeral was preached by Rev. R. McAlpin. Her remains were carried to Brandon, Miss. Rev. P. H. Davis was accompanied by Rev. R. McAlpin and many friends from Canton.

Bro. Chatman Jones, after some time struggling with disease, March 26, entered that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Bro. London Red, more than a hundred years of age, and whose membership in the church was of long standing, died April 8.

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Sister Laura Ambros, an aged member, crossed the river of death May 2.

Bro. Isom Gigger, a young man, died May 6. God took him home to heaven before he could return to his home to see his wife. He died on his dray suddenly.

Bonchrest Village, La.—Alec Freeman departed this life March 8. He died in full triumph of faith. Age, 16 years. His funeral was attended by the writer.

James Freeman departed this life April 15. Age, 11 years. His funeral was attended by the writer. He leaves a father, mother, sisters, brothers, and many friends to mourn his loss. A. B. Venable, P. C.

Clinton, La.—Sister Annie Jane Clark, the wife of Peter W. Clark, pastor of Wesley Chapel, Wilson, La., after an illness of three months, was called from labor to reward, May 6. She was a consistent Christian and died as she lived. She left seven little children to mourn her loss. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. D. W. Seals and C. E. Bradford. H. James.

Huntsville, Tex.—Brother Richmond Steward departed this life April 17. He was pardoned of his sins and died shouting. I baptized him on his death bed. He was 80 years of age, and leaves a wife, seven children and many friends to mourn his loss. Henry Dickson, P. C.

Attalla, Ala.—Sister Sarah Cox, a member of Macedonia M. E. Church, departed this life May 2. She lived a faithful member 30 years. She leaves a husband and six children. S. J. Robinson.

Canton, Miss.—April 22, Bro. William Love, a faithful member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, departed this life in full triumph of faith.

Sister Nancy Jackson, a member of Ricks Chapel, departed this life April 29. She was ready and willing to go, and died in full triumph of faith. R. McAlpin, P. C.



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YOUR NEPHEW,
M. C. HOUGH.

Derola, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I am the secretary. Our superintendent's name is Mr. Wesley McNeil, we like him very much. Our pastor's name is Rev. A. Davis. There was some questions asked by one of my cousins: How many letters does the Bible contain? How many words? How many chapters? It contains 592,430 words, 1,189 chapters, 3,586,489 letters. Will some one tell me how many times the word Jehovah is found in the Bible? What is the middle book? The middle chapter?

Your Nephew,

EDDIE W. HENNINGTON.
Crystal Springs, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 6 years of age. My mother and father belong to the M. E. Church. Rev. W. Ellison is our pastor. I am glad when his preaching day comes, so he can teach us on the step-ladder cards. Mr. Z. Boren is our superintendent. Mama takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and she reads to me every week Our Children's Legion.

Your Niece,
HANNA J. CROWL.

Palmetto, Tenn.

Dear Uncle Cephas: Little country girls have not the chance to receive an education like little girls living in town, but I will try to do my best for the first time. As I grow older I will try to improve and do better. If the letter is only printed it will greatly encourage me. My mother is a member of the M. E. Church, and tries to live up to the rules of the church, and instruct her children all that's in her power, by telling us we must worship God and love him with all of our hearts. Rev. H. Henderson is our present pastor, Rev. I. C. Rucker our beloved preacher of last year has been removed. How we all missed him! Miss Agnes Gant is a nice young lady who is trying all in her power to instruct the little children. I hope she will receive her reward in heaven for the good she is doing on earth. Love to all the little cousins.

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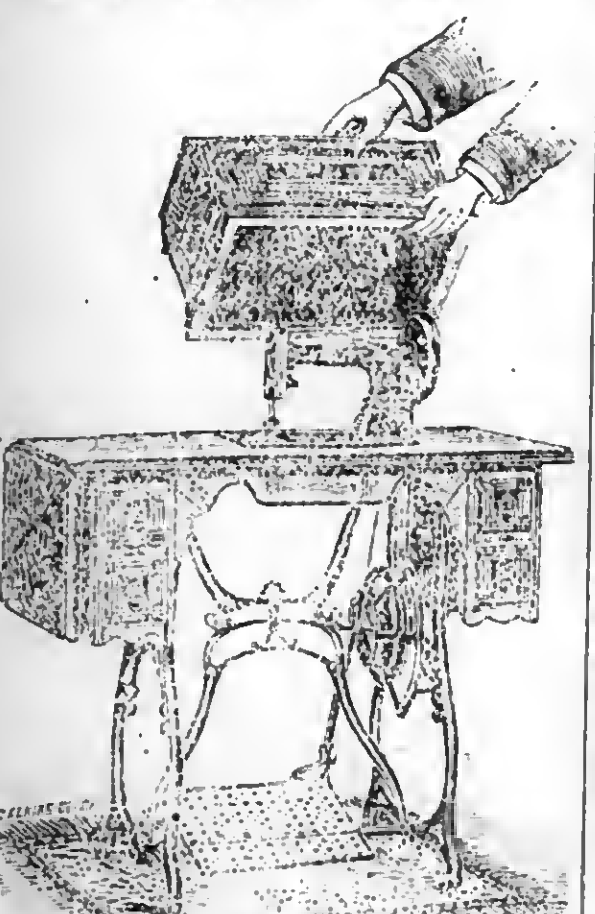
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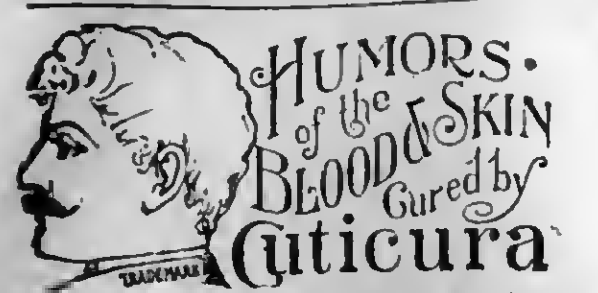
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SECOND QUARTER—Lesson VIII. Captivity of Israel. 2 Kings 17. 6-18. Commit to memory verses 16, 18. May 24, 1891. B. C. 730-721.

HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 17. 6-12. Tu. 2 Kings 17. 13-18. W. 2 Kings 18. 9-12. Th. Isa. 9. 8-17. F. Mic. 1. 1-9. S. Ezek. 39. 17-24. S. Luke 13. 1-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Because ye hath forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you. (2 Chron. 24. 20.)

LESSON HYMN, S. M.

Ab, how shall fallen man Be just before his God? If he contend in righteousness, We sink beneath his rod.

The mountains, in thy wrath, Their ancient seats forsake; The trembling earth deserts her place, Her rooted pillars shake.

Ah, how shall guilty man Contend with such a God? None—none can meet him, and escape, But through the Saviour's blood.

Time—B. C. 730-721.

Places.—1. Samaria, the capital of the kingdom of Israel. 2. The distant point to which captive Israelites were sent.

Rulers—Hoshea, the last king of Israel; Shalmaneser and Sargon, the kings of Assyria.

Connecting Links.—The captivity of Israel described in this lesson is the fulfillment of the prophecy given in the last. The "ninth year of Hoshea's reign" (B. C. 721) was the date of the second invasion of Israel and the utter destruction of the kingdom of the Ten Tribes. But in the first year of Hoshea's reign Shalmaneser had also invaded Israel and carried many away captive, and the two invasions are together alluded to in the lesson before us. The second siege of Samaria lasted three years, and was probably conducted personally by Shalmaneser. Meanwhile his prolonged absence from his capital enabled the usurper Sargon to seat himself on the throne, and it was to this new sovereign Sargon, and not to Shalmaneser, that Samaria at last surrendered.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Disobedience, v. 6-12.

What king conquered Samaria?

Where were the Israelites taken?

Under what King of Israel did this occur?

Against whom had Israel sinned?

Whose evil example had they followed?

Of what secret sins had they been guilty?

Where had they set up idols?

Where did they burn incense?

What provoked the Lord's anger?

What forbidden thing did they do?

2. Warning, v. 13-17.

By whom had God warned the people?

What had the prophet said?

In spite of this, what had the people done?

What had they rejected, and what chosen?

What false Gods did they make and worship?

To what evil did they compel their sons and daughters?

For what did they sell themselves?

What warning is given to each of us? (Luke 13. 3)

3. Doom, v. 18.

How did Israel's sin affect the Lord?

How did he punish them?

Who alone was left in the land?

What was the reason for this doom? (Golden Text.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. The power of evil associations?

2. The nature of true repentance?

3. That God hates sin?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Give the names of the kings of Israel who were most noticeable for their idolatry?

Give the names of the kings of Judah who sinned most in this way?

Find how many years after the destruction of the kingdom of Israel the kingdom of Judah was destroyed?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Who removed the Israelites from their beautiful land? The King of Assyria.

2. How had some of the Israelites sinned? By worshipping images that represented the true God.

3. How had the rest sinned? By worshipping false gods.

4. To what does false worship always tend? To wickedness of life.

5. What was the result of Israel's idolatry? The Lord was very angry with Israel.

6. Who really removed the Israelites from their beautiful land? Their offended God.

7. What is the Golden Text? Because thou hast forsaken, etc. Doctrinal Suggestion—National iniquity.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

56. What is regeneration? It is the new birth of the soul in the image of Christ, whereby we become the children of God. (Eph. 1. 5; John 1. 12-13; 3. 6; Eph. 4. 24; 1 John 3. 2.)

57. What is sanctification? Sanctification is that act of divine grace whereby we are made holy. (1 Thess. 5. 23; Eph. 1. 4; Col. 1. 22; Heb. 13. 12)

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St. Matthew....." 6-7

Pleasant Plains....." 11

LaHarpe Chapel....." 16

Thompson Chapel....." 19

Wesley Chapel....." 24

Union Chapel....." 26

Asbury Chapel....." 27-28

Lower Coast....." 30

Minnehurp.....July 2

Mandeville....." 5

Slidell and Pearlville....." 12

St. Charles....." 19

St. John....." 26

White Hall.....Ang. 1-2

EMPEROR WILLIAMS, P. E.

Texarkana District, Little Rock Conference.

Second Round.

Murfreesboro.....May 23-24

Cooleasy....." 30-31

Wiley Chapel.....June 6-7

Hope and Washington....." 13-14

Gordon....." 20-21

Hot Springs....." 27-28

Texarkana, Wheeler and Vicksburg's Chapel.....July 4-5

Lewisville....." 11-12

Canfield....." 18-19

Magnolia....." 25-26

Flint.....Ang. 1-2

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Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference.

Second Round.

Fayetteville.....May 23-24

Clinton....." 30-31

St. Smith.....June 6-7

Van Buren....." 13-14

Solgochachie....." 20-21

Morrilton and Plummer....." 27-28

Conway.....July 4-5

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Martha....." 25-26

Argenta.....Aug. 1-2

Little Rock and Simpson Chp....." 8-9

15-16

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W. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Meridian District, Mississippi Conference

I shall be at Edinburg.....July 14

Carthage....." 16

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J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

Gainesville District, Florida Conference,

Second Round.

Gordon.....June 23-24

San Pulaaki....." 30-31

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Shreveport District.

Reub. Point.....May 2-3

Vanceville....." 8

Scott Chapel....." 15-16

St. Paul....." 16

St. James....." 15

Fairfield....." 23-24

Jewells....." 30-31

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Longstreet....." 6-7

Boncheet....." 13-14

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Fairmont....." 24-26

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Alpha....." 9

Natchitoches....." 13-17

S. DUNCAN, P. E.

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Second Round.

Greenville.....May 23-23

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Sterling....." 26-27

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South New Orleans District.

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Camp Parapet.....June 2

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Bishop Haygood's Address at the Claflin University.

ORANGEBURG, S. C. April 30.—Bishop Atticus G. Haygood delivered an address before Claflin University to-day, which was in many respects a most remarkable effort. To-day was commencement day at Claflin, and the patrons of the institution were here from all over the state to attend the exercises and to hear the annual address of Bishop Haygood, who for nine years past has been the managing agent of the million dollar Slater Fund for promoting the education of the colored race in the United States. To-day he closed his stewardship of that fund, and retires to devote his whole time to his duties as Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to which he has recently been elected.

His address to-day was his farewell to Claflin, an institution in which he is deeply interested and to whose support he has generously contributed from the fund under his charge. Bishop Haygood is too widely known as an author and preacher to need an introduction. His book, "Our Brother in Black," has given him the first place among scholars who have mastered, or attempted to master, the great problem of Negro education and its effect upon the relation of the two races to each other. There is probably no man living who is so thoroughly posted upon all the details of this question, and who had the opportunity of informing himself as Bishop Haygood. The immense audience which assembled to hear him, therefore, were prepared to regard him as one having authority to speak upon this subject, but it is safe to say that there was no one present to hear so powerful an exposition of it as he gave.

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was wholly extemporaneous, and was delivered with that simplicity of style which marks true eloquence. As he candidly remarked in his opening words: "Where my talk will carry me to or where I will come out I have no idea at all. I will speak until you get tired and then quit." Continuing he said: "I was satisfied nine years ago that one of the prime necessities of our American people pre-eminently for the Southern States was the education of the Negro race.

NOTHING TO RETRACT.

Nine years ago I believed that it was a sacred duty to help forward this work. On this subject I have made first and last about three hundred speeches, and I have shed oceans of ink in writing and arguing and begging and pleading for

this cause. Not a word of all I have ever said as to the necessity, as to the duty, as to the practicability, as to the usefulness of educating this race have I this day to take back. Nor have I a single statement on this subject to qualify except as the experience of nine years would lead me to make the statement more emphatic. * * * But this I must say, and I say with a glad heart and a clear conscience, I have done my best, and if I were beginning to-day to do that nine years' work on this line, I don't believe I could do anything better except as the training and special knowledge I have acquired might help me to do it.

A MATCHLESS RECORD.

There are a great many things I would like to refer to this morning that are precluded by the lack of time. Some bare, naked statements I must submit without thinking them out. Some assertions I must submit without the detailed proof. It would take until the going down of the sun to finish it up right, and I want to say first of all as a broad statement, of which I feel absolutely certain, that in the history of the human race there is no chapter that matches the chapter that records the effort which has been made to educate the Negro race in the Southern States since 1865. Match it if you can anywhere! That is a great deal to say, and perhaps I had better offer a bit of proof about it. Twenty-six years ago there were not enough of these people who could read worth counting. Where one could read a thousand could not. So far as the argument goes this whole race at the close of the war was an untalented, illiterate race so far as knowledge of books goes. There are a few people living to-day who began this work before the thunders of war had fairly ceased, but most of the veterans of the first few years have gone to heaven. There was no other place for such people to go.

MISS MARTHA SCHOFIELD.

In touching upon the work of the pioneers in the work of educating the Negro, Bishop Haygood paid a high compliment to Miss Martha Schofield. The man who knows her, he said, and does not honor her, is a bad man. I count it a benediction in my life that I became to know Miss Schofield well. I am a better man to-day because I have known her. Resuming his line of argument, Bishop Haygood continued: As I have said, there is no chapter that matches this one. When these veterans began their work this was an illiterate race. I will not tire you with a long string of statistics. I will give you a few summary statements, and some of you who have note books had better take them down to look at when you get dispirited and think your race has a poorer chance in the world than it really has. I have it from the commissioner of the United States Commission on Education himself, Mr. Harris, not over three weeks ago, that there are in the Southern States

OVER TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND SCHOOLS for colored people, forming part of the public school system of the Southern States. There was a time, only twenty-five years ago, when there was not a single school of that sort in all this country. In these schools for colored people to-day are enrolled more than 1,100,000 boys and girls. I will give you another statement, not so precise, because it comes from the late census, which I fear is not reliable in any respect. To-day not less than 2,250,000 colored people in the Southern States can read. Match that chapter in the history of any country in twenty-five years! When did it ever happen before that in less than one generation two and a quarter millions of an illiterate race

were taught to read? [Applause] It is something to applaud about, my friends. You had far better applaud that fact than if I made you a sky-scraping speech and thundered to you about the pyramids and Socrates and Caesar. There is more concentrated eloquence in the statements that there are in the Southern States 21,000 schools for the colored race, that 1,100,000 of your children are enrolled in those schools and that more than two and a quarter millions of your people can read, than anything I could say to you.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

I have made a careful estimate and there are about seventy institutions in the Southern States where what is called higher education is taught; where after the course is completed the young man or woman is prepared to teach his or her people. Engaged in these schools are about 1,000 men and women as teachers and 16,500 scholars. I have been intimately connected with forty of them, and it has been my duty to study them and the people in charge of them. Among so many teachers there are some trifling men, of course, but take them all in all, I undertake to say that they are trained and qualified for their work, that they are diligent, faithful people, and what to me is most cheering of all, I do not know a single one of these higher training schools for colored people in the South, with possibly one exception, that is not under Christian influence. We ought to take heart and be encouraged. Nine hundred qualified men and women under Christian influence preparing the teachers for a whole race of people! Aye, there is hope.

I have absolute faith in the power of Christian education, in the providence of God, to solve any problem which the human race ever tackled. You need not be thinking of this perplexity and that. I know as much and more about it than you do. I have been mixed up with it and, being a Southern man, I have had the opportunity for studying it. And if you ask me how I am going to solve the race problem, I say pardon me! It is not my business to solve it. What are you going to do about it? You say. I am going, by the help of God, to keep on doing right. I am going to keep on trying to help everybody, black and white, who needs the help that I can give. Therefore, when Southern or Northern, white or colored people talk to me about perplexities of this sort and that, and of solving the problem of the relations of the races in the future, the only thing I say is to do right to-day and let God attend to his future as he has attended to his past. I have absolute faith in Christian education, and no sort of faith in any other kind of education. I think the great school that does not honor God and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and teach his moralities, the greater it is the greater the curse of it.

Old John F. Slater when he laid down a round million of dollars to help you folks had less metaphysics and more common sense in what he said about it than any man I ever heard of. He just said a few things like this. I want to help these people with their education. I want to help the schools and I want to help the most in the quickest way. I want to help the schools where the teachers are made and industry is honored. But he put this in above all. I want it all under Christian influence. And if I had found in my travels an infidel, or a deist, or an agnostic, or a fool at the head of one of these colleges I would not have given him ten cents. I do not mention this chapter in your history to make you

prond, but to make you humble, to encourage you, to cheer you, to give you hope for the future. Oh! how much hope has to do with the life of a man! How much hope has to do with the progress of a race and the history of a people!

I bring you to-day not my speculations or philosophy. I bring you to-day the brilliant facts of a wonderful history, the Gospel of hope and good cheer. Lift up your hearts, O ye people! Look to the future with courage! Look to it with hope! Upon what will you base your hope? Upon your desires? They are vain! Upon your ambition? That is foolish! Bottom your hope for the future on the facts of history that God has made for you. Then you can be sure it will be a hope that will not disappoint you.

BE GRATEFUL TO GOD AND MAN.

I lay it down as a fundamental maxim in religion, morals and human philosophy that no man who is ungrateful to God for yesterday will trust God for to-morrow. No man who is not trusting God for his past will trust him for his future, nor will any people. An ungrateful man is a hopeless man. An ungrateful race is a hopeless race. I want a hope to be born in your hearts that will never die for the progress, the success, the Christian ennoblement of your race in this country. A man speaking to me the other day of the colored people said: How far can they go in education? I said, I don't know. They have not been going long enough for me to know. I don't know and I don't care. I shall be glad to see them go as far as they can. If there shall rise up amongst them an orator that shall rival Demosthenes I will applaud him when I hear him. If there shall come forth a poet who shall rival Milton I will read him with delight. I thank God that among my faults, and I have plenty of them, I have not that one which makes me afraid for a man who has not had my chance to have any chance at all for fear he should get ahead of me. Let the future as to education and training and Christian ennoblement, and all that belongs to Christian manhood and womanhood, be as great and glorious and large as it may be, hope for all things, for God has never failed you yet. [Applause.]

PREPARING THEM FOR FREEDOM.

Now I am going to say a thing or two that you will shake your heads at. But you may shake as much as you please if you will only think of them when I am gone. When I talk about gratitude for the past a great many colored people go back to the Emancipation Proclamation and their gratitude begins there. You certainly ought to be grateful for all that. If I were in your place I would be. But what do you stop there for? Why don't you go back one hundred years? Why don't you go back two hundred years? You say I have nothing to be grateful for before the war! Are you sure of that? What did we know of Africa three hundred years ago? Nothing!

When I was a school boy Mitchell's Atlas had one-half of that continent marked "desert," and 28,000 population, (1) showing by the interrogation that they were guessing at it. And they missed it by 200,000,000. That was as late as 1847. We know something of it to-day. I have just finished reading Stanley's two books. They were written by a hero, and by one of God's men, although he may not know it—the man who has blazed the way for civilization in that great and vast continent. What does he tell us? Of a vast population of people in a savage condition, ignorant, superstitious, cruel, idolatrous, some of them cannibals.

Eight or ten months previous to

the war, while I was in the depot at Atlanta, I saw on their way to Texas about forty of the black people who were brought over on the bark Wanderer, almost the last, if not the very last, ship that brought captured Negroes from Africa to make them slaves in this country. What were these people? They were black people, men and women. They didn't know anything in the world except that they were away from home. They only knew enough of the English language to ask for food.

I am not here to ask any of you to fall in love with slavery. I don't love it any more than you do. If I am not too good to want it back, I am too selfish. It hurt me more than it did you. Why do I speak of these people—these poor, ignorant, savage people I saw in the depot in Atlanta? To let you see what your great, great grand parents were in Africa.

THE CONTRAST.

And here you are to-day in this college on this commencement day! Here you are, with all the glorious hope of this occasion, as far above those people as I am above the naked old Britons who used to run wild through the woods. My ancestors were naked savages too. The difference is, we got out of it sooner than you did. William the Conqueror ran over my ancestors and whipped them and made slaves of them. But we have turned them down now and the Saxon leads the world. What has this to do with hope? You folks believe in the Bible, don't you? You cling to that; that is your sheet anchor, and don't you listen to anybody who talks to you about your people, who don't believe in God and the Bible.

Let us go back in that old history to a wonderful scene. Israel has been three hundred years in slavery in Egypt. They had been brought out. God was giving his law through Moses. Suppose God had said: I am the Lord thy God that three months ago found out that you were in trouble in Egypt and got thinking about you and I have brought you out and you must trust me forever. How would that sound? No, but he said: "I am the Lord God of thy fathers." That gave five hundred years of wonderful history and all the ages back of it. In the great heart and thoughts of God they had been with him always. He was their God when he called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees. He was their God when they were making brick and building cities for Pharaoh, and never forgot them one hour. Do you believe all that? ["Yes! Yes! Lord!"]

EMANCIPATED AT THE PROPER TIME.

Now do you believe this? God would have brought them out one hundred years before if they had been ready. When they were prepared for emancipation, when they had learned the arts and trades of Egypt and were ready, not a day before nor a day after they were ready God brought them out of Egypt and set them up to be a people. And so it was that not one year before and not one year too late did God bring about emancipation to you people. The great eternal chronometer that never runs down struck the hour for you at the right time. Suppose that your great great-grandfathers in South Carolina had just come from Africa, and suppose they had been set free, as you were in 1865, what could they have done? They couldn't have made a hoe hill; they couldn't have broken a South Carolina mule and a Texas pony would have broken every one of their necks. [Laughter.] They didn't know the English language. At the end of the war 4,500,000 of them knew the language so well

that Miss Schofield began organizing schools amongst you before the thunders of war had ceased.

What could you have done one hundred years ago? Why you would have starved to death. Look at the work of these students in all the industrial departments of this institution and compare that work with the sticks hardened in the fire with which your African ancestors attempted to scratch the soil and raise a few beans. Suppose you had been turned loose before you knew those things, would you have been here to-day? God never forgot you in the past and never made a single blunder about you. Trust him with all your hearts and do not be afraid.

Hope and gratitude go together. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan they raised a monument which they called Ebenezer. Looking backward it told of a history bright with the providence of God, and looking forward it recorded a prophesy glorious with his promises. Build your Ebenezer and put the year 1865 on it. Let one side look back to your history and say: Hitherto the Lord did help us; and let the other side say: He who has faithfully in the past, in spite of hardship and trouble and bitter training, brought us ready to be freemen, will make us freemen by the truth in Jesus.

THE PREJUDICE TO COLORED EDUCATION.

There are some folks who are opposed to the education of the colored race, but they are not known outside of the hamlets where they were born. There is not any respectable newspaper that reflect the sentiments of thoughtful public men that oppose it. There was a time when there was an immense to-do about it, but the result of this discussion has been to increase the number of your friends, and to hush almost entirely the voice of objection to your education. The fixed result of all the work that has been done in the cause of colored education is to convert the Southern white man to the belief that it don't breed an earthquake or cyclone for a Negro to learn to read. That is not all talk. South Carolina white men pay a large majority of the taxes, and there is not a man running for office to-day who would say down with the public schools, because the Negroes have a chance at them. Her Governors recommend and her Legislatures appropriate money to help Claflin. What is \$5,000? you may say. It is nothing in itself, but when it comes with the recognition and approval of the grand old Commonwealth of South Carolina it means more for your future than a million out of old Slater's pocket.

Bishop Haygood cited the case of the recently established colored college in Savannah as a branch of the University of Georgia, and claimed that it indicated a miraculous change in the sentiments of the Georgia people. That sort of thing, he said, was not going to turn backward.

WHO PAYS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS? My people of the South have their faults, but if there is to be any hard talking about them I will do it myself. These white people down South are no common folks. People who could fight as hard as they did for four years can do anything they try to do, when God but gives them the chance. There is pluck, and bravery and endurance in them, and there is obstinacy in them, too. When we start we don't stop. The public school system for all the Southern States for the education of the colored people costs seven millions of dollars a year. Who pays for that? You know who pays for it! The

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Letters from the Districts.

First District Conference, Holly Springs, District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

H. R. REVELS, P. E.

Will be held at Oxford, Miss., June 4, 5, 6, 7.

Preaching on Thursday night by Rev. C. W. Whitehead; alternate, Rev. S. D. Troupe, after which the conference will be organized.

The time of this conference will be chiefly employed in the discussion of questions pertaining to ecclesiastical polity, and especially that of our own church. The propriety of this course is apparent from the fact that we have many young promising preachers in this district who by such a discussion will be greatly assisted in properly understanding and administering the Discipline.

I find that many difficulties in some of the charges of this district result from the lack of such information as the above named discussion will yield; and in order that it may be thorough and instructive, I advise the brethren, and especially pastors, to read and study, as earnestly as they can, the Discipline of the M. E. Church, during the time intervening between this date and the conference.

The conference sermon will be preached on Friday night, the 5th, by Rev. J. N. C. Coggan; alternate, Rev. C. W. Butler.

On the 5th a statistical session will be held, commencing at 2:30 p. m., and as the business of this session will be to apportion to the charges the amount to be raised respectively for benevolent purposes, all pastors of charges should be present at that session.

The forenoon of each day will be employed in listening to the reports from pastors and discussing questions of law.

The candidates in the different courses of study will do well to prepare for a thorough examination on the same, and the examining committees are earnestly requested to be present on the morning of the second day of the conference. And as we do not name who will be called to preach on Saturday night, and at 11, 3 and 7 o'clock Sunday, it would be wise in each preacher to be prepared to preach if called upon to do so.

Huntsville District, Texas Conference.

F. PARKER, P. E.

Having made my first round over the Huntsville district, Texas Conference, I rejoice to report general progress.

Revs. W. L. Duncanson, L. J. Hogan, H. Dickson, C. G. Curtis, L. Felder, E. Holliday, T. Scott, E. Kelley, and S. H. Grant, observed Easter Sunday as Missionary Day with glowing results for missions. The church houses were beautifully decorated with flowers and pictures. Their essays, songs and music were all of a high tone.

Easter Sunday for missions, Children's Day in June for education, Jubilee Service Day, May 10, for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and Good Tidings Day, October, as anniversaries of the M. E. Church, are days which lie deep down in my heart for obvious reasons. Dear pastors, to observe these blessed anniversaries as required by our church is simply putting more money for the treasurers' use and education of our members. Let every preacher from now on order programs from our invaluable book houses just as often as these days come, and study out the music, sing the sweet songs, preach sermons, lift collections, and thereby do your honest part in solving the great problem of salvation. By doing these things you will command greater respect from the people you serve.

At Dodge Circuit, Colmesneil, Willis and Livingston, good church bells have been secured by Bros. L. J. Hogan, T. Ward, C. G. Curtis and S. Kelly. It is delightful in traveling over the district hearing the chiming sounds of these bells calling our members to duty.

The church parsonage at Huntsville has been made almost entirely new, under the directions of Bro. Duncanson.

Bro. Hogan is building a good parsonage in Dodge Circuit.

Besides these, at almost every point the membership has been wonderfully built up, as are the Sunday schools. Cash subscribers to the blessed old SOUTHWESTERN are being taken at about all the circuits and stations. Bro. S. H. Grant, Cold Springs Circuit, leads the van in soliciting subscribers for this invaluable church paper. To say the least, my preachers are succeeding.

Rev. M. M. Mndrew was appointed by Bishop Foss to Corriggan Circuit, but refused to serve his work, so I was compelled to use a local preacher. He is doing a desirable work.

We have three church houses, one parsonage, seventy five members, three lively Sunday schools, and a large following of liberal hearted sinner friends.

April 20 I succeeded in raising \$23, and bought over two thousand feet of lumber with the same, to continue the work on our new church house in Corriggan, 24x40 feet.

Bro. Mndrew has made a decided mistake, for which I am sorry, but the cause must and will roll on. Brethren, forward your money, as soon as you collect them, to the treasurers of the church, invariably, for it is needed.

Announce well for each quarterly conference, that all the members may be present and take the Lord's Supper every quarter at least. Continue to keep all honest and just claims before our people. Give your Woman's Home Mission sisters work to do. Don't neglect this society.

Baton Rouge District.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

In taking charge of this district, March 14, it was a pleasure to meet the preachers and people from beginning to end.

The preachers seem to have taken hold with a determination to succeed, and the people rally with a will that makes one happy to see. It is not necessary nor prudent to mention the names of thirty preachers in this article; but suffice it to say that each preacher is trying to do his duty, and that as a general thing the people are pleased with and are working in harmony with their pastors.

As time passes, and something of interest transpires, each charge and preacher will receive due mention.

Clinton is a town with some antiquated features, but we have a royal class of people here, and pastor St. James serves them with a glad heart. It was cheering to the pastor's family and Presiding Elder to be visited at a late hour one night, after weary heads had not long been pillowed to rest, by a happy band of Christians, whose sweet music and well laden baskets made the hours fly by with lightness. Bros. J. A. Morton and R. C. Wishom are to blame for this intrusion.

At the Plains, where Bro. T. A. Brown has built, with his own hands, a church which for neatness and beauty would grace any town, I found them making floral decorations for Easter, which when complete were very fine. This is a good people and good work, and the pastor is highly esteemed.

We have been talking salvation all through the district. Many say later in the season, when the crops are laid by, is the best time for revival efforts. This, no doubt, is true so far as human agencies go. But why not keep up a revival spirit at all the services and garner as many souls for the Lord as possible now, for fear that the devil will reap too large a harvest of souls before the summer comes and goes.

It is encouraging to report that at Minson, Bro. D. G. Pharris has had a revival resulting in a number of converts.

Rosedale, Plaquemine, Bayou Goula, Baton Rouge, Jackson and Slaughter, with pastors E. Harris, J. D. Love, Joe Jones, W. R. Butler, J. A. Tircnit and A. A. Lacey, have all been visited with the "power from on high" for the saving of souls.

Let us continue in this good work, brethren, until all the churches awake to their most important duty—the bringing in the lost ones.

We will meet again soon

Monroe District.

S. PRIESTLEY, P. E.

All the brethren are at their work and have taken hold to make this year a grand success. None of the appointments were a mistake.

Up to date all the first quarterly conferences are far in advance of last year, financially and spiritually.

Jones Chapel and Millhaven are still talking of building new churches. Bastrop and Mer Rouge seem to bloom. Washington Chapel is springing up again. No bo has a new parsonage and looks promising. At Mt. Sinai and Butcher we have a man that leads God's host and sticks to the law. At Monroe the quarter had to be put off.

The pastors are making great preparations for the district conference at Bastrop, Aug. 21.

Texarkana District, Arkansas Conference

A. J. PHILLIPS, P. E.

We are now preparing for the second round, and we hope to have a revival on all lines of our church work. Brethren, begin at once to take the benevolent collections and send them at once to the treasurer at New York.

The first story of the new building for the Philander-Smith College is up, and they are compelled to wait for collections from the charges in the conference.

Brethren, set your day according to the plan, and send for Dr. Mason. He will come to your aid in raising the collections.

Take the quarterly collection before your quarterly meeting, so I can help you on your benevolent collections. Do not forget the SOUTHWESTERN. Let us have an increase in subscriptions for the paper this quarter. Brethren, let us have an increase on all lines this year. Do not forget your duty toward our school. At every meeting put some one of the benevolent objects before the people.

Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference.

W. F. SMITH, P. E.

The past quarter has been one of disappointment to all of us, in consequence of the very inclement and unfavorable weather. Our work has been considerably hindered and our success has been nothing compared with our anticipations, but we cannot spend time lamenting over the past. Let us grasp the present and see it with vigor and earnestness, making the most of the opportunities as they present themselves.

Financially, we shall be compelled to do double duty and put forth extra effort in order to measure up to the demand. I would especially call attention to the benevolent collections. See to it that this vital part of Methodism and practical feature of religion, "giving," is not neglected. Our people must be educated into larger liberality, and as ministers we must lead them in this grand privilege and blessed duty. Let us bestir ourselves into new life and fresh activity.

I SUFFERED for more than ten years with that dreadful disease, catarrh, and used every available medicine which was recommended to me. I cannot thank you enough for the relief which Ely's Cream Balm has afforded me.—Emanuel Meyers, Winfield, L. I., N. Y.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscripts.

G. W. Winn, Tallahassee Circuit, Ala.

The whole circuit is enjoying a revival. The Easter services were splendid.

N. S. Sterling, Hogansville, Ga., reports spiritual and financial prosperity on his charge.

G. C. Harden, Nolansville Circuit, Tenn.

Our revival has resulted in 22 conversions, 25 joined the church, and 16 are at the altar. The majority of our conversions are old people.

C. E. Alexander, Lewisburg, Tenn.

Our second quarterly conference was held April 18, 19, by Rev. H. Primm. We had a splendid time. Bro. Primm is no ordinary preacher. Paid the Elder \$6.25; and pastor, \$20.30. Forty-five partook of the Lord's Supper.

John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Our young men and ladies of our city gave a leap year entertainment recently. Result \$35.65, which was toward putting a new altar in our church.

H. W. Key, Memphis, Tenn.

Our Easter service was not held on Easter Sabbath, other services preventing; but we celebrated Easter on the fourth Sunday in April. We had a grand time. Collection, \$10.

C. D. C. Bryan, Columbus, La.

I am now ready to build a new parsonage. The lumber is sawed. To-morrow we will commence.

P. Bennett, Milford, Tex.

Easter Sunday we had a grand time. Collection \$6.20.

J. D. Mead, East Mexico, Tex.

Sunday, April 5, was a great and grand day. We opened our new church. Rev. A. M. Gragge, A. M., pastor of the A. M. E. Church, preached a wonderful sermon and raised \$97.75. We have been twenty years getting our church at this place, but Rev. E. Lee, ex-Presiding Elder on this district, got a lot through hard work, and now we have built a church here which cost \$500. Had a grand time Easter. We raised \$8 for missions.

T. Scott, Prairie, Plains, Tex.

My first quarterly conference was held March 14, 15. The elder preached a splendid sermon. Paid elder, \$9; pastor, \$38.50; benevolences, \$1.80. Added to the church, 10. Raised on Easter Sunday, \$10.

S. McDonald, Marche, Ark.

My first quarterly conference was held April 4, 5, by Rev. W. H. Morris, Presiding Elder, who preached two able sermons. The elder was well pleased with the work, and spoke in behalf of the SOUTHWESTERN and secured several subscribers to the paper.

A. B. Logan, Shubuta, Miss.

Easter Sunday was a great day on the Shubuta circuit. The Sunday school exercises were conducted by Supt. Mrs. E. Carter. Rev. C. Frierson, a former pastor, preached a splendid sermon. Rev. N. Carter, of the Baptist Church, was also with us. Collection, \$18.05. We are expecting to have a camp meeting. The editor will be expected to visit us when notified.

M. Q. A. Fuller, Quitman, Tex.

Rev. Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder, held our conference April 11, 12. Reports showed general improvement. At the close of the conference a collection of \$6.35 was taken up. On Sunday the elder preached a soul-stirring sermon, after which we had one of our old-time love feasts, and many testified for the Lord. Paid pastor this quarter, \$33; Presiding Elder, \$13.10; other collections, \$3.50. The Presiding Elder made a strong appeal for Wiley University, and for the SOUTHWESTERN.

L. W. Coates, Blackshear, Ga.

I was appointed to this charge by Bishop H. W. Warren, D.D., and I like it very well. We are having success. We have had five accessions. Our first quarterly

meeting was held March 21, 22, by Elder A. P. Melton. The elder assisted us greatly in our protracted meeting. Easter Sunday was observed as mission day at all the churches on the circuit. Collection, \$11, which has been forwarded to the treasurer.

[That's business. Send every benevolent collection as soon as collected. The treasurer's receipt will be credited as cash at the annual conference.—Ed.]

D. H. E. Harrison, Bledsoe Circuit, Ark.

Our first quarterly conference convened on the 18th and 19th of April. Elder W. R. Duncanson preached a good sermon. Collection, \$6.55.

P. H. Hailey, Red River Circuit, Tex.

Our first quarterly conference was held April 25, 26. The brethren made very good reports. The Elder, Rev. P. Morgan, preached a soul-reviving sermon, after which the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number. Two joined the church. Collection for Elder, \$7.70. We have a large field here, but we have no church house on this circuit yet. We hope to build this year. We have two lots already and good subscriptions. We are doing all we can for the SOUTHWESTERN.

B. H. Washington, Ramer Circuit, Tenn.

Our Presiding Elder, J. B. Bradford, held his first quarter May 2, 3d. The reports of the church officials showed the work in a prosperous condition. At 11:30 a. m., the Presiding Elder preached a very interesting sermon and administered the sacrament to 37 communicants. Collection, \$5.05.

Emanuel P. Harris, Rosedale, La.

Our church work at this place is getting along nicely. Sunday, April 5, Rev. E. Lyon, our Sunday School Agent, was with us, and addressed the Sunday school. Twelve accepted the saving principles of religion; and at 3 and 7 p. m. the grown people were much benefited by sermons from him. On April 9, 10, the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. F. Marshall, was with us to attend to quarterly duties. Estimated on pastor's salary, \$650; Presiding Elder, \$40. Ten persons have joined the church thus far.

R. G. Gibson, Mobile, Ala.

Our Sabbath school at Fowl River had a grand time May 3. Collection for Sunday school and Freedmen's Aid, \$2.

B. F. Woolfolk, Abbeville, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held May 2, 3, by Presiding Elder H. R. Revels. Reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Eight members had been received during the quarter. On Sunday, 11 a. m., the Doctor preached one of his best sermons, which was enjoyed by all. The Lord's Supper was administered to a great many. Collection, \$17.15. Paid Elder \$11.

R. P. Threlkeld.

We had a grand rally at our church on the third Sunday in April, and collected \$112. Our church is much in need of repair. Hattiesburg has some of the best people in the State. I asked for only \$100, and received \$112. The following brethren preached during the day: Revs. P. Williams, Glenn, D. C. Cobbs, Clopton, Hanse and J. C. Carter. At night, after a sermon by the pastor, we collected \$18.35 more. The church is financially and spiritually alive.

N. R. Randolph, Argodine, La.

Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall has held our quarterly conference. Reports showed an increase. Raised \$42.15 this quarter. Paid pastor, \$22.15. Presiding Elder, \$3. We have in the treasury \$11 for building purposes. This was done with only ten members. We have had one convert. The Elder preached one of his soul-stirring sermons.

D. G. Butler, Napoleonville, La.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. P. Landry, was on time for his first quarter. His presence met the approval of the people, same as that of Presiding Elder Emperor Williams. We are glad to say that during his quarterly visit here among us a fire was kindled which has resulted in forty persons being

at the altar of prayer. Out of this number thirteen are now converted.

A. Handy, Summit, Miss.

We had a nice time on Easter and raised \$5 for missions. Mrs. E. S. Spriggs was with us and gave a concert for the church. We raised \$27.30 to pay the indebtedness of the church. She also organized an Epworth League. We are always glad to see Sister Spriggs, because she always does good wherever she goes. I am still working for the SOUTHWESTERN.

J. H. Pierre, Marthaville, La.

After serving on the district for seven years under three presiding elders, Landry, Montgomery and Duncanson, and they have given satisfaction on the work in every way, we must agree with Elder Duncanson when he speaks of the need of education on the Shreveport district. We ask for your assistance in advising our ministers on all our circuits to get suitable teachers out of our own institutions of learning to assist our ministers in building up our people. We as ministers should take a deeper interest in the work of education, and also the work of the Sunday school. We should not preach too long and too loud, and we should make it our aim to preach that portion of the Bible that will edify our people the most. I cannot forget your instructions to me in regard to teaching and lecturing my people, and I have found it to work with success on every charge that I have served.

W. R. Butler, Baton Rouge, La.

Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder, was on hand April 25, 26, and held our first quarterly conference. All the brethren were present with their reports. Steward's report showed \$363.40 had been raised during the quarter. Paid pastor, \$150; Presiding Elder, \$11. Pastor's salary was fixed at \$900; Presiding Elder, \$88; benevolent collections, \$135. Our revival closed with eight converts rejoicing in the Lord. We are still marching on to success with the best Sunday school in the Louisiana Conference. We are glad to know that Wesley Chapel ranks with the first class churches in this conference. God being our helper, we came up as usual with all of our benevolent money. Our people are well pleased with their new Presiding Elder. We find it impossible to do without the SOUTHWESTERN, for it speaks for us when we cannot speak for ourselves. God bless the editor.

M. Littlejohn, Wolfe City, Texas.

My first quarterly conference was held at Hickory Grove, Tex., April 4, Elder Peter Morgan in the chair. Elder Morgan addressed the conference in the interest of SOUTHWESTERN and Wiley University. Collection, \$6.05; Easter collection, \$1.80. Paid pastor this quarter, \$11. Paid on old indebtedness, \$11.50. Church insurance for three years, \$6.50. Bro. W. J. Holland lost his little child Feb. 26. Bro. W. J. Holland is here doing all he can for Methodism.

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more you have of them, the stronger will be the Society, and the better equipped to fight the battles of our Lord. I have no fears myself with regard to this bond."

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General Church News.

Dr. Talmage's new tabernacle was opened in Brooklyn recently. It has a seating capacity of 5,500 and it has already cost \$410,000.

The first Methodist societies were organized in 1759. In 1766 the movement commenced in this country. It is, therefore, 152 years since the first organization, and 125 years since the beginning in this country. At the close of the first century since Wesley's death we find nearly 5,000,000 of communicants in the several branches of the church in the United States, with about three and a half times as many adherents, which brings its total population here up to about 22,500,000. In the Wesleyan Church in Great Britain, Ireland, the several mission fields and other countries there are about 1,500,000 of communicants with a population of about 7,000,000. This gives a total membership in the world of about 6,500,000, and a Methodist following of about 30,000,000. These estimates are based on three and a half adherents for each member—a safe estimate. This is surely a remarkable result to have followed from the movement started by the Wesleys and their coadjutors.

The sum of £5,000, asked for by Mr. Stanley in order to place a steamer on the Victoria Nyanza for the use of Church Missionary Society missionaries, has now been made up.

CORRESPONDENTS must bear in mind that "brevity is the soul of wit" and is the best pledge for an early publication of their contributions. We cannot and will not attempt to condense or publish pieces of 15 and 20 pages. Ordinarily you ought to be able to say everything in which our readers would be interested on a postal card or on a page or two of note paper.

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General News Items.

Wm. Rector, a colored bootblack, has been awarded \$10,000 damages by the district court, of New Boston, Tex., against the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, for the loss of his legs, caused by being thrown out of a moving train by a brakeman.

The Ohio state organization of the National Farmers' Alliance met in Columbus the 17th and adopted a constitution in conformity with the national constitution. The word "white" was stricken out where reference is made to the admission of delegates. The white and colored people of the South have separate organizations, but the Ohio Alliance has decided to make no distinction on account of color.

The colored people of Memphis, have paid nearly \$20,000 during the past seven years for rent of the park there, to hold their picnics. They are now about to buy a park of their own.

Texas is booming. The physicians at the Massachusetts General Hospital have a case similar to that of Rev. Mr. Bothwell, of Brooklyn. The patient is Oscar Nille, nine years old, whose home is in Charleston, and the doctors are trying to extract a tamarind seed that the boy inhaled while playing, and which is now located in his left lung. Tracheotomy has been performed, but without success.

The Atlanta Times is agitating colored policemen for that city. And the Augusta Sentinel is calling for colored jurors in the courts of Georgia. May success attend their efforts.

Letters from the Laity.

Daniel Mosley, Grand Cane, La.

Our revival has resulted in three conversions and many more at the altar. Pray for us.

A. H. Haliday, Pinkley, Ark.

The members and friends surprised our pastor Rev. D. B. Honston April 17 with many nice things. The pastor and family says call again.

J. D. Francois, Edgar, La., says the people there were delighted with the recent visit of Presiding Elders Emperor Williams and W. P. McLaughlin. They collected on that Sunday \$116 for their new church enterprise.

Rev. J. D. Davis has organized a Sunday school and a new work at Boggy, Ark. Bro. A. Smallwood says the outlook is promising. They need books for their Sunday school. Who will help them.

Mrs. W. E. Dwight, Melrose, Mass.

I have the charge of a Religious Periodical Bureau, connected with the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New England Conference, whose object is to furnish our needy Methodist families in the far West with one of our church papers. Are there not those in your various charges in whose homes you would be glad to see a religious paper? Are there not many young people to whom the *Epworth Herald* would be a blessing? If so, please send me their names and addresses and I will see that they are supplied.

Emma Carr, Anniston, Ala.

The SOUTHWESTERN finds its way to my door every week, but I have been blind for two weeks and was deprived of reading it; but am glad to say I am able to read it again. We have a very dear pastor here, but a very few members and there is not much help. The Birmingham district Conference will be held in Birmingham this year. I earnestly beg all the brothers to bring me \$1 to help us in our struggle. I also ask aid from the whole of the Central Alabama Conference to give us something. We had a grand time last Sunday. Our pastor administered the Lord's Supper at night and preached a grand sermon. Brethren please help us we want to get our church up before the next Annual Conference.

Books and Current Literature.

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The Postmaster General has favored us with a copy of the argument presented by him to Congress in favor of Postal Savings Banks. It is conclusive and should have the desired effect in bringing about this needed improvement in behalf of the laboring classes of our population.

The concluding part of Dr. Andrew D. White's paper on Miracles and Medicine, will appear in the June Popular Science Monthly. This portion of the record deals with changes of vogue in regard to saintly healing relics, theological intolerance of Jewish and other physicians, inoculation, anaesthetics, the history of the royal touch, and similar fetichisms.

The Preachers Magazine for May, edited by Revs. Mark Guy Pearse of London, and Arthur E. Gregory, is full of suggestions, helps and excellent articles. The Rev. T. G. Selby concludes his remarkable sermon on Man and His Divine Prototype. Mark Guy Pearse, under the heading of The Gospel of the Day, contributes a sermon on The Forty Days. The Homiletic Department contains several sketches of sermons by eminent ministers. The magazine is well edited and is suited to the wants of the pastor and teacher. \$1.50 per year; single copy, 15c. Wilbur B. Ketcham, publisher, 5 Cooper Union, N. Y.

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Woman's Home Mission Work.

Pastors desiring to consult the officers of the Conference of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for Louisiana, can address them as follows: Honorary President and State Local Worker, Mrs. H. H. Williams, East Baton Rouge, La. Mrs. M. Hall, President, 332 Customhouse street, New Orleans. Mrs. A. Rosemont, First Vice-President, New Orleans. Mrs. M. Sims, 2d Vice-President, Central P. O., St. James. Mrs. Corneille Hayman, Recording Secretary, Carrollton P. O., La. Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, Shreveport, La., care St. Paul M. E. Church. Mrs. Alice Marshall, Treasurer, 200 Marengo street, near Baronne, New Orleans.

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We regret to record the death of Rev. Geo. Hill, pastor at Wytheville, Va. He passed from labor to reward May 19.

THE registration office in this city is now open. Don't neglect to register at once. This is a new registration, and no one will be permitted to vote unless he is registered. To wait later is to run the risk of being deprived of the privilege.

THE excellent article on Hygiene, by Dr. Walker, in another column, begun last week, is concluded in this issue. It is worthy of the attention of all our readers. Next week we will resume the series of articles on the same subject by Dean G. W. Hubbard, M. D., of Meharry Medical School, which we began some weeks ago.

Why do you persist in writing on both sides of a sheet paper, and with lead pencil, when writing for publication. Is it because paper and ink are so dear in your neighborhood? Why not follow our directions, and write on only one side? Unless you follow our advice, in this matter, we will have to decline to give any notice to your contributions.

THE convention of the presiding elders of the colored conferences, to meet in Chattanooga June 23-26, promises to be one of remarkable interest. All the presiding elders laboring in the colored conferences, white and colored, are requested to be present. The indications are now that at least 95 per cent of them will be there. The program appears next week.

AN event which should grow more and more popular and impressive was the celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of Emancipation Day by many of the colored men in different parts of the country, notably of Washington, where it was done on a scale worthy of general mention. Two thousand men were in line in the parade; public meetings were held in the churches. Among the speakers were ex-Senator Price, Alderman Lynch, ex-Representative Langston, and Prof. Gregory. Medals were given to children in the public schools for the best essays on Sumner, Jefferson, Lincoln, Garrison, various arts and trades, and the "Best Method to Advance the Negro Race."—*Christian Advocate*.

We rejoice to know that our people throughout the country are coming more and more to the importance of appropriately observing this anniversary. Our plea with our people is that they all unite in celebrating January 1 of each year as the anniversary of this great national event. There were many great events during the Revolutionary War, but we have only one Independence Day, July 4. Let us all unite in celebrating January 1.

The Time Limit.

While we are not disposed to stand in the way of what some people call progress "in this enlightened age," we have, some how or other, some reverence for the old land marks of our holy religion and Methodism, which rather checks us from espousing every new-fangled notion which seeks to break away from them. This expresses our position on the constant changes which have been made in the extension of our itinerant time limit. We do not believe in those hasty and revolutionary changes.

It is true that there are many new conditions with which we have now to contend which did not exist when Mr. Wesley lived and acted, but the principal reason which he gave for his preference of the shortest possible pastoral limit continues as true to day as ever. It is useless to argue that every preacher is appointed for only one year, although he may remain five years on the same charge. When a preacher and some of his people think he ought to stay five years, it is no small matter for him to be removed; especially is this true when that preacher is called to go to a smaller and less important charge. Again, since our Methodism is a unit, it is a great injustice to keep a preacher of exceptional power and merit on a starvation appointment for five years, because forsooth another preacher of no greater, but perhaps of inferior merit and qualifications, has not yet completed his five years. View the case as you will or may and you will find that the continual extension of our time limit has been a constant drifting away from the true genius of Methodism, and from the spirit of fairness which should characterize the relation of our ministry to each other and to the church. No church should have such a quit-claim on the best ministers for five years. Neither should any minister have such a claim on the best churches for five years. Justice all around demands such a system of rotation as does not involve an age nor a generation. We cannot speak for other portions of the church, but as far as the extension has applied in this section, it has not proved very beneficial. Of course there are some very gratifying exceptions. The following letter from our founder, John Wesley, may be read with profit in this connection.

The following is the copy of a letter written by Mr. Wesley to a preacher in this country, the original of which is preserved in the Museum of Dickinson College:

BRISTOL, Sept. 30, 1785.

My Dear Brother:—It gives me pleasure to hear that God prospers your labors, even on the barren soil of South Carolina. Near fifty years ago, I preached in the church at Charleston, and in a few other places, and deep attention sat on every race; but I am afraid few received any lasting impressions.

At the next Conference, it will be worth your while to consider deeply, whether any Preacher should stay in one place three years to gether? I startle at this. It is a vehement alteration in the Methodist Discipline. We have no such custom in England, Scotland, or Ireland. We except the assistant, who . . . (second) to stay more than . . . I myself may perhaps have as much variety of matter as many of our Preachers, yet I am well assured, were I to preach three years to gether in one place, both the people and myself should grow as dead as stones. Indeed this is quite contrary to the whole economy of Methodism: God has always wrought among us by a constant change of Preachers.

Newly-awakened people should, if it is possible, be plentifully supplied with Books. Hereby the awakening is both continued and increased. In two or three days I expect to be in London. I will then talk with Mr. Atlay on the head. Be all in earnest for God. Your affectionate Friend and Brother,

J. WESLEY.

How often must we exhort you that we take no notice whatever of communications that are not accompanied with the author's real name! This applies to any and every department of the paper.

Echoes from Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Jubilee Celebration.

J. C. Allen, Valdosta, Ga.

The celebration was grand. Collection, \$1.

F. M. Lashington, DeSiard, La.

I celebrated Quarter Centennial Jubilee Day at Mt. Sinai and we had a grand time. Collection, \$12.25.

J. S. Smith, Stormville, Miss.

We celebrated Freedmen's Aid May 9, 10. The exercises were grand. Collection, \$5.60.

G. C. Bryant, Thibodaux, La.

The occasion was a grand one with us. Collection, \$12.

W. Carson, DeSiard, La.

The day was celebrated in grand style. No collection.

S. E. H. Morant, Alexandria, La.

Alexandria Charge experienced a high day of success Sunday, May 10. \$190 was the collection of the day. The programs were highly entertaining.

Lucius Singleton, Walhalla, S. C.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society celebrated its first quarter centennial jubilee May 10, at Trinity M. E. Church. Services were opened by J. C. Hartzell, D.D., at 3:30 and 8:30 p. m. Collection, \$11.21.

Mary E. Simpson, Kosciusko, Miss.

Our Quarter Centennial Jubilee was celebrated at Wesley Chapel, May 10. Amount raised during the day, \$13.50, and \$11.50 was immediately sent on Monday morning to Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Jubilee Celebration of New Orleans University was of a high order. The Chapel was crowded, with many standing. Among those occupying seats on the platform, were Bishop Mallalieu, Revs. Emperor Williams, H. Taylor, J. F. Marshall, E. Lyon, T. G. Montgomery, W. P. Forest, C. Down, S. Davage, and many others. The addresses by Bishop Mallalieu and Rev. E. Lyon were especially interesting. The roll was called and \$400 was collected. Bishop Mallalieu, we learned, agreed to make it \$500, the full assessment levied for the cause from New Orleans University.

Political Review.

Since our last issue many important events have transpired that will have an important bearing on the political affairs of this nation.

The president has finished his triumphant "conquest of the continent," and is quietly at work at his desk in Washington. He won merited praise from all parties and conditions of people everywhere he went. His speeches—and he made many—were full of wisdom put in well chosen words. If any had doubts of his unanimous re-nomination two months ago, they are dispelled now.

Secretary Blaine has been quite ill in New York with indigestion, the physicians say, but an anxious nation feared something more serious. He is now pronounced convalescent, and the news is received with joy by all parties. Even the Democrats, who once were so prone to call him "Jingo" Blaine, showed a good deal of anxiety over his illness. Perhaps they could not help contrasting the masterly manner in which he has managed our great international questions with what the Secretary of the late administration might have done in the premises. Long live Blaine!

The pension department is in trouble again. Green B. Ranm, commissioner, has tendered his resignation to the president, which, however, has not been accepted. It appears that he has a wicked son, and that son held a position in the department which he dishonored. He had to resign a week before, and the commissioner, in order to clear the administration from all embarrassment, thought best to do likewise. The matter will be fully investigated. It is generally believed that the com-

missioner has been guilty of no wrong.

A "Trans-Mississippi" convention met in Denver, Colo., last week, to consider matters of interest to that section of the country. It recommended a national appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the building and maintenance of levees on the Mississippi river, demands governmental supervision of railroads, favors the immediate construction of the Hennepin canal, the immediate completion of the jetties for a deep water harbor at Galveston, the repeal of all laws which in their effect work dishonor upon or challenge the sovereignty of silver, and demands its free and unlimited coinage.

Congressman Springer, of Illinois, has formally opened his campaign for the Speakership of the next House.

The Kentucky Republican State Convention was held last week. A full State ticket was nominated, headed by Hon. T. A. Wood for Governor. President Harrison was cordially endorsed.

The most important political event transpired last week in the organization of a "third party" at Cincinnati. Alliance men, grangers, socialists, anarchists, discontents, and knights of the devil, were gathered there and did the work. Senator Peiffer, of Kansas, was chosen chairman and leader. As usual in all such movements, delegates from States where such a movement would tend to weaken the Democratic party, were either absent or only spectators. Kansas and Ohio were most largely represented, and controlled the convention. It named itself the People's Party, endorsing many of the wild-cat schemes that have been advocated by the Alliance and other organizations.

To forecast the results of this movement now is not easy. Democrats, as usual, are complacent, because they won't tolerate it or allow it to exist in the Solid South. But in close States, like Ohio and Indiana, Republicans may lose votes by it. It has more than once been the lot of the Republican party to have to meet foes both in front and rear. That it has succeeded at all is almost a wonder when its foes include a solid Democratic South, Copperheads in the North, cranky prohibitionists, Mngwnmps, sulkers, fault-finders, revilers and traitors in its own ranks, and all the other forces of the evil one; and yet it lives, and bids fair to win again in '92. All concede that in a square open fight it would sweep the country, but its foes are now hoping that the People's Party will in some way cause its defeat, for a few among the best element in the movement are from the Republicans, and may stand by it, while the other kind can best be served by their own, the Democratic party, and when they vote will vote as they swear. It is hoped that this new party will draw its support from the Democratic party, which at one time or another has advocated all the wild schemes set forth. We shall see.

THE editor spent last Sabbath at Shreveport, and preached at St. James Church at 11 a. m., and at St. Paul Church at night. Those two churches, under the pastorate of their respective pastors, Revs. C. D. Shallowhorne and T. J. Johnson, are enjoying much prosperity, and are accomplishing much good for Methodism and the cause of Christ generally. Bro. Shallowhorne reports \$466 collected this quarter, and 27 accessions, 14 of which were conversions. Paid pastor \$260.50, and Presiding Elder his full quarterage. The Steward Sisters have had the parsonage nicely papered and carpeted with fine Brussels carpet. St. Paul Church, under the pastorate of Rev. T. J. Johnson, is moving onward and upward. The union basket meeting held last Sunday was a grand success. The church was crowded at every service. Among the ministers officiating were Revs. S. Dnnon, Presiding Elder; D. Shelby, James Robertson, C. D.

Shallowhorne, Perry Hall, Henry McCoy, S. Armstead, Carline, of the A. M. E. Church; Felders, of the Baptist Church, and the writer. Collection, \$182.76. Total collected on debts this quarter, \$660.06. The quarterly conference held Monday night was a very pleasant one. Presiding Elder, pastor and people, are all in good cheer. The rally of last Sunday gave some relief from the pressure of their debts, and now all breathe freer. They are determined, however, not to relax their efforts until the church swings clear of all debts.

Personal.

—Sister Christiana Brown, district manager of the North New Orleans District of the W. H. M. Society, left on last Sunday for Shreveport, to see the corresponding secretary on some important matter for the good of the work. Sister Brown is one of those kind of women that is always looking out with a keen eye. We bid her God speed, and wish her a successful trip and an early return. Since the above was put in type Sister Brown has returned and reports a successful trip.

—A note from Rev. A. H. Banks, Eola, La., informs us that Rev. E. Harrison has returned there from his work at Helena, Ark., on account of sickness. He is now sick at Eola, and unable to resume his work.

—Rev. Israel Townsend, Presiding Elder of the Birmingham District, Central Alabama Conference, notifies us that Revs. T. Ellis and T. Ham, of that conference, have been suspended from the church and ministry until the next annual conference.

—Rev. D. G. Butler, of Napoleonville, called last week. He reports 34 conversions, and general good feeling in his church and community.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Sunday-School League.

A largely attended meeting of the Sunday School League of the M. E. Church was held at Thomson Chapel Sunday, May 10. Present on the occasion were: LaHarpe Street Sunday school, with its superintendent, Prof. H. Weber, Messrs. Victor Joachim, Ernest Clovis and others; Sunday School Agent Ernest Lyon; I. H. Norwood, district superintendent; P. F. Kennedy, district secretary; D. B. Phillips, R. C. Metoyer, J. T. Newman, M. D.; W. S. Posey of St. Mary, Mrs. Oglesby, Mr. W. S. Chinn and others.

Service opened at 3:45 p. m., reading of Scripture by Rev. W. P. Forest, pastor. Singing by choir. Prayer by I. H. Norwood. Rev. Ernest Lyon, in a very elaborate manner, stated the objects and purposes of the League, dwelling at some length on the necessity of a revival in the work of moral training and religious instruction of the young.

Mr. Metoyer spoke on Christian Manhood.

Mr. W. S. Chinn said, among other things, that neglect of duty and ingratitude to God were the actual causes of our present depraved condition.

W. S. Posey and lady-president Mrs. C. Oglesby made timely remarks. The meeting was a complete success.

MISS M. E. HOLMES, Sec'y.

It being generally understood that the Hon. Frederick Douglass will, some time during the summer, tender his resignation as Minister Resident and Consul General to the Republic of Hayti. Several aspirants have announced their candidacy for the place. Were we to espouse the cause or any one specially, we would name the Hon. Louis A. Martinet, of New Orleans. We consider him, Paul Trevigne, Esq., or Major Dumas, of this city, better fitted for the position than any other prominent colored men in this country. The people of Hayti

are French in language, thought and traditions. The gentlemen we have named are of French extraction. They speak the language; in fact it is their vernacular, and they are withal cultured and worthy representatives of their race. Mr. Martinet, especially, is pre-eminently qualified. He is one of the brainiest among the younger leaders of the race, and is as fearless and bold as a lion in the defense of their equal rights and manhood. He would reflect credit upon himself, his country, and his race if called to that important station. President Harrison could not possibly make a selection that would reflect so much credit upon his administration. We lift both hands in favor of L. A. Martinet.

The Presiding Elders' Convention.

An Appeal to the Pastors.

The presiding elders' convention to assemble at Chattanooga, June 23, is a matter that concerns you; concerns your charge, concerns Methodism, concerns christianity; therefore, as you have opportunity, you ought to unite in the laudable endeavor to promote its success. Will you lend a hand now? Your presiding elder, who labors with you day and night for the welfare of our beloved church, desires, beyond words to express, to be in attendance, but, in order to reach the place of meeting, he will be required to travel a long distance, involving no small expense. To be able to start upon the important trip he needs your sympathy and brotherly co-operation, manifested in a practical way. I don't not your readiness to help in the emergency, because true Methodist preachers, the world over, are as famous for generosity as they are noted for poverty. Allow me kindly to suggest that you take immediate steps to secure from each church within your bounds a collection, much or little, for the purpose specified, and forward it to your elder without a moment's delay.

The question whether his apportionment has already been met, in full up to date, does not enter into the consideration. I am not urging the payment of a debt, but rather trying, as fervently as I can, to appeal to your gratitude and affection towards your leader and the cause he essays to serve. I believe that your people, if given a chance, will be prompt to show their good will in a substantial way as regards what is here proposed. Brothers! improve the opportunity. I have written without solicitation.

D. W. HAYS.

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Woodland Acad'y... Cumberland, Miss.

DAILY BREAD.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

—Charles Wesley.

THE WISE PREACHER.

Will plan his work.
Will work his plan.
Will do his level best.
Will be a soul winner.
Will wear a short face.
Will not try to be an angel.
Will be a man of one work.
Will expect to be growled at.
Will not preach party politics.
Will not seek fame as a lecturer.
Will not recognize social cliques.
Will not mistake noise for power.
Will have a lively prayer meeting.

Will steer clear of corner groceries.
Will not covet newspaper notoriety.

Will go around with both eyes open.
Will be neat in personal appearance.

Will be the friend of the young folks.—Selected.

Jesus heals all diseases as well as one. He does not expect you to bring him fruit in order to fetch the root. All you want he will give with a clean heart; all he asks of you is to claim your right.—John Wesley.

A calm, even spirit goes through rough work better than a furious one. Although God did use, at the Reformation, some sour, overbearing, passionate men, yet he did not use them because they were such; but, notwithstanding, they were so.—John Wesley.

A little girl was sitting on the floor when the sun shone in her face. "Go 'way! go 'way," she cried, striking out at it. "You move, dear, and it won't trouble you," said her mama. "I s'ant; I dot here first," said the little one.—Selected.

It is certain God does, at some times, without any cause known to us, shower down his grace in an extraordinary manner; and he does, in some instances, delay to give either justifying or sanctifying grace, for reasons which are not discovered to us. These are some of the secrets of his government which he is pleased to reserve in his own breast.—John Wesley.

Let the weakest, let the humblest, remember that in his daily course he, can, if he will, shed around him almost a heaven. Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness; these cost very little, but are priceless in their value. Are they not almost the staples of our daily happiness? From hour to hour, from moment to moment, we are supported, and blest, by small kindnesses.—F. B. Robertson.

My unconverted friend I had hoped that during the closing hours of the old year you had determined not to walk with the person with whom you journeyed last year. Last year, you know, you would not walk with God, and so you walked with Satan, and had you been called to die you would have gone to spend your eternity in hell. I had hoped and prayed that, listening to the dictates of your own judgment and the teachings of the spirit of God, you would have commenced this year to walk with God. I am very sorry, for your sake, that you have let so many days of 1891 pass by and you are still refusing to do what you so fully know all your interests demand.

But, to show myself really your friend, I can not permit myself to refrain from reminding you that all this time you are resisting God's spirit and committing sin. You yield to Satan and refuse God's company. Why?—Selected.

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white people pay ninety-five cents of every dollar of it. Am I boasting of it? No, I am very glad we do. I rejoice that we do. If you make good use of education they will contribute more, and if you do not they won't.

PULLING TOGETHER.

I am not boasting, but I want you people to understand that if the North built Olafin, South Carolina runs the public school system. It is the most wonderful thing in history. Here are these two great sections of the country that quarrelled fifty years, fought four, and have been arguing ever since. We don't agree about a great many things, and particularly we have split all to pieces on notions of the Negro. But here it is. A great big car of progress carrying nearly eight million of you, and the white ox bleached by the Northern snows on one side, and the brunette ox burnt by the Southern suns on the other, both pulling. It is true that we have our necks against the pole, and we are sort of pulling off from one another; but don't you forget it, the Southern ox is pulling the biggest part of the load. Now, diplomacy could not have brought that about. Political economy could not have brought that about. God Almighty brought that about. If you go back on God's providence you ought to perish. . . .

If I can by God's help in these closing words get your ears and your hearts I want to say to you that for any betterment in your condition, for more privileges, larger rights, you must look to God and yourselves and not to law or force. Congress cannot do it for you. The United States army cannot do it for you. Force cannot educate a man, and force cannot change another man's opinion about you either. The truth of the business is that outside power may hurt you a great deal easier than it will help you. If you want more and better things, higher rights, more privileges the sooner you quit looking to Congress and force and the more you look to God and your own hearts and hands and brains the sooner will you get them.

TOO ANXIOUS ABOUT RIGHTS.

After all these years of observation and study of the needs and peculiarities of your race I am satisfied that the saddest thing in the condition of your people to-day is that so many thousands of educated colored men have more anxiety about their rights than they have about their duties. The first effect of going to school is to increase a man's wants faster than his ability to supply them. In this, Bishop Haygood said, lay the great danger of all young men, white and black, who were poor and were fitting themselves for the world by getting an education. What makes the poor man is not having little, but wanting more. The unhappy poor man is the man who wants more than he can earn, and is mad because another man has it. The moment a man or woman allowed the desire for more than they could earn to creep into their hearts the devil was always there to suggest how they could gratify their desires, and then followed crime, disgrace and ruin.

IMPROVE YOUR TALENT.

God gave you a great lump of rights in 1865. Many of you have used those rights judiciously. Others have not. God will not trust your people with more rights if you abuse those you have. Every man who abuses his rights strikes a blow at the whole race to which he belongs.

THE DEMON OF STRIFE.

In this last speech I make in this ministry I cannot do you a greater service than to put you on your guard against your worst enemy. I don't know whether he is white or black. I don't know whether he was born in South Carolina or Massachusetts. I don't know whether he is a Republican or Democrat. Radical or Mugwump—the worst enemy of your race and my race is that villain who tries to create bad blood between

your race and mine. He is your foe—he is mine! I hate him. I don't care where he comes from. He is a mean, bad man, without mercy in his heart, or conscience or grace. Don't listen to him, no matter where he comes from or whatever be his color.

WELL WORTH THE COST.

In closing Bishop Haygood said: What has been accomplished for your race is worth all that it has cost in money and services. Don't forget the maxim of John F. Slater, whose million has done more good in these past nine years than any other million ever did before it. Don't forget his three trainings: Head training that you may think right, heart training that you may do right and hand training that you may make an independent living for yourselves. Brain, head and heart and hand and trust in God and you have nothing to fear of the future.

Bishop Haygood's address was heard with conspicuous attention and good temper.

Schools and Colleges.

To the Teachers of the State of Mississippi.

A meeting of the colored teachers of the State of Mississippi is hereby called to meet in the city of Jackson, Miss., Saturday morning, July 4, 1891, at 9 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to discuss such measures as will add to the efficiency of our profession and schools, and consider such other matters as may be brought before us. Let every one come.

By order,

H. M. THOMPSON,
President.

W. H. REYNOLDS,
Cor. Secretary.

Mississippi papers please copy.

Hon. T. T. Allain, of Iberville, addressed a large assembly of students and friends at Gilbert Seminary, Winsted, La., last week. Mr. Allain is a member of the advisory committee of that institution, and is a great friend of education.

M. H. Hunter, Bastrop, La., says: "I have organized an educational society here, and Methodists and Baptists have all united in the laudable cause, and to day I have seventy scholars, and there are more to come."

Twelve graduates were sent out from Gammon Theological Seminary, commencement day, May 13. They go forth, almost without exception, to charges left open for them in the various conferences of the several States represented. A most admirable commencement address was given by Gov. Northen. His broad and generous tolerance, thoroughly endorsing the work of Gammon and the general cause for which it stands, was enthusiastically received by the great audience that filled Loyd Street Church. Diplomas were delivered to Ernest L. Chew, Memphis, Tenn.; William W. Beckett, Edisto Island, S. C.; Peter F. Curry, Ocala, Fla.; William D. Humbert, Darlington, S. C.; John W. Monttrie, Charleston, S. C.; Henry M. Murphy, Little Rock, S. C.; Jasper C. Hunt, Rome, Ga.; Charles L. Johnson, Eatonton, Ga.; John O. Tobias, Orangeburg, S. C.; John A. Rosh, Asheville, N. C. The degree of B. D., in *cursu*, was also conferred on Abraham L. Gaines, A. B., Atlanta; and Madison O. B. Mason, A. B., New Orleans, La. This degree was also conferred on President Charles N. Grandison of Bennett College, of the class of '89, and Pezavia O'Connell, of the class of '83, they having pursued a special course of studies since graduation, entitling them to this degree.

Rev. W. M. Hayes, of the M. E. Church South, the new Commissioner of Education among the colored people, preached the baccalaureate sermon. He enters upon his work with large plans, steadfast purpose, and enthusiastic devotion. All were delighted with the strength and spirit of the man, and felt that Bishop Haygood had

made no mistake in directing the choice of a man by the General Conference, who now goes forth practically as his successor since his retirement from the Slater Board.

A largely attended meeting of the Alumni Association was addressed by the Rev. Prof. Chavis, B. D., of Bennett College, on Tuesday night. The address revealed ability of a high order, and was delivered in a forcible style.

Commencement Week at Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

Class day exercises, May 28. Baccalaureate sermon, May 31, 11 a. m., Rev. Wm. Riley Halstead, D.D.

Annual sermon, 3 p. m., Rev. J. W. Jackson.

Annual lecture, "Force, Fitness and Right," 8 p. m., Rev. Wm. Riley Halstead.

Valedictory exercises of Promethian Literary Society, June 1, 8 p. m.

Annual concert of musical department, June 2, 8 p. m.

Commencement exercises, June 3, 10 a. m.

HELEN RICHARDSON,
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Mr. Woodford Lawrence and Miss Nelly Davis were married at the residence of the bride's mother, March 26.

Mr. John Harden and Miss Milly Hies. April 23.
Steven Green, P. C.

Midway, Tex.—Mr. Willie Gambell was united to Miss Lena Green, at Midway Chapel, May 10, the writer officiating.
A. W. Parker.

Greenhill, Miss.—Hon. S. T. Kagle and Miss Lula Keohoe were married April 20.

Mr. Sam Louis and Miss Rhoda Miles. April 29.

Mr. Adolphus Watson and Miss Lou Miles. May 8.
Rev. S. J. Wood officiating.

Obituary.

Lela, daughter of Brother and Sister Paton Damron, died May 3.
B. W. Washington, P. C.

Baton Rouge, La.—Sister Rosetta Primus departed this life May 11. She died in Christ.
Bedford Carr, P. C.

M. Williams, a young man, was shot and accidentally killed by Miss Julia Woodford, May 10. The funeral was conducted by the pastor.
S. Green.

DeKalb, Miss.—Sister Charlotte Cole departed this life May 12, in full triumph of faith. She leaves two sons, three daughters and a host of friends to mourn her loss.
H. T. Hampton, P. C.

Gonzales, Tex.—Bro. David Jones died April 28, aged 52 years. He died a faithful Christian, leaving a wife, eight children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.
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Sister Frances Jenkins, who had been a faithful member for more than 20 years, fell asleep in Jesus Sunday afternoon, May 10. She leaves two children, with no relatives to raise them.
C. E. Alexander, P. C.

Sister Rebecca Rose died May 8, aged 27 years. She died in full triumph of faith. Her funeral was attended by Rev. W. F. Wright, the pastor being absent.

J. W. Winbush, P. C., Durant, Miss.
Alexandria, La.—Sister Addie King, of Alexandria, died in New Orleans May 16, and was buried in Alexandria May 18. Rev. T. McCary, of Mt. Zion, New Orleans, visited her during her illness. She died with hope of a glorious immortality.
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Hygiene.

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The sick room over which often-times hovers the messenger of death, and into which comes the "Father Lights" chastising men and women for their sins, and after giving them the necessary chastisement, aids the skilled physician to snatch them, as it were, from the border of the grave, is a place where pure air is of positive need. Air properly admitted into the sick room, is a most important agent in the cure of disease, and the revivifications of the organs of vitality.

How should we let air into the sick room? By first wrapping the patient up well, so that a current of air cannot strike him or her, but allowing the face to be exposed, so that the organs of respiration can get rid of impure exhalations and receive in return a sufficiency of life-giving inhalations. By no means should drafts be allowed in the sick rooms.

The lungs are continually exhaling carbonic acid gas, and a vapor is being emitted which gives a peculiar odor to the breath. This being a scientific trism, the erudite, and those who lay no claim to erudition can readily see the paramount importance of a necessary amount of pure air being admitted into the sick room; the churches, halls, schools and sleeping apartments, to the end that the carbonic acid gas may be robbed of its deathly influence, and this bad-smelling vapor may not have the chance to become a means of transportation for disease.

Now, then, how can we ventilate these different apartments? In order not to allow drafts, small openings should be made in the ceilings or walls of our homes, so that pure air can come in. In churches and school rooms, windows should be arranged so that the sashes can be let down for a short distance from above, admitting pure air into these apartments. These apartments should have not less than five hundred cubic feet of air to each person.

Dietetics, or that branch of medicine which wards off as well as cures disease, by the selection of proper foods, is included in the list of hygienic means adopted for the well being of humanity. We should use our foods with due regard for the quantity consumed. People of sedentary habits need less food than those who do laborious work.

There is constant waste in the human economy, and he who exercises himself most, produces the most waste, and hence needs more food, or figuratively speaking, more fuel to keep the human engine in operation. The food we eat should be nutritious and easily digested. The blood is said to be a nutritious element; and in order for it to maintain its nutritious quality, nutritious foods must be used. Food, in order to be well digested, and perform its function of supplying recuperative material to the system, should be properly cooked.

The muscular system of man should be so managed that it will be healthy. Then, first the muscles should be exercised in pure air. If the air we breathe is pure, the growth of the muscular system is advanced, and we can use the muscular portion of our economy to better advantage. All students of physiology know that certain muscles are brought into play when the voice is used, and that these muscles need pure air to exercise its stimulating effect upon them, in order for them to do effective work. This being an established fact, our churches, halls and assembly rooms, where public speakers are wont to give vent to their opinions and knowledge upon different topics, should have a sufficient supply of pure air, so that the muscles concerned in assisting the voice, may not be hindered in performing their functions.

Light, one of the blessed elements, of a divine being was given to

humanity, claims its share of attention as we speak upon the hygiene of the muscles. If plants need a certain amount of sunlight for their growth and vitality, the muscles also need the reviving influences of the sun. Plants that are confined to dark rooms, and do not get enough sunlight look pale and present but little vitality; muscles that do not get the proper amount of exercise, pure air and sunshine are feebly and poorly developed. Those of the gentler sex among our race, and among the whites, who occupy homes through which the rays of the sunlight can enter, and through whose multitude of crevices pure air can enter, and who exercise their muscles most in the open air, and are not closely confined in drawing rooms are in a great many instances more robust than their more highly favored sisters, and seldom complain of the diseases which are common to their refined sisters.

Take the women of our race, who during slavery and since, have lived in the rural districts and tilled the soil; and on the other hand take the working women of the other races, especially the peasants, and they do not suffer the torture and agony which women who mostly live in doors suffer, from diseases peculiar to their sex.

Why this? It is simply because they are continually taking into their systems enough pure air to enrich the blood; are taking the necessary exercise to make the muscles strong and enduring, and are not overworking the nervous system. Enough. Let us look these hygienic laws square in the face, and profit by their teachings.

NOTWITHSTANDING the notification to our readers that we could not afford the room to publish where their correspondents may write them, we continue to get such requests. Please don't send them, and thereby save your stamp and us the trouble of going over the matter. We publish the appointment of every pastor in our territory, and that is sufficient, except in the cases of Presiding Elders and pastors whose appointments are not named as postoffices. In such, and only in such cases, will we publish such requests.

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Our Symposium.

President Harrison in his speech at Memphis, Tenn., said: This government of ours is a compact of the people to be governed by a majority, expressing itself by lawful methods. [Cheers.] Everything in this country is to be brought to the measure of the law. I propose no other rule, either as an individual or as a public officer. I can not in any degree let down this rule [cries of "No, no," and cheers] without violating my official duty. Therefore I think while I realize and sympathize with your difficulties, we must all come at last to this conclusion, that the supremacy of the law is the one supremacy in this country of ours. [Cheers.] I beg to leave with each of you the suggestion that each in his place shall do what he can to maintain social order and public peace; that the lines here and everywhere shall be between the well disposed and the ill disposed. I beg to assure you that I carry from the great war sentiment of no ill will to any one. [Cheers.] I am glad that the Confederate soldier, confessing that defeat which has brought him blessings that would have been impossible otherwise, has been taken again into full participation in the administration of the government that would be impossible otherwise; that no penalties, limitations, or other inflictions rest upon him. I have taken and can always take the hand of a brave Confederate soldier with confidence and respect. [Great cheering.] I would put him

UNDER ONE YOKE ONLY, and that is the yoke that the victors in that struggle bore when they went home and laid off their uniforms—the yoke of the law and the obligations always to obey it. [Cheers.] Upon that platform, without distinction between the victor and the vanquished, we enter together upon possibilities as a people that we can not over estimate. I believe this nation is lifting itself to a new life; that this flag shall float on unfamiliar seas, and that the coming prosperity will be equally shared by all our people. [Prolonged cheering.]

It is the duty of the church to keep the regular services, Sunday school teaching, prayer meetings, the pastor's weekly class for the instruction of the children, family prayer, private prayer, tract distribution, and all the other permanent activities, hard at work all the time for fifty-two weeks in a year.—Bishop J. H. Vincent.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother, whose name was Minerva. She was sold by the widow Catherine Brown, on Richland creek, in Marshall county, Tennessee. Henry James bought her. He lived at Connersville, Tennessee. He moved off to Mississippi and took mother with him. This was about five years before the war. My father belonged to Lonis Upshaw in Giles county. My father's name was William Upshaw. Address, Millie Davis, care Rev. J. H. Coppage, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my people. My mother's name was Perlina Wisga, and she belonged to Sam Wisga in Louisville, Ky. I was sold from them when a girl. I left one brother and three aunts in Kentucky. Brother's name was James Bosky, and my aunts, Virginia, Fannie, Caroline and Mary Ann Wisga. When I left my brother he was living with a man by the name of Mr. Gettin. Address Ann Harris, care Rev. H. Hinderson, Hamburg Franklin county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my uncles and father-in-law named Albert, Adam and Allin. Before the war they belonged to Redman Wolfe, in Texas. Write me, E. Ford, Goessbeck, Limestone county, Texas.

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Honor to a Man Who Honors His Race and Humanity.

REV. E. L. PARKS, D.D.

Prof. W. H. Crogman, A.M., who occupies the chair of Greek and Latin in Clark University, Atlanta, in christian character, scholarship, in his department, literary ability, general culture, and distinguished services, stands, it is safe to say, among the first four, if not at the very head, of the colored race. In all the particular mentioned, he would honor a professorship in any college in the land. The evening of May 5, the fiftieth anniversary of Prof. Crogman's birth was taken advantage of by his friends to give some expression of their high appreciation of him and his work. At the same time it brought out the history of his life. It is a history which ought to be set as an example before the youth of a race struggling under adverse circumstances and great opposition into manhood, usefulness and honor.

The whole plan of paying a tribute of recognition and honor to Prof. Crogman was conceived and directed by Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, and was a unique success. Doctor and Mrs. Thirkield placed their annual reception to the seniors of the Seminary on that evening and included in the invitation the faculties of Clark and Atlanta Universities, as well as the faculty and the students of the Seminary and other friends. During the social festivities of the evening, Prof. and Mrs. Crogman, who had no suspicion of the sequel, were invited to take seats in the midst of the company. Dr. Thirkield in a happy speech referred to the milestone which the day marked in the life of "our ancient friend" and said that some weeks ago with a view to looking up the history of Prof. Crogman, he had sent out a number of letters to various parts of the world. He proposed to have these letters read.

It was found that Prof. Crogman was born fifty years ago on the Island of St. Martin. In 1855 he went to sea on a vessel on which Mr. B. L. Boomer was mate. Mr. Boomer from the first took a deep interest in him and afterwards took him to his home in Massachusetts. Mr. Boomer's brothers were sea captains. The boy Willie H. Crogman followed the sea with this family for eleven years. He visited many lands, and observant and thoughtful obtained a wide knowledge of various nationalities and parts of the world. His visits included especially England, various points on the continent of Europe, Calcutta and Bombay in Asia, and various places in South America. A letter from Mr. Boomer included the following:

"It has been my good fortune to know our good friend all the way from his fifteen to his present fifty, and it would afford me the greatest satisfaction if I could feel that his great success in all these years had in any manner been furthered by me. On the contrary his untiring perseverance, diligent, wise and studious use of his time and money, made him from the first independent of all save our love, respect and never ceasing interest."

In 1866 at the suggestion of Mr. Boomer that an academic education would make him more useful, Prof. Crogman then at the age of twenty-five began to earn means to attend an academy. He worked on a farm and in other ways laid by money till two years later in 1868 he entered Pierce Academy in Middleborough, Mass. He remained there two years taking an English course with French and book-keeping. Prof. J. W. P. Jenks, of Brown University, who was then the principal of the academy wrote as follows:

"During the twenty-nine years that I was principal of Pierce Academy in Middleborough, Mass., from '42 to '71, I never made any distinction of nationality, race, or color in receiving pupils, and, but in one instance, and that not while Prof. Crogman was there, was any race prejudice shown among my pupils, though till the war, there was not one year that the children of slaveholders were not members of the school, and quite frequently there were Negroes at the same time. My domestic relations were such that I took no boarders into my own family, and again I must confess with shame, that the boarding house over which previously I had some control, having been given up, I could find no boarding place for Crogman, and with difficulty a lodging room, on account of that race prejudice. So he was obliged to board himself under great disadvantages. A much more pleasing reference is to his splendid scholarship. Beginning with me in the elementary English branches, I may safely say, in them all, he accomplished in one quarter as much as the average student did in two, mastering almost intuitively, and with equal facility, both mathematical and linguistic principles. I formed him into a class of one, lest he should be hindered by the dullness of others. In the third quarter, he commenced French, and as I have often said, surpassed every one of the hundreds of students, in both rapidity of advancement and accuracy of scholarship. I need say no more, except that his record since leaving the academy, taking all the extenuating circumstances into the account, has reflected greater honor upon me as its principal, and his almost sole instructor while connected with it, than any other alumnus."

After completing this academic course, in the fall of 1870 Prof. Crogman started for the South to give his life to the christian education and elevation of his race. The Boston Preachers' Meeting took a collection to assist him in reaching his Southern field. He went to Claflin University at Orangeburg, S. C., where he acted for three years as an instructor in English branches. In this work he became impressed with the need of a knowledge of Greek and Latin and began the study of Latin by himself. To gain a knowledge of these branches he went to Atlanta University in the fall of 1873. This resulted in his completing there the full classical course. Prof. Francois of Atlanta University, who was one of his principal teachers there, was present at the reception and in a most happy speech paid a high tribute to Prof. Crogman's manhood, industry, thorough scholarship and rapid advancement during his col-



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lege life, completing as he did the four years course in three years. He spoke also of Prof. Crogman's carrying off as his bride, one of their noblest and most gifted and cultured young ladies, Miss Lavinia Mott of Charlotte, N. C. Immediately on his graduating from Atlanta University, Prof. Crogman was called to a position in the faculty of Clark University, where he has been ever since, having occupied his present chair since 1880. Letters expressive of their highest appreciation of him and his work were read from several of his students who now themselves occupy prominent positions.

Rev. G. W. Arnold, A.M., B.D., has been principal of LaGrange Seminary and is now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Savannah, Ga. His letter included the following:

"I review with exquisite pleasure the eight years I spent under Prof. Crogman as my teacher, and regard him one of the most scholarly and foremost men of his race. His is a life whose influence is not bounded by any section of country."

Rev. E. W. Lee, A.M., is pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Rome, Ga., and secretary of his conference. His letter included the following:

"For twenty-one long years Prof. Crogman has been incessant in labors and continuous in self-sacrificing in order that he might break the fetters of ignorance and superstition, and give liberty to the captives. His earnestness and faithfulness in the class room, where he is so much at home, produces an eloquence more effective than a thousand orators upon the stage. Learned and yet modest, humble and yet dignified, he carries with him a personality that is his own. As to the result of his labors let the voices from a thousand hamlets in this adjoining states speak out; let the young men and women from a thousand homes who have imbibed knowledge and manhood at his feet come forward and tell the story. Looking back from his fiftieth anniversary Prof. Crogman may exclaim: My zeal for the work has not been vain. I now congratulate myself on having sat at his feet."

The Rev. Prof. J. M. Cox, A.M., B.D., occupies the chair of Latin and Greek in Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, Ark. His letter included the following:

"I became a pupil of Prof. Crogman in the 1878, and continued under his instruction until 1884. Under no other teacher could six years of my life have been spent more pleasantly and profitably. To him more so than to any other instructor I am indebted for my little store of knowledge and for the limited degree of success that has attended my labors for the last five years. Engaged now in teaching the very same branches in which I was instructed by Prof. Crogman,

and anxious to do well my work and benefit my pupils, I often think of the many excellent qualities that characterize him both as a man and as a teacher. To those now assembled to do him deserved honor, I take pleasure in saying that I found him ever accurate in general knowledge, thorough in class room preparation, positive in demands and forceful in every utterance. System and method marked all his instruction, and his own inimitable way of conducting a recitation and of eliciting even from the dullest student remarks upon the lesson impressed me, as well as others, with the fact that he is certainly a master of his very high calling, teaching. His manly and helpful talks in connection with the recitation were always a source of inspiration to me, and caused me to make many a noble resolve. I trust that Prof. Crogman may long live to bless humanity and honor his calling."

Rev. R. S. Rust, D.D., honorary corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was active secretary, and sole manager, of our educational work in the South from 1867 to 1888 and knew intimately of Prof. Crogman's work. His letter included the following:

"Yours in regard to dear Prof. Crogman received. It is the proper thing to do. He richly merits our gratitude and love for his grand work, and his pure life."

Rev. J. O. Hartzell, D.D., the present secretary also joined heartily in contributing to the testimonial to Prof. Crogman; but the letter he intended to write has not reached us.

A letter from Rev. E. O. Thayer, A.M., who was president of Clark University from 1880 to 1889, included the following:

"Is it possible that my young friend is celebrating his semi-centennial? What wonderful experiences have been crowded into those fifty years! Enough to make a man feel a century old. You have seen great changes in the condition of the South. You sometimes are tempted to be discouraged or impatient when the stream of progress seems to turn backward in a great eddy. Remember, Brother, that the Almighty Father of love rules and there can be no really backward movements in his work. The Southern school work demands all your powers of eloquence and gifts of teaching. Give kindest regards to her who shares your toils and honors, and to the little ones who will take up the work when you lay it down. God bless you with health, long life and an eternal crown."

Rev. W. H. Hickman, D.D., president of Clark University made a very appropriate speech, speaking in high terms of the faithfulness and excellence of Prof. Crogman's work.

Prof. Crogman has been a lay delegate to the last three General Conferences of the M. E. Church and has been one of the assistant secretaries of the last two. A letter from Rev. D. S. Monroe, D.D., secretary of the last two General Conferences included the following:

"Though a Southerner by birth, from my early manhood I was opposed to slavery, and I considered it one of the greatest privileges of my life, that it fell to my lot to be the first to nominate a man of African descent as an assistant secretary of the General Conference of 1884. I was certainly extremely fortunate in securing the services of one so efficient, educated, modest and gentlemanly as he whose fiftieth anniversary it is proposed to celebrate. So highly pleased were the conference and myself with his service in 1884, that it was my great pleasure to have him again elected in 1888."

The letter from Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, included the following:

"With all my heart I gladly respond to your proposal with reference to the testimonial of brotherly regard for Prof. Crogman. I have known Prof. Crogman for years; indeed, our boyhood years were passed not many miles from each other. I have watched his course with a brother's interest, and have rejoiced to see his loyalty to principle and his fidelity to duty. Few men in our church have rendered more faithful or useful service in our educational work than Prof. Crogman; few men have steadily and unwaveringly maintained a more straightforward and manly course, or acted more wisely under all circumstances than has he."

A letter from Bishop Mallalieu included the following:

"Dr. Crogman is a man in whom I have had the greatest confidence. He is an honor to the human race. I wish the world was full of such men. I trust many years of honorable and enjoyable usefulness remain to him. Give him, and his wife and his children, my warmest congratulations."

Bishop Warren wrote as follows:

"I send you the heartiest congratulations on so long and honorable a life. How many men and women realize that they have been born to higher life by your teachings. May the blessings of a long life of such usefulness and honor be yours. Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Crogman, your worthy helper."

Some years ago a university of good standing conferred upon Prof. Crogman the degree of LL.D., but in his modesty he insists on declining the honor, and most of his friends defer to his wishes in not using the title, though they regard him as worthy of the honor it implies. Prof. Crogman, though closely confined to his lecture room

for most of the year, has addressed with great acceptability not only his own people, on various occasions, but some of the most prominent audiences in this country, notably at Ocean Grove, in Beecher's Church, and at the National Teachers' Association. His address a few years ago at the meeting of the last named in Madison, Wis., was generally regarded as one of the ablest and most eloquent.

After the story of Prof. Crogman's life had been brought before the company by the letters and speeches, Dr. Thirkield, in behalf of the Professor's friends from all over the nation, presented him in succession, the interest with each item growing more and more intense, with an elegant gold watch, a beautiful set of Carlsbad china, nine handsomely bound volumes of ancient classics, and a large ornamental inkstand, from which rolled out one hundred dollars in gold, making, with other amounts added since, a substantial testimonial of over two hundred and fifty dollars. The china was especially appropriate, as it recognized the merits of Mrs. Crogman, who is also a graduate of Atlanta University, and who, in her character and services as his helpmeet, and as queen of one of the most refined and cultured homes, and as the mother of seven most promising children, is worthy of no less honor than the Professor himself.

Prof. Crogman expressed his thanks in behalf of himself and wife in one of the felicitous speeches for which he is noted, referring to the occasion as one of the happiest of his life.

This story of his life shows something of the adverse circumstances under which he has labored, the manhood, scholarship, usefulness to his race and humanity and the honor his indefatigable industry, perseverance, hard work, and Christian faith have achieved, and points the way to every aspiring youth, however lowly and unfavorable his circumstances.

Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.

One More Word About Children's Day.

So many vital interests depend upon the universal and proper observance of this day throughout our entire Methodism, that we are constrained to call attention to it once more.

Let no Sunday school fail to observe it. The children ought not to be deprived of the pleasure and profit sure to be derived from its right observance. Let our own program be universally used. It was prepared with special reference to our Methodist schools, and no other will be likely to serve as good a purpose. It is far the cheapest offered, nearly a million copies being printed and sold at about cost,—80 cents per hundred, with ten supplements containing all recitations free. By mail, \$1.

Let every school take a collection in aid of needy and worthy students preparing for Christian work. This is the original object for which Children's Day was instituted. Kindly remember that this collection is not for local objects, but for specific connectional purpose, and by order of the General Conference should be sent to the Board of Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Let every pastor and superintendent prepare for a great day. It is not too late. If not convenient to observe the regular Sabbath, June 14, fix upon a later date, but by all means give the children and the church the benefits of this beautiful and blessed Children's Day service.

C. H. PAYNE,
Board of Education.

Letters from the Districts.

Baton Rouge District

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

The Baton Rouge District Conference for 1891 will be held in Baton Rouge Aug. 5-9. It is expected that there will be a full attendance of members. Let every pastor, Sunday school superintendent, local preacher, exhorter, representative, class leader and district steward, come with written reports, as the Discipline directs.

PROGRAM.

To preach the opening sermon, Jos. Jones; alternate, D. G. Pharis.

Ministerial qualification, J. D. Pool.

Christian manhood, W. R. Butler.

What constitutes a successful pastorate? P. W. Clark.

The benevolent collections, best time and how to take them, G. J. Rogers.

Methodist doctrines and usages, J. A. Tircuit.

Ministerial conduct, public and private, E. P. Harris.

Christian perfection as taught by John Wesley, Hampton James.

How to administer the Discipline, R. J. Thomas.

To preach the missionary sermon, A. Hilton; alternate, C. Brown.

Pastoral duty, J. H. Rylander.

Why am I a Methodist? D. M. Seals.

How to promote the temperance cause, Z. T. Gayden.

Evidences of conversion, H. C. Gair.

The work of the Holy Spirit, C. O. Wright.

Church manners, I. R. Scott.

Punctuality at church, A. A. Lacey.

The duty of stewards and their relation to the pastor, N. Randolph.

The itineracy and its requirements, T. A. Brown.

Revivals and how to conduct them, B. Carr.

Sabbath observance, J. Benn.

Our church schools, D. Harrison.

There will be a Sunday School Institute in connection with the conference, conducted by Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday School Agent.

Representatives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be present and hold a meeting in the interest of their cause.

Remember the benevolent collections, brethren. Raise and report them at the district conference.

Program First Conference of Corinth District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

R. SEWELL, P. E.

Convenes at Ripley Miss., June 18 to 21.

Discussion: The benefit of the SOUTHWESTERN to our people, by H. A. Johnson, J. Bartou, and I. M. Lampkins.

Our duty to Rust University, H. York, J. M. Walton, and T. L. Inghram.

Introductory sermon, Rev. O. Gillespie.

Christian education in the M. E. Church, J. W. Washington, N. B. Blackman and W. E. Logan.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education work, H. B. Gladney, O. Gillespie, and H. Y. Salter.

Missionary Society, B. L. Nevils, W. H. Golden and S. M. Caine.

Preaching, Rev. H. B. Gladney.

How best to succeed in revival work, Wm. Campbell, G. W. Bartwell and A. D. Sherman.

Preaching by T. L. Inghram.

Love feast, conducted by Wm. Campbell and I. M. Lampkins.

Preaching by Rev. R. Sewell, H. N. York, and Rev. J. M. Walton.

Local preachers will come prepared to speak on the different subjects. A full attendance is expected.

Literary Program for Marion District, Central Alabama Conference

Report of Marion district, H. N. Brown.

Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, T. C. LeVert.

Our schools and colleges, O. Nelson.

The Christian minister and his work, G. W. Smith.

The power of prayer, C. Miller.

Church Extension Society, A. S. Williams.

Reconciliation, T. J. English.

Our Book Concern and press, F. L. Teague.

Class meetings, T. J. Jackson.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, B. G. Smith.

Divine love, J. Evans.

Children's day and the collection, F. J. Brown.

Truth, Wm. Perry.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Mission work in the Sunday school, Miss C. B. Ward.

The teacher's duty, Selma delegate.

Parents' duty towards Sunday schools, Marion delegate.

Sunday school in the country, its difficulties, Old Town delegate.

Missionary Day in the Sunday school, Eutaw delegate.

The Sabbath and how to keep it, Union delegate.

Methods of teaching, Gainesville delegate.

The use of maps and blackboards, Mt. Sterling delegate.

The local preacher in the Sunday school, Clinton delegate.

The utility of class records, Oak Grove delegate.

The Bible, Mt. Sinai delegate.

The pastor in the Sunday school, Tuscaloosa delegate.

Local preachers and exhorters may select their own subjects.

Committee: F. J. Brown, B. G. Smith, F. L. Teague.

Austin District, West Texas Conference.

Will convene at Belton, Texas, Thursday morning, Aug. 6, 1891.

Introductory sermon, Rev. J. H. Swann.

Missionary sermon, Rev. P. M. Carmichael.

The divine Sonship of Christ, Julius Williams.

Man, his original state and fall, J. T. Jacobs.

The second coming of Christ, W. H. Davis.

The nature and attributes of God, B. F. Whitaker.

The final perseverance of the saints, R. H. Pantou.

The atonement, Joseph Harri-ford.

The duration and severity of a future punishment, William Reed.

What is religion as revealed in the Holy Scriptures? Alfred Merida.

The work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, G. A. Shauklin.

Sunday school tracts, Christopher Young.

The soul, Charles Hart.

Repentance, R. D. Dennis.

The Articles of Religion of the M. E. Church, Simon S. Brewer.

The Sunday school and its work, W. G. Wilson.

Does the M. E. Church lose anything by adhering to the rules of the church? Geo. W. McKinley.

How to secure the greatest amount of success in church work, W. L. Harris.

All the exhorters and Sunday school superintendents will have written essays on subjects of their own selection.

A. M. MASON, Chairman.

P. M. CARMICHAEL, Secretary.

[What about the SOUTHWESTERN? Did Bro. Mason and his committee forget it?—ED.]

Program Alexandria District Conference.

S. E. H. MORANT, P. E.

To meet at Washington, La., Wednesday, Aug. 12.

To preach introductory sermon, Rev. W. B. Anderson.

Missionary sermon, A. J. Ford.

Valedictory sermon, H. T. O. Abbott.

Sunday school work in the church, A. G. Davis.

How to examine persons moved to preach, Robt. Anderson.

Evidences of the continual presence of the spirit, M. P. Franklin.

Church Extension, its claim, H. T. O. Abbott.

Visiting from house to house, Edward Fields.

The propriety of organizing the Alexandria District Sunday School Convention, A. J. Proctor.

Secrets of success, M. J. Dyer.

Triumphs of Christianity, A. J. Ford.

Ministerial self-control, H. W. Welch.

Philosophy of religion, Julius Angustus.

Temperance, its significance, W. Carr.

How to begin a successful revival, J. A. Vincent.

How to form Sunday schools in missionary societies, Addison Moore.

The relation of the Church of Rome to public schools, Prof. B. W. Hubbard.

The importance of jesticulations in the pulpit, Prof. Geo. W. Wells.

The use of the Catechism in the Sunday school, Edward Powell.

How to read the Holy Scriptures, Horace King.

The use of theology in the Church, A. H. Banks.

The claims of the Sunday School Agent, Jos. Johnson.

The best way to train young converts, Nelson Burton.

The power of prayer, Pompey Bibbs.

The SOUTHWESTERN, its mission, Presiding Elder S. E. H. Morant.

The best time for taking the benevolent collections, S. Tillman.

Relation of Presiding Elder and pastor, J. W. Pierce.

The work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in the South, W. B. Anderson.

Brethren: Come prepared for a good time. Let all reports be in writing. Let us have a sweeping revival during our district conference session. Do not forget to collect and bring the claims of the Sunday school agent, who will hold a Sunday school convention on the afternoon of the fourth day's session. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, Dr. L. G. Adkinson, Rev. J. F. Marshall, and all former pastors of the "Bell" district are hereby cordially invited to be present, and to participate in our deliberations. Come prepared for substantial work.

Bowling Green District Conference.

L. M. HAGOOD, P. E.

Will meet in Princeton, Ky., (on the N. N. & M. V. R. R.) Friday, July 3-6, 1891, at 9 a. m., sharp.

LITERARY PROGRAM.

Outlook for the colored man in the M. E. Church, Rev. W. H. Riley.

Ministerial decorum, Rev. C. H. Pyles.

Family worship, Rev. A. Posey.

Why baptize children? Rev. L. C. Harris.

Address, "Don't," Dr. L. M. Hagood.

Evil effects of the liquor traffic, Rev. J. Munday.

Christian perfection, Rev. I. W. Horton.

Preparation and presentation of sermon, Rev. A. W. White.

Model prayer meeting, Rev. F. Hinton.

The pastor's study, Rev. J. W. Russell.

Best method of studying, Rev. I. B. Hooker.

Divine call to the ministry, Rev. J. Peters, M. D.

Pastoral visiting, Rev. R. Acton.

Revivals, Rev. M. B. Lewis.

Funeral sermons, Rev. G. W. Burnett.

Difference between M. E. and A. M. E. Churches, Rev. J. E. Warren.

Rules for preachers' conduct, Rev. L. B. Miller.

Reception of ministers from other churches, Rev. R. Dickerson.

EXERCISES OF S. S. INSTITUTE.

What is it? Mrs. Rev. W. H. Riley.

Responsibility of a Sunday school superintendent, Prof. D. T. Hibbs.

Ideal Sunday school superintendent, Miss Parolee Berry, M. P. Brown, Miss Mattie Oarson, Mrs. Vitulia Johnson, Geo. Larue.

Order in Sunday school, Mr. H.

G. Cross, Mr. Geo. Berry, Miss Ida Berry, Mr. W. Miller, Mr. S. Dnn-can.

We shall expect every superintendent, not mentioned, to come prepared to take part in the exercises; every local preacher and exhorter and member of the conference. All subjects assigned must be produced in writing. No candidate for license to exhort or preach will get his license renewed unless able to pass a satisfactory examination, unless beyond 40 years of age. Several of our Presiding Elders have promised to be present, and all of them are hereby cordially invited. No reports received unless written before conference sits.

Pastors are expected to report money already raised for F. A. & S. E. Society, Missions, Church Extension, and subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN or "Western Christian Advocate."

Efforts will be made to secure reduced railroad rates. Ask your agent about it.

Committee: C. H. Pyle, President; W. H. Riley, Secretary; R. L. Dickerson.

In advanced age the declining powers are wonderfully refreshed by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It really does "make the weak strong."

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

Rev. N. H. Redick, pastor Wesley Chapel, Mobile, Ala., has just closed a revival in which nine were converted, and fourteen added to the church. This is the best year in the history of the church. The Sunday school is flourishing everything bids fair for a good year's work.

Rev. A. McGlocklin, Pleasant Hill, La., says that his statistical report to the last Annual Conference, from Fairmount, as it appears in the Minutes, is incorrect. It is made to appear that nothing was paid on pastor's salary. That is not correct. Fairmount paid pastor \$150.

W. L. Duncan, Huntsville, Tex.

My second quarterly conference was held May 9, by Presiding Elder Rev. F. Parker. Reports showed much prosperity. Sunday the Presiding Elder preached. Seventy partook of the Lord's Supper. Paid the Presiding Elder, \$17.15. Money raised for all purposes, \$221.65. Our property is being improved. The parsonage has been made new. The fifth Sunday in May was rally day for the SOUTHWESTERN.

H. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held May 9, by Rev. Pierre Landry, our Presiding Elder. We had a good time spiritually and financially. The church is alive. The Sunday school is well equipped with all the books necessary for a good year's work. We regret exceedingly the loss to us of Mrs. H. J. Moore, of your city, one of our efficient Sabbath school workers, who had to leave for home on account of her health. May God bless her for years to come. Sunday at St. Peter M. E. Church was a high day. Judge C. J. Bush, Mr. I. C. Rogers, Mr. P. L. Corman, Rev. E. Baptiste, and several other ministers, were present. Realized in cash, \$131.50. The different leaders struck 755 licks on the golden nails, pledging \$755, for the purpose of remodeling our church. A resolution complimentary to Rev. Pierre Landry was adopted.

A. H. Banks, Eola, La.

The SOUTHWESTERN is an assistant preacher, or Presiding Elder, that visits my charge every week. Many persons read the paper who are not able to pay for it. They come around and ask for one of the "Advocates" that you have read, and in this way it makes its way in many families, and as soon as they are able to raise 50c. they say, "take this and send it and get me the paper." We are now in a revival meeting. Many souls are

turning to the Lord. Last night, after a good service, my family and I were surprised by a large number of our members, and members of the Baptist church, and many good friends, led by L. Moore and sons, J. White, S. Daues and family, J. Heagen and family, P. Stack, R. Jefferson, A. Bernard, and our esteemed teacher, Miss Palla M. Brewer. They brought us many choice articles and provisions. Come again.

J. D. Pool, Plaquemine, La.

Our first quarterly conference convened April 12. Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder, commended the cordial relations existing between pastor and people. The service on Sunday passed off very profitably. Elder Marshall preached a heart-touching sermon, which conquered sinners and comforted saints. The Lord's Supper was administered, and 56 partook of the same. Our revival, just closed, resulted in nine converted and four reclaimed. We have a great deal to do this year. Our people say it must be done. Look for an order soon from us for a bell.

G. A. Shanklin, Burnett and Lampasas, Texas.

I returned home to my appointment, it being my third year at this place. The people seemed glad to have me back, and received me with warm welcome. Presiding Elder Mack Henson held our first quarterly conference April 28, 29. We had an excellent time. Paid Presiding Elder \$14. Paid pastor \$29. Twenty eight partook of the Lord's Supper.

G. W. Townsend, Gonzales, Texas.

Presiding Elder H. Swann has held our first quarterly conference. We had a good time, and the Elder was greatly pleased with the work. We reported four accessions. Rev. Swann is much beloved. He preached two powerful sermons. Mrs. Isabella Smith, our school teacher here, closed her school on the 17th inst. Examinations and exhibitions were splendid.

Jos. Johnson, Bunkie, La., informs us of the instant killing of one, the death next day of another, and the serious wounding of another man, at the fair given there April 25, by Rev. Mack Jones, an A. M. E. Preacher. One horse burned down next day. Notwithstanding these troubles, our church and revival continue to command general interest.

J. A. Vincent, Jeanerette, La.

We are moving on nicely at St. Peter M. E. Church. Our first quarterly conference was held April 12, 13, by Presiding Elder S. E. H. Morant. He is the right man in the right place. Reports showed the work in good shape. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$185.50. We are having a revival. Up to date twenty-five souls have been added to the church, and fifty mourners are on the anxious seats. The church is crowded to overflowing at every service.

Wm. Bell, Bee Lake, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held April 18, 19, Elder W. McDonald in the chair. Report of the pastor showed that the work is alive both spiritually and financially. The pastor's salary for the year was fixed at \$300. The Elder preached on Sunday at 11 o'clock, and administered the Lord's Supper at night. Two children were baptized, and two were received in the church. Collection for the Elder, \$11.05.

L. C. McClendon, Hammett Hill, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference convened in the Salem M. E. Church, April 25, 26, with Dr. H. R. Revels, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The brethren were present with written reports, showing the work to be spiritually alive. Sunday, at 11 o'clock, Dr. Revels preached a soul reviving sermon. The Lord's Supper was administered, assisted by Rev. A. G. Houston, to fifty-eight communicants. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$340. Collection during quarter, \$13.25.

T. Allen, Sparta Circuit, Tenn.

My second quarterly conference was held April 18, 19, Rev. J. P. Price, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The officers were present with written reports, showing success. We are moving along grandly. There are but few people on this work, and the most of them are very poor. We have two Sunday schools, and they are moving along nicely. Sunday, 11 o'clock, Elder J. P. Price preached a grand sermon. Paid Elder, \$6.50; pastor, \$18.95; benevolences, \$5.00.

J. A. Stewart, Richmond, Tex.

Our first quarterly conference convened April 25. Elder I. B. Scott was with us, and all of the brethren were present. On Sunday the Elder preached, and we had a grand time. Elder's collection, \$4.50; pastor's, \$22.45.

D. Scott, Sparta, Tenn.

My second quarterly conference was held April 18, 19. Rev. J. W. Richmond was with us and preached at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Presiding Elder J. P. Price administered the Lord's Supper to 67 persons. Collection \$25. Paid Presiding Elder, \$10; pastor, \$35.

J. H. Rylander, Livonia, La.

My people and friends of our church, and members of the Baptist and Episcopal churches, gave me a grand reception Monday night, May 11. It was a grand surprise party. They brought as many nice things; groceries, chickens, money, dresses and ornaments. After singing some of the most cheering songs, Sister Bithy Smith, the "mother sister" of the Baptist Church, led in prayer and invoked the blessing of God upon the pastor and his family. The following persons were participants: Messrs. L. S. Johnson, F. K. Vickers, S. S. Peal, Wm. Peal, J. Fletcher, Misses Malissa Peal, Fanny Peal, Pinky Peal, Mattie Sealy, Ada Sealy, Messrs. J. G. Governor, D. Johnson, H. P. Armstrong, Chas. Meloin, H. Robinson, Geo. Ash, Geo. W. Peal, H. D. Robinson, Mrs. Patsey Rylander, Mrs. Ella Peal, Sarah Battice, Charity Hawkins, Fanny Porter, Nellie Melvin, Miss E. A. Bolden, Mrs. Ella Dennis, Mrs. Fanny Armstrong, Mrs. Glory Robinson, Messrs. J. R. P. Armstrong, Snoton Battice, J. A. Rylander, E. Robinson, Miss Emma Hincherson, Mr. E. M. Dennis, Miss Annie Willis, Mrs. Alice Rylander, Mr. Thomas Smith, Mrs. Milly Maze, Mrs. E. Smith, Mr. Wm. Maze, Misses Easter and Charissa Tilman, Messrs. Carter Tilman, H. Tilman, J. T. Willis, Henry Smith, Miss Mary Smith, Messrs. Hill Tilman, Wm. Fletcher, Misses Ida Tilman, Queen Thornton, Betty Smith, Sarah Porter, Mr. J. Sealy, Misses Catherine Williams, Matilda Hayney, Eady Sealy, Emma Porter, Messrs. S. Jackson, Geo. Porter, Luke Johnson, Misses Rachel Reilly, Emily Woodruff, Messrs. Henry Smith, Joseph Maze, A. T. McKneely, Miss Emma T. Rylander, Messrs. Geo. Jackson, James Harris, Misses Catherine Peal, Amanda Sealy, Nellie Porter, and Rev. F. A. Rylander.

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THE registration office in this city is now open. Don't neglect to register at once. This is a new registration, and no one will be permitted to vote unless he is registered. To wait later is to run the risk of being deprived of the privilege.

THE Alpha L. & S. Circle gave a reception complimentary to the Hon. Jno. C. Dancy, Collector of Customs of Wilmington, N. C., in the parlors of Huntington Hall, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., May 28. It was an excellent affair. We regret that we could not attend, but the committee has our thanks for a kind invitation.

THE Rev. Daniel Jones, of the Lexington Conference, one of our best and truest men has written us a strong manly letter against the convention of the Presiding Elders of the colored conferences to be held at Chattanooga, June 23. Bro. Jones objects to the color line involved. We hope to be able to publish it next week. Bro. Jones seems to overlook the fact that such conferences, therein designated as "colored conferences," spring right out of our book of Discipline, and that his, was one of the first conferences thus instituted.

AN Eastern Steamship and Colonization Company have written to the General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Queen & Crescent Route, to find for them a tract of land in either Kentucky or Tennessee, of about one hundred and fifty thousand acres. The land to be suitable for truck farming, also for raising corn, wheat, trees and shrubs, and near enough to railroad to make shipping facilities handy. Any one having a body of land suitable for this purpose will please communicate with the undersigned, giving price, terms, location, and all particulars.

D. G. EDWARDS, G. P. & T. A.
Cincinnati, O.

OUR people in the South are to be favored with the following Bishops in the plan of Fall Conferences, viz: Bishop Foster, at Central German Conference, Covington, Ky., Sept. 9; Kentucky Conference, Newport, Ky., Sept. 30. Bishop Warren, North Carolina, Winston, N. C., Oct. 15; Blue Ridge, Asheville, N. C., Oct. 21. Bishop Ninde, East Tennessee, Oct. 15, Morristown, Tenn.; Holston, Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 21. Bishop Joyce, Central Tennessee, Erin, Tenn., Oct. 21. Bishop Vincent, Tennessee Conference, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Oct. 21. Bishop Hurst, Austin, Waco, Tex., Nov. 25; Texas, Houston, Tex., Dec. 2; South German, Seguin, Tex., Dec. 9; West Texas, Victoria, Tex., Dec. 16. Bishops Walden and Goodsell remain abroad. Bishop Mallalieu presides on the Pacific Coast, in Arizona and New Mexico. He begins Sept. 9 and closes his round Nov. 1.

Delegates to the General Conference.

The Fall Conferences will soon begin to hold their annual sessions, when delegates to the General Conference to be held next May, in Omaha, will be elected. In view of that fact it is well for us to begin to consider the kind of persons that should be preferred for such an important mission. They should be first of all, men of God, and of solid piety. They should be wise, thoroughly loyal and well balanced defenders of the faith and of our Methodism. Self-conceited, and turbulent agitators, wrapped up in the all sufficiency of their rhetorical claptrap and foxfire oratory are neither needed nor desired. Such men are dangerous, and not to be depended upon in the enactment of the wisest legislation for the church, and in the selection of bishops and other general officers for the same. By methods peculiar to the ecclesiastical politician however, such persons, manage to ride into the General Conference, much to the injury of the cause we love so well. Under the circumstances it behooves us all, both lay and clerical conferences to look well before we decide who shall represent us.

The question should not be decided upon any other score than that of merit and ability to accomplish the best results. The question of whether one is a pastor, a presiding elder, a General Conference official or a supernumerary; or whether one has been there before or not, should have nothing whatever to do with our decision. The simple question is, or should be, is he the best man? Is he calculated to contribute the most tangible results for Christ and his church? If he has been there before; was he then, and has he since been faithful, and has he fulfilled our expectations; or have we another whom we could send in his place that could do as well or better? Such are the questions we should propound to ourselves, before deciding who should be our representatives in this great General Assembly of Methodism.

Against such interlopers. So far as we are concerned we would not turn on our heels to ask a single man for his vote; for we truly believe that if ever there was an office that should seek the man, and not the man the office, it is that of a delegate to the General Conference, or offices filled by that body. Let us be wise in our selection, and send men of God, of experience, wisdom and education. We cannot afford to send any other kind. Let the church see our substantial growth, by the representatives we select. Let no man who failed to properly represent us in the past be reelected; and let none who has given the best possible service he retired, unless his superior in gifts, grace and usefulness, can be had. Send no man simply because he wants to take a free trip to Omaha, at the expense of the church, but send the very best representative you can. The strength of many of the conferences rests in the fact that when they have found the right man they hold on to him until they can lay hands on a better one. This too is the only course left to us, if we would rivet the attention of the church upon such men as we deem worthy of the episcopacy or of any other office in the gift of the church. Cut this out for future reference, and make it the measuring line with which to take the proper dimensions for fit representatives, and we will thereby secure the best delegation we have ever had in any previous General Conference.

Those Grumbling Preachers. When, a few months ago, we criticized preachers who were constantly grumbling against the appointments given them, we meant no insinuation whatever against many of our most heroic pastors, who, notwithstanding their misfortune in the lack of educational training, are doing some of the most effective work that is even now being done upon many of our

hardest circuits and stations. We have too high an appreciation of such men to reflect upon them in any way. We do not look upon every man who has a smattering of Greek and Hebrew as a philosopher, neither do we esteem uneducated people fools. Indeed, the glorious work that is now our heritage in this Southern field is but the result of the hard, self-denying, efforts of just such men. Men who were deficient in the book, but who were nevertheless giants in intellect, and in good judgment, and who were thoroughly consecrated to God and His work. We say all honor to such men! We never address or refer to them as some of our critics do, as Old Emp, Old Bill, and Old Sam, but as Father Williams, Father Murrell, Father Osborne, etc. Those who knew us from our youth up, will not accept any unjust imputations of our motive in this connection from any source. The class that we criticized exists, as every presiding elder and experienced member of the conferences will admit. They may be few. We hope they are. But that they exist is as certain as that there is counterfeit money afloat. Don't they drive the charge home to every guilty conscience? And does, or need any one wince unless he is struck? This is our mission; and this is what we strive to do. To condemn wrong wherever found, and to leave consequences with God. No one would notice offensively the snub here referred to, unless guilty as charged, or prompted by a diabolical spirit of meanness. The men we referred to belong to the class that we have to drop out of the traveling connection at every session of the conferences. All, except those who had "axes to grind," understood just what we meant.

Political Review.

The People's Party, that started with such a blow of trumpets a week or two ago, is already showing evidences of collapse. That it will not amount to much in the next presidential contest is now quite evident. The South is too hide-bound in its Democracy to join the movement in a national contest; and the West is more than apt to see the mission of the People's Party as the tail to the Democratic kite. As such, old Western Republicans will be wide awake against that snare.

New Orleans University.

We go to press amid the commencement exercises of New Orleans University. The week began with the Anniversary of the William Taylor Friends of Africa, Wednesday night of last week. On Thursday night those who had completed the English course received certificates. Last Sunday Rev. Dr. L. G. Adkinson preached the baccalaureate sermon. It was one of great power. Rev. Dr. Hartzell preached the University sermon to a crowded house at Wesley Chapel. Full account next week.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

The corner-stone of Oshman Chapel M. E. Church, Rev. B. G. Ankrum, pastor, was laid May 17. We had a grand success. Collection, \$44.70. Rev. H. Taylor, Dr. L. G. Adkinson, Prof. Winters, and several Baptist ministers were with us.

Sunday-School League.

The League met in its monthly session Sunday evening, June 17, at the Medical College on Canal street. President, Sister Ogglevie in the chair. The city superintendent, Bro. I. H. Norwood, reported that the work was in a growing condition, and that there was a manifest improvement in nearly all the schools of the League, and also a large increase as a consequence of the volunteer committee's work. District superintendents Kennedy, Slade and Harris also gave reports

of the work they had done during the month.

First Street Sunday School, represented by Bro. Gordon Taylor, reported forty new scholars during the month and some conversions.

Mt. Zion, by Bro. Hinton, reported twenty new scholars and fifteen conversions.

Williams Chapel, Bro. H. Parker, reported twelve new scholars and five conversions.

Mallalieu Chapel, by Bro. Taylor, Miss E. M. Williamson being absent, reported twenty new scholars and some conversions.

Wesley Chapel, by Bro. W. S. Chinn, reported forty new scholars and some conversions.

LaHarpe, by Bro. Webber, reported eight new scholars and some conversions.

Union Chapel, by Bro. Ogglevie, fourteen new scholars and some conversions.

Thomson Chapel, by Bro. L. D. Thomson, six new scholars and some conversions.

Gretna. This Sunday school and people are suffering from the disastrous effects of the high water; but the superintendent was on hand and reported his work in a progressive condition. The church being under water, they were holding meetings in the court building, kindly tendered to them by the Judge.

One new Sunday school was organized, with forty scholars, by Bros. Crump and Johnson, of Mallalieu Chapel, in the First Sunday School District.

The superintendent of the Gretna school has made arrangements to open a new school at Harvey's Canal. The district superintendents are all invited to be present at the time appointed. We have twenty sabbath schools in the city. Eleven of these were represented at the last meeting of the League, and nine were absent. It is hoped that at the next meeting, the third Sunday in June, every school will be represented. The report from each school, showing increase and conversions, is not only a stimulus to the city schools, but also to our country work.

Important measures looking toward the further development of the work in this city, were discussed.

The League was glad to see the Rev. Emperor Williams present and joining heartily in the discussions.

There is to be a grand Sunday school rally at Mallalieu Chapel on the first Sunday in June, for the benefit of that school. All Sunday school workers and district superintendents are invited to be present.

The Sunday School Agent, who had just returned from the Northwest, was present and spoke encouragingly of the work, urging upon all to make an effort to get the grown young men into the Sunday schools, and then go in for conversions.

Several subscriptions for the SOUTHWESTERN were secured.

The following schools paid toward their assessments: First Street, \$5; Mallalieu Chapel, \$12, total assessment; Simpson, \$6; Union, \$5; Williams Chapel, \$5.

Oshman Chapel Sunday school was reported by Bro. Norwood, in the absence of the superintendent, Sister E. Jefferson. Twelve new scholars and the Sunday school in a prosperous condition.

E. M. WILLIAMSON,
Secretary.

The New Orleans Preachers' meeting, which has been held at the New Orleans University, will not meet again until October 5, 1891.

J. W. HUDSON,
President.

Personal.

—President Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, has been visiting his parents at Franklin, Ohio. He will spend his vacation in New England.

—Bro. J. W. Lewis informs us that his wife is very sick, and is not expected to recover. His friends in the Louisiana Conference sympathize with him.

—Rev. John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark., informs us that the wife of Rev. Geo. W. Lacey continues very sick there, and is not expected to live.

—Rev. E. H. Clark, lately transferred from the Little Rock Conference, is now in charge at Wilson, La., where he desires his correspondents to address him.

—A telegram from Mrs. Libby to Dr. Hartzell, dated May 31, informs us that Dr. Libby, President of Rust University, is very sick. We hope he will soon be convalescent.

—Rev. J. M. M. Shumpert, Presiding Elder and Secretary in the Mississippi Conference, passed through this city last Monday, in company with Rev. B. L. Crump, Presiding Elder of Brookhaven District, on their way from the district conference of that district at Pass Christian, Miss. They report great prosperity on their districts. We were glad to meet them.

—Rev. Geo. W. Wells, A. M., Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., has our deepest sympathy in the loss of his mother. She died in this city, aged 65 years, May 29, in great peace.

The faithful sisters of Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, Beattville, La., held a union meeting recently, and raised \$10 for church repairs. The church is being completed at an expense of \$600. Rev. H. A. Sorrell is pastor. He was in the city last week and gave us a pleasant call.

REV. D. D. Goodwin, Cary, Miss., says: "Let us have the Presiding Elders' Convention by all means."

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Peck Memorial Home

Peck Memorial Home is situated on the corner of Peters Avenue and St. Patrick street, just three blocks from New Orleans University.

The third year will open October 1, 1891. Young ladies from the country, desiring to attend the University and take the advantage of the opportunities offered at the Home, can write to Miss H. M. Hegeman, New Orleans, La., for information.

The design of the Home is for the improvement of the heart, head and hand.

The expense of each inmate is \$7 a month for board, while they assist in the household duties.

All the young ladies attend New Orleans University for study from 8:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., paying \$1 a month for tuition. The total cost of each young lady per month being \$8.

In regard to the Home, Mrs. J. C. Cochran, of Iowa City, Ia., writes: "I had often read in our 'Woman's Home Missions' of Peck Memorial Home and Industrial School for colored girls, and having the pleasure of a short sojourn in New Orleans recently, I determined to make it one of the first places of interest to visit. The location I found pleasant and healthful, the house commodious, with light, airy rooms, kept in perfect order and pervaded by an air of refinement."

"It pleased me to see the girls receiving such thorough training in the various departments of housework, sewing, school duties and devotional exercises. Nor are they denied healthful recreation, whereby their physical development is enabled to cope with their mental and moral."

"It seems that these girls must surely make practical women, full of a proper respect for themselves and their work. And whether they be serving for themselves or others, caring for their own homes or acting as missionaries and teachers among their people, in whatever sphere their future work lies, the training of Miss Hegeman and her assistant, Miss Elliott, will be reflected in earnest, faithful work, and in characters religiously, morally, mentally and physically developed."

The Presiding Elders' Convention.

Program.

1. General topic.—The need of doctrinal preaching is an important means towards securing a genuine revival and arousing the members to more earnest effort in sustaining the interests of the church.

2. General topic.—Our colored work in the South.

First paper.—Plea for immediate enlargement.

Second paper.—Methods by which to increase the contributions for benevolences.

Third paper.—Self support and how to be rich in the near future.

Fourth paper.—Importance of the SOUTHWESTERN to the maintenance of the work in all its departments.

3. General topic.—The presiding elder and the Book Concern.

First paper.—The circulation of books: Some of the hindrances and encouragements along the line.

Second paper.—Our official papers: How to promote their more general introduction to the homes of our people.

4. General topic.—Our colored and white work in the South.

First paper.—Points of similarity and contrast.

Second paper.—Can the two be made more mutually helpful?

5. General topic.—The presiding elder as related to the character building of the race.

First paper.—The domestic and social phase.

Second paper.—The moral and religious phase.

Third paper.—The intellectual and industrial phase.

6. General topic.—The colored man in the M. E. Church.

First paper.—Reasons why his place is preferable to membership in an exclusively colored church.

Second paper.—How he appreciates his responsibilities and opportunities growing out of the situation as shown in his devotion to the cause.

Third paper.—To what extent he may be considered as a factor in the solution of what is termed the race problem.

Fourth paper.—A retrospective glance at the record of his achievement during the last quarter of a century and its lessons.

7. General topic.—Africa as a mission field.

First paper.—Historical aspect: Past and present.

Second paper.—Possibilities and need of speedy development.

Third paper.—The requirement of the work at the hands of our ministry of to day and how is it to be met.

Miscellaneous topics:—

What are some of the imperative needs of the times to secure more aggressive work on the part of the church among our people?

The need of a better system of church financing and its bearing upon the elevation of the standard of ministerial support. Are the results of the work of the M. E. Church, numerically and other wise among our people satisfactory? Why or why not? The demand for better educated young men in the itinerant work of our church and how may they be secured?

Shall we abandon our church and school work in the South, or vigorously maintain it at whatever cost of money and personal sacrifice?

Objects to be accomplished by Presiding Elders' Conventions and do they justify the expense incurred.

D. W. HAYS.

Above is God, come joy or ill,
Come life or death, come want and woe,
Changeless his love exists, and still
Boundless his great compassions flow
O people, by his mercy crowned,
Through thy full lives his praises sound
His ears are open to the softest cry,
His grace descends to meet the lifted eye;
He reads the language of a silent tear
And sighs are incense from a heart sincere.

—Mrs. Barbour.

DAILY BREAD.

Come, Holy Ghost, all quickening fire!
Come, and my hallowed heart inspire,
Sprinkled with the atoning blood;
Now to my soul Thyself reveal;
Thy mighty working may I feel,
And know that I am born of God.
—Charles Wesley.

A WISE PREACHER.

Will do pastoral work systematically.
Will not organize his church to death.

Will have a due measure of backbone.

Will look after the poor most tenderly.

Will religiously mind his own business.

Will be no less a citizen because he is a minister.

Will have a good word to say of his predecessor.

Will make it uncomfortable for churchy cronies.

Will not get the dumps every time he is criticised adversely.

Will insist upon due system in the church's financial department.

Will not apologize every time he takes up a benevolent collection.

Will not feel it his duty to straighten out all the kinks in town.

Will not fire his biggest sermon guns during the first two months.

Will fairly startle folks with sanctified inventions for pushing church work.

Will study current events, and use them to give point and pith to his sermon.

Will not be more popular with worldly outsiders than with his consecrated members.

Will not go around town looking for some protruding object against which he may butt his head.

—Central Methodist.

Keep your hour of rising, without intermission. Do not rise two mornings, and lie in bed the third; but what you do once do always.

—John Wesley.

Theunction from the Holy One is given to believers to this very end—to enable them to distinguish (which otherwise would be impossible) between sin and temptation.

—John Wesley.

It is my religion which obliges me to put men in mind to be subject to principalities and powers. Loyalty is with me an essential branch of religion, and which I am sorry any Methodist should ever forget.

—John Wesley.

A truth always to be remembered was uttered by the saintly Leighton to this effect: "Too much desire to please men, mightily prejudices the pleasing of God."

—Selected.

I design plain truth for plain people; therefore, of set purpose, I abstain from nice and philosophical speculations; from all perplexed and intricate reasonings, and, as far as possible, from even the show of learning, unless in sometimes citing the original Scriptures.

—John Wesley.

It is a melancholy thing to see how Christian parents rejoice in selling their son or their daughter to a wealthy heathen! And do you sincerely call this a good match? Thou fool, by parity of reason, thou mayest call hell a good lodging place, and the devil a good master.

—John Wesley.

Be not anxious about tomorrow. Do to-day's only; fight to-day's temptation; and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them. Enough for you that God is just and merciful, and will reward every man according to his work.

—Charles Kingsley.

Dr. J. O. Ryle, Bishop of Liverpool, is an earnest, spiritual man, who never loses an opportunity to deal a heavy blow against the skeptical and worldly tendency of the age. He recently declared that

the movement to throw open libraries, theaters, museums, picture galleries, and places of amusement on the Lord's Day, under the plausible pretense of affording recreation to workingmen, should be steadily resisted. These views should be insisted on by all ministers. Sympathy with workingmen is often a mere pretext. Those who would break down the Sabbath for their sakes are not concerned for workingmen, but they hate Sunday. The best way to decide questions concerning what shall be done on the Sabbath is by an appeal to righteousness. The question is not whether it will accommodate this class or that, but is it right? Whatever is right ought to be done, and in the long run will prove best for all classes.—Selected.

Be filled with the spirit. This is the apostolic injunction. It is a command binding on all believers. No one is excepted.

Be filled with the spirit. This is the privilege of the Pentecostal dispensation. The ascended Christ gave the promise, and it is fulfilled in the experience of all believers who wait in prayer for the full baptism that brings illumination and power.

Be filled with the spirit. Then there will be no room for unbelief or sin. Doubts may invade a divided heart, but they cannot live where the spirit dwells in his fullness. Sin may surprise and defile the soul that is only partially the Lord's, but it is repelled by the child of God who is filled with the spirit.

Be filled with the spirit. That is to put on the whole armor of God. The believer thus filled is armed both for resistance and aggression. He carries the shield of faith that quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked. He wields the sword of the spirit, before which no oppressor can stand.

Be filled with the spirit. Then men will take knowledge of you that you have been in communion with your Lord. Then they will feel and respond to the power of God as exhibited in the vigor, the consistency, the faithfulness of your life.

Be filled with the spirit. Then heavenly light will radiate from you as from a burning lamp; you will be all light in the Lord. Then gracious influence will exude from your consecrated soul, as perfume from flowers.

Be filled with the spirit. Then you will not be like an untuned instrument, not ready for the musician's touch. You will be responsive to every word of God and every breath of his spirit. Opportunities for Christian service will be recognized when met. Each day will have its full measure both of grace and of work.

Be filled with the spirit. Then your Christian life will be steady and strong. A feeble flame flickers with every passing breeze, and may be quenched. The lamp filled with oil and duly trimmed burns on until the bridegroom comes.—Selected.

Homiletics.

Hymns 448, 461, 442.
Scripture Lesson, Psalm 33.
Text, Romans 4-7: Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Introduction.—Paul quotes this encouraging and comforting text from the 32d psalm.

God has always been merciful and ready to forgive.

The Psalmist had proved this, and the text records his own experience.

All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

This is true of the heathen, and it is also true of those who live in Christian lands.

By nature and by practice all are sinners.

Sins are of two kinds, and both are spoken of in the text.

To wilfully break some known law of God is sin.

Such sins are called in the text iniquities—and the text says, "Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven."

There are other sins, which are the results of ignorance, or errors of judgment, or mistakes of thought, word or action. The text includes all such sins, and says, "Blessed are those whose sins are covered."

II, How can a sinner come to this glad and blessed experience so that he may know that all his iniquities are forgiven and all his sins covered?

(a) He must have the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

(b) He must follow the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

(c) He must turn from all his sins.

(d) He must give himself and all he has to God.

(e) He must have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

III, In what consists the blessedness spoken of in the text?

(a) The soul is delivered from the guilt and condemnation of sin.

(b) The soul has peace with God.

(c) The soul is adopted into the heavenly family.

(d) The soul becomes the heir of all God's promises.

(e) The soul comes into possession of a glorious hope of heaven.

IV, Some practical lessons.

(a) Every sinning soul may have forgiveness and salvation on the easy terms of the Gospel.

The terms are the same for all, repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(a) Now is the accepted time and now is the day of salvation.

(c) If the offers of mercy are refused, death will come and shut the door of hope, and the soul will be lost forever.

There is no mercy, there is no forgiveness after death.

Which dear sinner will you have, death or life, sin or salvation?

Each one must answer for himself, and to-day is the only accepted time. This hour if you will accept of Christ will be the day of salvation to your soul.

Schools and Colleges.

To the Teachers of the State of Mississippi.

A meeting of the colored teachers of the State of Mississippi is hereby called to meet in the city of Jackson, Miss., Saturday morning, July 4, 1891, at 9 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to discuss such measures as will add to the efficiency of our profession and schools, and consider such other matters as may be brought before us. Let every one come.

H. M. THOMPSON, President.
W. H. REYNOLDS, Cor. Sec'y.

Mississippi papers please copy.

Rev. J. F. K. Moreland, of Oberlin, Ohio, who has just received the degree of A. B. at Central Tennessee College, having previously completed the regular course at Gammon Seminary, was given the degree of B. D. on May 13th inst.

Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The following class of '91, graduated yesterday: Bessie L. E. Roland, A. B.; Leander W. Futrell, A. B.; Annie E. Powers, A. B.; Annie M. Crawford, B. S.; Cornelia W. DeSha, Ph. B.; D. Blinford Gaines, A. B.; Cornelia L. Jackson, A. B.; Hugh Lewis, A. B.; James J. Mannel, A. B. Normal: Ada E. Johnson, Jennie A. Smith.

The Twentieth Annual Commencement of Alcorn A. & M. College, Rodney, Miss., takes place June 5-10.

Sunday, June 7, baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. H. W. Bowen, of Columbus, Miss.

Commencement address, Hon. James A. Scott, Tunica, Miss.

Olafin University, Orangeburg, S. C., has recently closed the most prosperous year in its history. The school enrolled 964 pupils the past year. The following program was observed at commencement:

Prayer by the Rev. J. B. Middleton, of Sumter.

Salutatory, by Miss Clarice Madoline Webb.

Industrial education, by Samnel Sparks.

Home and its needs, by Miss Lillian A. Littlejohn.

Valedictory, by Samnel Dargan.

The following is a list of graduates from the college preparatory course: Samnel Dargan, Charles F. Glover, Miss Lillian A. Littlejohn, Samnel S. Sparks, Clarice Madoline Webb.

From the normal department: Joseph B. Cottrell, Miss Theodosia E. Gordon, Richard A. Madison, Lillian A. Littlejohn, Annie Larrrie Robinson, Clarice Madoline Webb.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon W. L. Bulkley, Professor of Greek and Latin in Olafin University, in cursu, and Doctor of Divinity upon Charles N. Grandison, President of Bennett College of Greensboro, N. C.

The Dunton prize, awarded for excellence in oratory, was given to Miss Annie Brier, of Greenville, S. C.

The belles lettres prize was awarded to Grant W. Moore, for excellence in debate.

Benediction by Bishop Haygood.

The next term will open on Wednesday, September 30, 1891.

The Epworth League and the American University.

The Board of Control of the Epworth League, at its late session in St. Louis, took the following important and unanimous action in relation to the American University at Washington, D. C.

WHEREAS, The Board of Control has learned with genuine satisfaction of the measures taken for the founding of a great National University in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, The Bishops representing the entire Church have endorsed the proposed University in unqualified language, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Board of Control, representing the young people of Methodism, and recognizing the close relation between the Epworth Leagues and the American University, whose object is the higher education of the youth of our land, gladly unite in the endorsement of the Bishops, and commend this national educational enterprise to the Epworth Leagues of our Church.

This action is timely, and should inspire every department in our great church into active sympathy for this great national movement.

Clark University Commencement.

Dear Dr. Albert:

It is possible I should leave the narrative of this University Commencement to a younger hand, as not being in attendance all the time, I have not full information (the Scotch-Irish Congress called me off to Louisville, Ky.), but I will give this passing note of what I did see. Being a trustee from its foundation as a chartered institution, I have watched its rise with anxiety and hope, and can

There are some patent medicines that are more marvelous than a dozen doctors' prescriptions, but they're not those that profess to cure everything.

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So far as the word "University" is concerned, it is but the germ of a University. However fondly we cherish the ideal and thought of the thing, we are many long miles from our goal. It is true we have a noble foundation of some four hundred acres of land, with possibly \$75,000 worth of buildings thereon, but this does not make a university. We need the time-honored number of schools properly represented by the appropriate faculties, to enable us to take rank amongst the institutions justly entitled to that name. Who of your northern readers, sons of wealth, will aid us to a medical college, to a law college, but especially who will endow the chairs we now have?

On Sabbath last, May 17, Rev. W. H. Hickman, D.D., the President, preached the baccalaureate sermon in the University Chapel.

On Monday the students had a contest for prizes given to such as should excel in declamation. Richard A. Crolley took the first.

The second was given to Ida B. Marshall. Crolley, I learn, used an extract from one of the orations of Burke. Prof. Croghan complimented him on the wisdom of his selection. I could not but remind them that Burke was an Irishman. Poor Ireland, ever poor, but ever rich.

On Tuesday the Board of Trustees met and received reports. That of President Hickman was most encouraging. He asks a new college building to accommodate the growing demands of the institution.

On Wednesday the commencement exercises were held in Loyd Street Church, the largest church in our city, belonging to the Savannah Conference, which was filled to its utmost capacity.

The graduates acquitted themselves with credit to the institution and themselves, and all matters passed off agreeably.

There was but one college graduate, six in the normal department, one in music, and five in the mechanical department. The instructor in the blacksmith shop, a fine looking young colored man, was presented with a watch, as a testimonial from his pupils.

The Board of Trustees and Faculty conferred the degree of D.D. upon Rev. J. R. Crighton and Rev. W. D. Pare, and that of A. M. on Rev. J. W. Lee.

The enrollment of students this year was about 466.

The following is the list of graduates:

College Classical—W. H. Brinson.

Normal course—Rosa Dunoan, Dorthula Lawson, Ida Marshall, Susie Rogers, Sarah Stark, Josie Sheley.

Trade School—Blacksmith Department: S. O. Conyers, W. A. Spivia.

Wheelwright Department: B. R. Wheat.

Harness Department: L. T. Powers.

Paint Department: J. O. Green.

I see from late advices that the Board of Regents of our State University, at Athens, Ga., have boldly and nobly resolved to commence their colored college at once, and in Athens, the seat of their State University. All honor to Chancellor Boggs for this bold step.

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In the summer of 1853 John Freeman, the valued sexton of Wesley Chapel, on the Governor's Circle, in Indianapolis, then my home, was claimed by a slaveholder named Pleasant Ellington, formerly of Kentucky, then of Missouri. Freeman was placed in prison, but as a favorable providence would have it, I returned home about that time and went at once to the prison to see my colored friend, and learned that he was from Georgia and a free man. He gave me the names of several Georgians, and claimed to be from Monroe, Walton county. I wrote at once to Monroe, and its people sent Leroy Pattile, Esq., their postmaster, up to Indianapolis to identify Freeman. We had a hard struggle to save him from the clutches of the slave hunter, as the within printed appeal will show, which you need not publish—but return to my files—but Georgia did her duty, and can again be trusted. All honor to the memory of the men of Monroe, Walton county, Ga.

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Dyspepsia

Makes the lives of many people miserable, and often leads to self-destruction. Distress after eating, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn, loss of appetite, a faint, "all gone" feeling, bad taste, coated tongue, and irregularity of the bowels, are some of the more common symptoms. Dyspepsia does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent attention, and a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet surely and efficiently. It tones the stomach and other organs, regulates the digestion, creates a good appetite, and by thus overcoming the local symptoms removes the sympathetic effects of the disease, banishes the headache, and refreshes the tired mind. "I have been troubled with dyspepsia. I had but little appetite, and what I did eat distressed me, or did me little good. In an hour after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. PAGE, Watertown, Mass.

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Sunday-School and Children.

SECOND QUARTER—Lesson X. Hezekiah the Good King, 2 Chron. 29. 1-11. Commit to memory verses 10-11. June 7, 1891. B. C. 726.

HOME READINGS.
M. 2 Chron. 20. 1-11. Tn. 2 Chron. 29. 17-24. W. 2 Chron. 29. 27-32. Th. 2 Chron. 30. 1-9. F. 2 Kings 18. 1-8. S. Isa. 38. 1-8. S. Isa. 38. 9-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.
Them that honor me I will honor. (1 Sam. 2. 30.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

And can I yet delay
My little all to give?
To tear my soul from earth away
For Jesus to receive?

Though late, I all forsake;
My friends, my all, resign;
Gracious Redeemer, take, O take,
And seal me ever thine.

Come, and possess me whole.
Nor hence again remove;
Settle and fix my wavering soul
With all thy weight of love.

Time—B. C. 726.

Place—Jerusalem.

Rule—Hezekiah, King of Judah.

Connecting links.—This lesson dates one hundred and thirty-eight years after the last. The scepter of David had in the interval been wielded by Amaziah, Joash's bad son; Uzziah, Amaziah's good son; Jotham; and Ahaz.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Hezekiah's reign, v. 1, 2.

At what age did Hezekiah become king?

How long did he rule?

Who was his mother?

Whose good example did he follow?

Whose example ought we always to follow? (1 Pet. 2. 21)

2. Hezekiah's command, v. 3, 9.

With what good work did he begin his reign?

Of what persons did he call a meeting?

What two commands did he give?

Against whom had the fathers sinned, and how?

Of what four acts of wickedness were they guilty?

By whose direction was this evil done? See chap. 28. 24.

What result had followed to Jerusalem?

What had happened to the fathers?

What to the sons?

3. Hezekiah's covenant, v. 10, 11.

What purpose was in the king's heart?

What end did he hope to gain?

What promise gave him encouragement? (Golden Text.)

To what did he urge the priests?

What honor had the Lord given them?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That good rulers are a blessing?

2. That piety is the strength of a nation?

3. That God's ministers should be leaders in reform?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-HEANS.

Find two or three reasons for the affection of the Israelites for King Hezekiah:

(a) What he did to give good water to Jerusalem.

(b) What he did in defense of his nation.

(c) What he did to reform religion.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. How did Hezekiah act before the Lord? He did that which was right in his sight.

2. What did he do for the temple? He repaired it.

3. Whom did he urge to faithfulness? The priests and Levites.

4. What did he say was in his heart? To make a covenant with the Lord God.

5. What is the teaching of the Golden Text? "Them that honor me," etc.

EXPLANATIONS.

Hezekiah began to reign amid the most heathenish surroundings. His father was the worst man who had sat on the throne of Judah. According to all that David had done—He was not only on the

side of Jehovah in the political strife between Jehovah's adherents and Baal's, but he was a thoroughgoing, whole-hearted worshiper. Opened the doors—caused the ritual service to be resumed. Filthiness probably refers to decay, but there may have been some pagan relics. Holy place—The temple proper, in distinction from the courts that surrounded it. Shut up the doors of the porch—the entire temple had been officially closed. Lamps—These should have been kept constantly alight before the Lord. Ye see with your eyes—The men who listened to Hezekiah had lost their loved ones. In a recent defeat one hundred and twenty thousand had been slain and two hundred thousand taken prisoners. The Lord hath chosen you—An exalted view of life. All our paths are directed by Jehovah. Minister—Their neglect of their ministry had been partly the fault of Hezekiah's heathen father, partly it had been their own fault. Doctrinal suggestion—The covenant of God.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

60. Is it possible for a justified or a sanctified Christian to fall from grace and perish? It is; for even the apostle Paul feared lest, after having preached to others, he himself should be a castaway. (1 Cor. 9. 27.)

61. How shall we guard against the danger of falling from grace? By watchfulness, prayer, and a life of faith in the Son of God.

It was Mr. Emerson who said "the first wealth is health," and it was a wiser man than the modern philosopher who said that "the blood is the life." The system, like the clock, runs down. It needs winding up. The blood gets poor and scores of disease result. It needs a tonic to enrich it.

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Marriages.

Prof. Reese S. Halbert and Miss Mollie E. Smith were united in holy wedlock May 11. They are both prominent members of the M. E. Church.

Rev. W. Hartley Jackson officiated.

Obituary.

Dallas, Tex.—Sister Ellen Williams died of consumption May 14, aged 29 years. She leaves four children, mother, father, brothers, sisters, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her funeral was attended by the pastor and Presiding Elder.

A. Jackson.

San Felipe, Tex.—Bro. Augustus Johnson, Sr., departed this life April 6, in full triumph of faith. He lived a member of the M. E. Church 48 years, and was 90 years old. He leaves one sister, seven children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

L. D. Thompson, P. C.

Canton, Miss.—It is our sad duty to announce the death of Sister Fannie Davis, wife of our beloved and worthy pastor, Rev. P. H. Davis. She went home in triumph April 7.

A. R. Martin.

DeSiard, La.—Mr. James Washington, after six months illness, departed this life May 12, in full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife, seven children, mother, brother, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

F. M. Lashington, P. C.

New River circuit.—Sister Amy Johnson died May 16, in full triumph of faith.

John Williams.

Lafayette, La.—Little Bend departed this life May 18, aged 9 months, while his parents were out in the field at work. He swallowed some unknown substance and death followed. He was the only grandson of Bro. John Forrest.

B. J. Reddix, P. C.

Wilson, La.—Rev. P. W. Clark's little boy, Henry M. Clark, aged 1 year and 5 months, departed this life May 18. It is twice in thirteen days that the angel of death has visited that family. The funeral was attended by Bros. C. Spears and L. Taylor, two of his local preachers.

E. H. Clark.

Lovelady, Tex.—Sister Fannie Obanion died at White Rock, May 17. She leaves four children, fifty-six grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was 85 years of age. The funeral was attended by Rev. Bell, of the C. M. E. Church, and the writer. Her last words were, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, I am just waiting on Jesus."

A. Alexander, P. C.

Corinth, Miss.—Sister Mary Heard departed this life May 18. She died as she had lived, a consistent Christian. She leaves a husband, one child and many friends.

O. Gillespie.

Sister Louise Hays, a member of St. James M. E. Church, departed this life May 17. She died in full faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor.

Moses Smith, Waco, Texas.

Gibson, Texas.—Mrs. Pamlee Finetney Twitty departed this life May 15, aged 55 years. She lived a pure Christian up to the time she departed this life. While husband and church feel that they have lost a true Christian and friend, heaven has gained a saint.

W. J. Holland, P. C.

Conference Notices.

Camp Meeting.

On the Shubuta district will begin August 13. Traveling preachers from Meridian and other districts will be present. The editor of the "Southwestern" is also invited. We will have reduced rates on all the railroads during the meeting.

A. B. LOGAN.

P. 8.—The objects of the meeting will be for the uplifting of the Master's cause, and not to open a way for men to sell confectionaries and goods that are not needed at a camp meeting.

Holly Springs District.

Second Round.

Vaiden circuit..... June 13-14

Vaiden—Rev. L. P. Brown..... " 20-21

Elliot..... " 20-21

Lodi..... " 27-28

Winona..... July 4-5

Grenada and cir..... " 11-12

Batesville..... " 18-19

Hernando..... " 25-26

Oxford and cir..... Aug. 1-2

Elijah—Rev. B. F. Woolfolk..... " 8-9

Holly Springs cir..... " 8-9

Myrtle..... " 11-12

Holly Springs..... " 15-16

Bright Prospect..... " 22-23

Water Valley..... " 29-30

Abbeville..... Sept. 5-6

Dear Brethren: Do all you can for Rust University, the "Southwestern," the benevolent enterprises of the church, and for the salvation of souls.

H. R. REVELS, P. E.

Corinth District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

Second Round.

Corinth circuit..... June 6-7

Corinth cir..... " 6-7

New Albany..... " 10

Pontotoc..... " 13-14

Honston..... July 2

Bell air..... " 4-5

Starkville cir..... " 9

Stargis cir..... " 11-12

Webster cir..... " 18-19

Louisville..... " 23

Ackerman..... " 25-26

French Camp..... " 29

Grenshoro..... Aug. 1-2

Temple..... " 8-9

Bellfontaine..... " 8-9

District conference convenes at Ripley June 18, 10 a. m.

R. SEWELL, P. E.

I HAVE been a great sufferer from dry cough for many years, and I tried many remedies, but none did me so much benefit as Ely's Cream Balm. It completely cured me.—M. J. Lally, 39 Woodward Ave., Boston Highlands, Mass.

Echoes from Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Jubilee Celebration.

O. Gillespie, Corinth, Miss.

The program for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was nicely carried out. Collection, \$5.30.

DeWitt Frierson, Freehope Circuit.

It was a grand day with ns Collection, \$6.15.

Wm. McCutchen, California, Mo.

We celebrated the Quarter Centennial Jubilee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The program was nicely carried out. Collection, \$6, for the benefit of G. R. Smith College. Total collection, \$9.

L. Bess, Galloway, Fayette County, Tenn.

Quarter Centennial was observed. Collection, \$5.37. Paid pastor, \$3.60.

Chas. W. Whitehead, Vaiden, Miss.

The Quarter Centennial Celebration of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society will long be remembered by the people of Vaiden. Everybody was delighted with the exercises, and were surprised to learn what the society has done to further the cause of Christian education. Dr. H. R. Revels' dollar lead in the collection, and others followed to

the amount of \$18.55. We forwarded to Dr. J. C. Hartzell our assessment, \$10.

Church Polity.

The call for a convention of the presiding elders of the colored conferences is not addressed to the colored presiding elders, but to all the presiding elders of such conferences. The purpose is to consider the nature and difficulties of the work, and the needs of those conferences. The next call we hope will be for one representing all our Southern conferences.

If T. H. M. turns in his Bible to Amos, 9 ch., 13 verse, he will find the passage which he desires, viz: "The plowman shall overtake the reaper." And if he will write to this office and get a small Concordance, which can be bought for a trifle, he then can find, without any trouble, any passage of Scripture which he may wish to consult.

Why do you persist in writing on both sides of a sheet paper, and with lead pencil, when writing for publication. Is it because paper and ink are so dear in your neighborhood? Why not follow our directions, and write on only one side? Unless you follow our advice, in this matter, we will have to decline to give any notice to your contributions.

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So when on Zion thou shalt stand,
And all heaven's host adore their king,
Shall I be found at thy right hand,
And, free from pain, thy glories sing.
—John Wesley.

The Presiding Elders' Convention.

I am aware that to insist on the attendance of brethren at a remote distance from the place is asking a good deal, but I submit if the interests to be subserved is not of such paramount importance as to fully justify it. Under the circumstances no one concerned, can afford to remain away except in the case of unavoidable detention.

Will persons other than presiding elders be at liberty to attend the convention? Certainly. The pastors of our churches will find a warm welcome. Leading laymen, also should come and "look in upon the body," and come into contact with the spirit of aggressive Methodism. There will be inspiration for all.

Our presiding elders and pastors are all busy the year round, hence, no matter what the date fixed upon for the meeting, some sacrifice would have to be made on the part of those desiring to be present. What does it mean? It means "beyond the rubs" for our entire colored work. It means a "forward movement" towards grander achievements for our Christ and Methodism in this decade. It means that those of us to whom this work is so largely committed are to be drawn more closely to gether in sympathy, fellowship and aim; not from any sinister prompting, but with a single eye to more rapid expansion and substantial growth.

Does it not draw the color line? I do not so understand it. The white and colored work is organically one; one in spirit and in purpose, but as regards the classes of persons to whom our ministrations are respectively addressed, there is a difference. And when the question of doing the greatest good to the greatest number is under consideration, its recognition as a matter of radical preference caused by our peculiar surroundings, must be eminently proper.

Letters of endorsement continue to arrive and in most every case accompanied with the promise of the writer to be on hand if possible.

Rev. J. M. Shumpert, the able secretary of his conference, says: "I wish the convention the largest measure of success."

Rev. Geo. B. Lynch, pastor at Oberlin, Ohio: "Just the kind of convention we need."

Rev. J. Campbell: "I have no doubt a meeting of the kind will

result in great good to our work in the South."

Rev. W. G. Colby, talks to the point: "There is a felt necessity for the convention, if for no other reason than becoming acquainted with each other. The officers of our grand army should know each other, to better direct the battle."

Rev. F. Parker: "Trust the convention may prove a success, every inch of the way."

Rev. R. Sewell, speaks out: "The meeting is timely. Am satisfied it will do much good. We need to understand each other better and the proposed convention will help toward this end."

Rev. B. L. Crump: "A step in the right direction. It meets my approval and I shall do all in my power to promote its success."

Rev. F. L. Baxter, who has prepared a neat, conveniently arranged class leader's book, says: "I heartily approve the proposed convention."

Rev. W. H. Coffey: "The work demands the meeting."

Rev. W. F. Smith: "Such a meeting of the brethren will do great good."

Rev. J. F. Marshall, highly honored throughout Louisiana, writes: "The holding of such a convention should be productive of much good in the advancement of the work in our immediate field of labor."

Welcome! Welcome!

Rev. S. J. Harris, pastor Wiley Memorial Church, where the convention is to be held sends out the following lines which the brethren will, no doubt, read with delight:

"I take this method of saying to the presiding elders and others who may find it possible to attend the proposed convention, that I have the full concurrence of my church in extending you a hearty welcome to our church and city. We shall spare no pains to make your stay in our midst pleasant in every respect. All who may contemplate being in attendance and desire to be provided with accommodations, while here, will please notify me at once.

S. J. HARRIS,

304 Lookout street."

Dr. W. H. Hickman, president Olack University is in favor of the meeting and expects to be present.

D. W. HAYS.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

"Women in the Lay Electoral Conferences."

BY CHAS. E. BROWN.

The New York Christian Advocate of April 2nd, says: "They (women) have sat without dispute in certain conferences, it is true, but not legally."

I respectfully submit that the reasons given by the Advocate for asserting that women are not legally eligible as members of the Lay Electoral Conferences, are not conclusive. The Advocate avers "that from the beginning women having held no offices in the Methodist Episcopal Church, it was necessary to pass a specific act before they could be lawfully appointed or elected to any;" and that "Even their eligibility to be stewards, class leaders and Sunday school superintendents was called in question and the General Conference of 1880 made that legal by passing a law for the purpose."

Upon what authority does the Advocate make this statement? What "specific act" did the conference pass by which women may be "lawfully appointed or elected to" the offices referred to?

During the entire history of quarterly conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church, women have officiated as leaders and stewards; not merely officers *de facto* but officers *de jure*; and by virtue of their office have taken part in the proceedings of the quarterly confer-

ences and voted upon the questions brought before them.

The truth is, that in 1880 the eligibility of women to be stewards, class leaders and Sunday school superintendents was called in question by those who claimed that the pronouns *he, his* and *him* when used in the Discipline with reference to stewards, class leaders and Sunday school superintendents must be construed to exclude women. The question before the conference was, not whether women should be made eligible to the offices named, but what construction would be placed upon the law as it then stood. The answer of the conference was: "The pronouns *he, his* and *him* when used in the Discipline with reference to stewards, class leaders and Sunday school superintendents shall not be so construed as to exclude women from said offices." This answer is a declaratory statute giving a common sense construction to the law as it already stood. It didn't pretend to confer new powers upon women, but it forbade, in express terms, the narrow, limited construction that had been put upon the pronouns referred to, by a few ultra conservatives. It merely asserted, in substance, that women under the law of the church as it then stood were entitled to hold the offices of steward, class leader and Sunday school superintendent, and therefore to be *ex officio* members of the quarterly conferences. While this declaratory or interpretative statute did not make women eligible to the offices indicated, it gave an interpretation under which women have since been elected to Electoral Conferences. As members of the quarterly conferences women have the same right to speak and to vote that male members have. That they have the qualifications of electors and the right to vote for delegates to the Lay Electoral College, no one denies. Will the Advocate deny that it is the universal principle both in civil and ecclesiastical law that an elector is eligible to the office voted for, unless specifically otherwise stated in the law? By the application of this rule, women are eligible to membership in the Lay Electoral Conferences, and, being eligible as members of the Electoral Conferences, they must necessarily possess the right to vote for delegates to the General Conference.

The following, adopted by the General Conference of 1872, was another interpretative or declaratory statute:

"The General Conference holds that in all matters connected with the election of lay delegates, the word 'laymen' must be understood to include all members of the church who are not members of the Annual Conferences."

I am aware that there are those who, while admitting that "the plain, obvious meaning of the language" of this resolution is to recognize the eligibility of women, still claim that in view of the circumstances under which this resolution was adopted, it should not be construed as including women. Those who claim this assert that it only means to declare that local preachers are laymen; but no one so far as I know, not even the Advocate, has ever claimed or pretended that that resolution had the effect to make laymen of local preachers. They were laymen before as well as after the adoption of that resolution. The resolution simply declares the status of all church members who were not members of the Annual Conferences, under the law as it then stood.

In conclusion, I desire to congratulate the Advocate upon the progress it is apparently making towards adopting the position that the General Conference has full power, without any amendment of the second restrictive rule to declare the eligibility of women as officers of the church and as members of the Lay Electoral or General Conferences; and that the most those who oppose admission of women can claim is, that "women having held no offices in the Methodist Episcopal Church," it is "necessary to pass a specific act before they can be lawfully appointed or elected to any."

Marquette, Mich.

A Good Year's Work.

Commencement week at New Orleans University, May 28-June 2 was a memorable one in the history of this excellent institution. It witnessed the closing of the grandest year's work in its successful history. Thursday evening May 28, those completing the English course entertained their friends with a fine program which was creditably executed, at the conclusion of which they were awarded certificates as follows:

Laura F. Albert, Lula R. Gattin, Madison A. Pack, Ida L. Porter, Elizabeth E. Robinson, T. D. Turner, J. P. Warren, Lucille F. Weathers, Oora C. Burrell, Wm. E. Burrell, Matthew S. Davage, Delphine L. Henderson, Jos. B. Randolph, Ella Rose, James Sample, Thos. M. Smith, U. G. Talley, Emma L. Tharp, Alice C. Vinet, and H. B. Woods.

Friday 29, the Mallalien Literary Society observed its anniversary with a charming program of a very high character. It included a solo by Miss Lillie LeBeuf, oration by J. H. Reed, "The March of Intellect," solo, Water Oresses, Miss Florence Henry, oration, Miss Eloise Bibb, "The Mind of Man;" instrumental solo by Miss Laura F. Albert; farewell oration by Miss Olivia M. Anderson; oratory, "Over Jordan," by the society.

On the same day at 5 p. m., the placing of the first timber on the foundation of the model school building, now in process of construction, and in which 400 additional students will be accommodated, was joyfully witnessed by a large congregation of students and friends. Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.

D., president of the Board of Trustees delivered the address; while the congregation sang the Doxology. On Sunday, at 9:30 a. m., the annual love-feast was held, when many precious testimonies were given. Rev. Dr. Adkinson preached the baccalaureate sermon. It was one of great power. Rev. Dr. Hartzell preached with remarkable effect the university sermon to a crowded house at Wesley Chapel at night.

The temperance anniversary, at night, gave full assurance that the seeds planted in the University W. C. T. U. will bring forth an abundant harvest during the vacation, and in all the future.

On Monday the Board of Trustees held its annual meeting, apart from its regular work, the greater portion of its action was to commend and compliment president Adkinson and Mrs. Adkinson for their very satisfactory management of the school. Rising votes of thanks were tendered them for their faithfulness and their eminently wise and successful administration. The work of the faculty too, as a whole, was commended.

At night the alumni held their annual banquet. It was a feast of good things, intellectually and "epicureanly." The address of Bishop Mallalieu, wherein he showed how we may attain the highest usefulness and eminence in spite of circumstances, was a masterly effort.

The greatest day of the feast however, was Tuesday June 2, commencement day proper. The exercises were held on the university campus, under outstretched tarpaulins; where several thousand happy spectators witnessed the inspiring exercises. All our city pastors were present, also the following prominent visitors: Revs. A. S. Jackson, and S. T. Clanton, D. D., of the Baptist Church; O. A. LeBeuf of the A. M. E. Church; Geo. W. Henderson, A. M., and Prof. A. L. Henderson, of Straight University; Rev. O. H. Crawford, of the Congregational Church; Presiding Elders, Priestley, Williams, Duncan, Landry, McLaughlin, Marshall, and Revs. R. Thompson, of Franklin, A. Luster of Woodlawn, Frank Harvey of Central, Mrs. Rev. T. J. Johnson of Shreveport, Mrs. Senator Richard Sims, Senators T. T. Allain, and T. B. Stamps, Profs. Geo. H. Fayerweather, and B. M. Hubbard of Alexandria, Dr. I. E. Mullon, and Messrs. L. A. Martinet of the Crusader, and H. H. Blunt, etc. At 2 o'clock the graduating classes headed by bishop Mallalieu and the faculty filed upon the platform. The following program was then executed:

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Music, "He was Despised," Miss L. Vignes. Prayer by Bishop Mallalieu. Oration, Miss Emma Anderson, "Advantages of a thorough home training." Oration, Miss Eloise Bibb, "There is always room on top." Oration, Miss Adele

Boucree, "Woman." Music, "Hear me, Norma," dnett, Misses Wright and LeBeuf. Oration, Miss Laura P. Brown, "Life's Keystone." Oration, Miss Rosa Holmes, "The coming teacher." Oration, Miss Zillah F. Lawson, "Life is what we make it." Music, "Showers of Blossoms," Miss Laura F. Albert. Oration, Miss Pazetta Thompson, "Requisites for a successful teacher." Oration, Miss Elizabeth Williamson, "God in history." Class history, Miss Jennie M. Johnson. Music, Class Song, Class of '91.

CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Music, Miss Eloise Bibb, "Sebastopol," guitar concerto. Oration, Miss Olivia M. Anderson, "Christianity in the nation's progress." Oration, Miss William Porter, "God in the universe." Music, Mrs. F. Walker, "Farewell to the piano," Beethoven's last composition. Oration, Mr. John H. Reed, "The evening of the nineteenth century." Oration, Mr. Daniel F. Ross, "History the source of human inspiration." Music, class song. Conferring of degrees. Music, farewell song, Mrs. J. C. Littlefield, "I'll pray for thee."

Where all did so well it is hard to discriminate. All reflected credit on themselves and their Alma Mater, and gave evidence of the best training and prophecy of a useful future.

The graduates were:

Classical department—Miss Olivia M. Anderson, William Porter, John H. Reed, Daniel F. Ross. These received the degree of A. B.

Normal department—Emma Anderson, Eloise Bibb, Adele Boucree, Laura P. Brown, Rose Holmes, Zillah F. Lawson, Pazetta Thompson, Elizabeth Williamson, Jennie M. Johnson. These were awarded normal diplomas.

A diploma was also conferred on Miss Eloise Bibb as having completed the musical course, and certificates of proficiency in music on Misses Jennie Adkinson, Pazetta Thompson, Laura F. Albert, Gretta Marshall, Victoria Chinn and Mrs. F. Walker.

President Adkinson also announced that the Board of Trustees had conferred degrees as follows: Dr. I. E. Mullon, Revs. E. Lyon, M. C. B. Mason, J. W. E. Bowen, A. M., *in cursu*; Rev. Albert Hodgett, D. D., *pro honoris*.

Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, addressed a few words to the class and the audience, and after the singing of the doxology, the exercises were closed with benediction by Dr. Albert.

The session just closed has been the most prosperous in the 13 years of existence of this school, 562 students were enrolled, and many were turned away for want of room to accommodate them.

The new building however will enable the school to accommodate the 1,000 students, that are confidently expected next session which opens October 5th. No institution in all the South is doing more for our people than New Orleans University.

The University has also a well-equipped medical school, located in its large brick building, at the corner of Canal and Robertson streets. The efficient faculty of the institution is as follows: L. G. Adkinson, A. M., D. D., president and professor of mental and moral science; Harvey J. Clements, B. S., professor of natural science; Alexander P. Champor, A. B., professor of mathematics; Miss Ida M. Harvey, M. M., professor of Latin and Greek; William P. Winter, A. M., professor of belles lettres and principal of normal department; Miss Fane Adkinson, professor of penmanship, typewriting and stenography; Miss Attila Fair, professor of elocution and geography; John W. Collett, professor of vocal music and teacher in college preparatory; Mrs. Marian Littlefield, professor of instrumental music; Albert R. Adkinson, principal, third grade; Winter, first assistant, third grade; Miss Cora L. Armstead, teacher first and second grades; John H. Reed and Miss Olivia M. Anderson, instructors.

Industrial department—Mrs. M. A. Adkinson, dress-making and sewing; Miss L. P. Brown, cooking; Miss Cora L. Armstead, laundry; E. Eugene Osborne, carpentry and cabinet work; Hillard J. Carter, printing; Paul D. Kennedy, tin-smithing.

Letters from the Districts.

I Hear Footsteps. Victory! Victory!

H. N. BROWN, P. E.

What is it I hear? Tramp, tramp, they are coming. Who? The preachers on the Marion district. Look! Look! Two thousand members in line. Souls are being converted, Christians sanctified, and two thousand more getting ready to fall in line. "For a great door and effectual is opened unto" the Methodist Episcopal Church; and we are marching. We are now encamped by the Alabama, in Selma, Ala.

They said that we could not come into this Magic City, lorded by other Methodisms, but then the battle is the Lord's, and we are here. One year ago we had nothing in this place. A few poor and discouraged members made up our lot of inheritance, but now we have a nice church, 28x50, in which we are holding revival meetings. Some have been converted and eighteen added to the church this quarter, and the good work goes on. The church is to be finished soon. The district conference meets in this church July 23, 1891. At this place we are sadly in need of a good bell to call the people, and as we did not collect any gold or silver before leaving Rome, we are too poor to buy. Who is he or she that will send a bell to Rev. O. Nelson, Selma, Alabama? Friend, if you want to speak day and night for God, send that bell to the above address. To him that believeth all things are possible, that bell will come. Send it on friend. We are looking for it, and God told you to send it.

Look here! Who is that fellow yonder? Rev. B. G. Smith, of Gammon School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga. Of what church? M. E. Church. What is he doing here in Greensboro? Preaching. Preaching where? In that church where the Presbyterians once worshipped. What do you say? Has that old church got here at last? Yes, she is here. Why, I thought they said that she was so old and gray that she had lost her strength, and could not come to Greensboro? Yes, but that is a mistake. That old mother is stronger than all her children.

Hush! I thought I heard the train coming. Wonder why there are so many people on the train today? Look yonder! What a cloud of dust is rising out of the streets. Buggies, hacks, carts, horses, mules and people on foot. Oh! I'll tell you what is up. The quarterly conference of the M. E. Church is in town to day.

Say, they tell me that the people in Pickens county did not want the M. E. Church there, and that they went to Mr. Whiteman to keep her out? Somebody did inform Mr. Whiteman that we were not wanted there, and he said that we must go, but the people did not say so.

Well, did you go? Yes, we went and bought a lot and built a new church, and will hold our next quarterly conference there. That is the way we went in Pickens county.

Friend, if I had the money I would build a new M. E. Church in every town on my district, and trust God and the people to get my money back. Do you think you would get it? Brother, I don't think I would get it, I know I would get it. It is no trouble to get the people, if you can get the church and put a preacher there to feed them. But will they feed him? Yes, they will give bread for bread, but the preacher must set the first table.

There are six or more places on my district where I could have self-supporting churches in three years' time, or less, if I could but build churches there now. Delay has taken the people from us in many of our best cities.

May God raise up some man or men who will feel it a duty to build or help his poor people in having places of worship.

Marion, Ala.

Program Greenville District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

J. W. DAVIS, P. E.

How to succeed in church building, M. Adams and D. W. Johnson. The atonement explained, N. H. Williams.

The dangers to the spiritual life of ministers, J. B. Starkey and J. C. Stackhouse.

Are ministerial conferences and associations or convocations beneficial? G. H. Harvey and P. S. Bowie.

The best manner to conduct a revival, J. Smith and E. Trompe.

Subjects for local preachers: The benefit of the Sunday school to the church, How to conduct a class meeting, etc.

Christian baptism and S. P. Crawford.

Anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, W. H. H. Gallion, C. A. Jordan and N. H. Williams.

The necessary requisites for a successful ministry, J. W. Davis. Church Extension Society of the M. E. Church, L. W. Mosely and C. E. Lamar.

Resolved, That an extemporaneous sermon is more effective than a written one. Affirmative, M. Blair. Negative, G. W. Baker.

Is the theory of the materialist and evolutionist in harmony with the Bible? J. W. Davis.

The district conference will convene in Greenville, Wednesday, July 29 to August 2, 1891. A full attendance is urged. Let each local preacher, exhorter, Sunday school superintendent, and a representative class leader, be present with carefully written reports.

Brethren, rally to the call. N. H. Williams, chairman; J. B. Starkey, secretary.

Forest City District Conference.

W. R. R. DUNCAN, P. E.

Convenes at Scruggs Chapel, Oak Forest Circuit, Ark., July 30 to August 3. All members are expected to be present. All local preachers and exhorters must come prepared to pass satisfactory examinations. District stewards, Sunday school superintendents and class leaders must present written reports.

Conference opens at 9 a. m. All will save themselves a good long walk by meeting at Palestine on Wednesday evening, when the wagons from Scruggs Chapel will meet you and convey you to the seat of the conference.

The special program will be published in ample time for preparation.

Pastors, urge your officials to attend.

Program for Macon District Conference.

JOHN WATTS, P. E.

The right administration of the Discipline, H. H. Mozzou.

True loyalty to the church, F. R. Bignon.

How to build churches in large cities, James Jackson.

How to have success in circuit work, A. Owens.

How to keep a school out of winter quarters, J. H. Cole.

The work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in the South, W. A. Holmes.

The safest plan of securing church property, S. H. Jordan.

A model pastor—what is it? A. B. Fieb.

How to get up new missions, Wm. Crawford.

How to improve old missions, E. S. Hecks.

How can you improve the number of a congregation? Louis Willson.

Which does the most good, a builder or a pastor? D. W. Anderson.

The importance of good parsonages, J. H. Goins.

The importance of the mission apportionments, C. R. Buffington.

What should be the conduct of a truly called young man? L. B. Kimball.

Holiness and system, S. H. Hayes.

Home mission—its work, D. McLendon.

Local preachers will make their own selections.

The district conference will convene in Trinity M. E. Church, at Eastman, Ga., July 9, at 9 a. m. Be on hand, brethren, with good reports.

Committee: L. P. Kimball and J. H. Cole.

District Conference Program.

W. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Program of religions and literary exercises for the first district conference of the Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, to be held at Morrilton, Ark., July 9, 1891.

To preach the introductory sermon, W. J. Cunningham.

Conversion—what is it? Silas McDonald.

The benefits of the district conference, J. J. Hallett.

The influence of the Bible on character, B. J. Griffin.

Saving faith, J. E. Toombs.

What is prayer and its effect? J. O. Sherrill.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ, P. Piggu.

Man's relation to God, A. J. Fletcher.

The difference between original sin and actual sin, J. W. Jackson.

Where does the eternal begin? J. P. Franklin.

Is the Negro morally progressing? S. Mans.

Regeneration of infants, W. J. Cunningham.

How to take benevolent collections, U. S. Kitchen.

The duty of a class leader, J. J. Lemons.

Man a free moral agent, W. H. Crawford.

All subjects to be written.

B. J. Griffin, S. Mans, and J. W. Jackson, Committee.

It is earnestly requested that all of the brethren be present.

Dear brethren, have all of your benevolent monies collected by then.

The district stewards will meet also at this meeting. The local preachers will come with written subjects of their own selection. Be sure and have a good cash subscription for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Program Huntsville District Conference.

REV. W. PRETTYMAN, P. E.

Program of the religions and literary exercises for the Huntsville District Conference, which convenes in Courtland, Ala., Aug. 31.

Life is what we make it, G. W. Rivers.

Great events in the life of John Wesley, G. W. White.

Moses and the cause of his greatness, W. M. Strickland.

Christian perfection, T. M. Joiner.

Future punishment, F. Withers.

How to make the Sunday school a success, J. M. Staton.

The use of education, Remus Murphy.

Temperance and prohibition, L. H. Mixon.

Justification by faith, J. C. Reed.

The sanctity of the sabbath, G. G. Tuggle.

Christian baptism, G. W. Mann.

Early piety, A. W. McKinney.

The voices of the dead, J. S. Todd.

Our church, J. Harper.

The SOUTHWESTERN, Rev. W. Prettyman, P. E.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, let that all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

Nelson Burton, Waxia, La.

Rev. T. S. Randle, of Opelousas M. E. Church South, preached in St. Paul M. E. Church April 19.

S. McDavis, Hazlehurst, Miss.

We are having a good time here. Sunday, April 26, we had a grand rally, and raised \$36.50, and \$10 for missions. Total, \$46.50. We secured one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN.

J. W. Sheppard, Wedowee, Ala.

Our first quarterly conference was held April 25, 26, with Rev.

W. H. Smith, Presiding Elder, in the chair. He preached to a crowded house on Sunday. Paid Presiding Elder, \$8.85; pastor, \$7.30. Sacrament was administered to 78.

F. Harvey, Central, St. James Parish, La. The Lord has been with us this year. We are moving along nicely, and have paid for our church. We are having a grand revival; 40 souls have been converted. Our Sunday school is the best we ever had. Ten scholars have joined the church.

E. S. Hicks, Columbus, Ga.

Our first quarterly conference was held here April 21, 22. We had a very good time. Presiding Elder Watts is loved by all.

S. Ray, Fort Payne, Ala.

My first quarterly conference was held April 25. Presiding Elder I. Townsend was on hand. The reports of the brethren showed great improvement, and the outlook for the M. E. Church is bright. On Sunday, at 11 o'clock, the Presiding Elder preached.

J. T. Gibbons, San Antonio, Texas.

St. Paul M. E. Church, San Antonio, was never in a more prosperous condition than now. We have just closed a successful revival with 60 conversions, and the membership greatly revived.

H. W. Walton, Marianna, Ark.

This is a growing town. I am trying to organize our church here. I have secured the Masonic Hall for temporary use for religious services.

J. C. Crowley, New Gascony, Ark., has been sick two months, but is now convalescent. He reports his work in a prosperous condition. He is preaching at Ray's, where we now own a lot, and services are held in the Odd Fellows' Hall. He has nine members there, and thirty-six at New Gascony.

A. Owens, Millen, Ga.

Our Easter collection was not \$30.25, as reported in a previous issue, but \$3.25.

W. H. Jones, Greer's Depot, S. C.

We have five churches on this charge, and all are in a good spiritual condition. Several have joined since conference. We have a large attendance each Sabbath. Sunday, May 17, was rally day at Wesley Chapel. Collection, \$74.55.

S. H. Nevills, Greenwood, Miss.

We had a fine quarterly conference on the 25th and 26th of April. Rev. W. McDonald was on hand. We had a grand time. The Elder preached a good sermon and we baptized eight adults and fifteen children, and gave the Lord's Supper to 124. Collection, \$24.50. My people, led by Mr. S. J. Leonard, brought me 103 pounds of all kinds of eatables.

J. W. Fishburne, Newberry, S. C.

The corner-stone laying of the Newberry Chapel was a grand success. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows laid the corner-stone. Several distinguished divines were present and assisted in the ceremony, after which a collection was taken up, and the Rev. Dillard, of the Presbyterian Church, was the first to contribute one dollar.

P. B. Bowie, Clarksdale, Miss.

My first quarterly conference was held April 11, 12, by Presiding Elder J. W. Davis. We had a grand time. The Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon, after which eighteen came forward for prayer. Raised \$7.25.

Wm. Josey, Belleville Circuit, Texas.

My first quarter was held May 2, 3, by Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder. The Presiding Elder preached, administered the Lord's Supper, and baptized one infant. Sunday, May 3, we had a good time. Collection, \$18. Paid Presiding Elder, \$10. Six persons came forward for prayer.

F. D. Bowers, Houma, La.

The Athletic Club of Houma, composed of the teachers in the parish of Terrebonne, gave on the evenings of May 1 and 2, a grand exhibition and concert, for the benefit of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, and made the sum of \$66.35. Donated to the church \$40.15. Hon. H. H. Ford, presi-

dent; H. H. Davis, vice-president; A. C. Kane, treasurer; D. E. Griffin, secretary; Steward Kimble, general manager.

Henry Dickson, Huntsville, Tex.

Rev. F. Parker, our Presiding Elder, was with us and held his second quarter May 2, 3. He preached two wonderful sermons on Sunday, and administered the Lord's Supper to 85 members. Having closed a successful revival, with five converts, Elder Parker did the baptizing. Collection for pastor, \$43; Presiding Elder, \$13.20; missions, \$16. J. S. Sandalls subscribed to the SOUTHWESTERN for six months. Our Willing Workers made good reports.

C. M. Moore, Coffeeville, Texas.

Had a glorious time on the occasion of Presiding Elder Wade Hamilton's quarterly visit. Collection on that day, \$17. He has raised \$120 since conference. He speaks in high praise of his Presiding Elder and people.

The Montgomery, Ala., *Argus* says: "Last Sunday was a bright day in the history of St. Paul M. E. Church, of which the Rev. E. M. Jones is pastor. At 3 o'clock the Rev. R. M. Cheeks preached a fine practical sermon to a very appreciative audience. And at night the pastor preached a special sermon to the Queen Esther's Court. The Queen Esther's Court contributed \$6, and the Zion Star Benevolent Society contributed \$3. The collection during the day was about \$50. The church is nicely finished, and fast coming to the front."

G. W. Rieves, Walnut Grove, Ala.

My first quarterly conference was held May 2, 3, with Rev. G. W. Rieves in the chair, in the absence of the Rev. W. Prettyman, Presiding Elder. He did not come until the third day. This was the first time that he had ever been on this part of the district, and as he was coming from Decatur to Blountsville, some one tried to stop him, so he got lost three times on his way. The white people of Blountsville were out on Sunday to see him, and some one told me that they were going to lynch him if he ever comes again. Notwithstanding such troubles, we raised and paid him \$8.

G. Orange, Ackerman, Miss.

My first quarterly conference convened April 23, with Rev. R. Sewell, Presiding Elder, in the chair. It was a very pleasant session. Pastor's salary was estimated at \$875; Presiding Elder, \$50.

J. R. Stackhouse, Dublin, Miss.

I was assigned to Dublin, Miss., by the Bishop. When I got there I found ten members and no church. I went to work like a man of God, and to-day we have 27 on the roll and a lot to build on. We have a house rented for the present. Our quarterly conference was held April 7, 8, by the Rev. J. W. Davis, Presiding Elder, and he preached two soul-reviving sermons. The Bishop did us no harm when he sent Elder Davis here.

L. D. Thompson, San Felipe, Austin County, Texas.

Our quarterly conference was held April 25. Paid Presiding Elder, \$20; pastor, \$2.25. Easter Sunday we collected \$9.80.

P. H. Travis, Gainesville, Ga.

Our first quarterly conference was held May 2, 3. M. M. Alston, Presiding Elder, presided. Paid pastor, \$50; Presiding Elder, \$15; trustees, \$35; for missions, \$7.70. The Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon, and administered the Lord's Supper to 65 persons.

W. McIntosh, Argenta, Ark.

Our first quarterly conference was held on the 3d inst. by Wm. H. Morris, Presiding Elder, and though in the beginning of the year we had no place in which to worship, and only one member, reports showed that we have organized, and have nine wide awake members and a good Sunday school. We have also sent some subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, and with our small number we are looking forward to the time

when we will have a place in which to worship. We are also anxious for the SOUTHWESTERN to secure the 25,000 subscribers that she is now striving for, and will do all that we can to increase the number.

L. J. S. Bell, Edwards, Miss.

We have just closed a revival of great spiritual power. Twelve conversions and sixteen accessions during the meeting. We have added twenty-one persons to the church since conference. Among the converts there were two old gray headed men brought to Christ. One person joined us from the Baptist church. Baptized nine adults at the altar Sunday, May 3. The Sunday school is doing well.

H. Henderson, Hamburg, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held February 28 to March 1. Rev. S. A. Cowan, Presiding Elder, was with us. He preached three sermons. Collection, \$9. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$320; Presiding Elder, \$40. We also observed Easter Sunday, collection \$3.60, and had a nice time. We have a revival all through the work. Seventeen conversions up to date, and many anxious mourners desiring to come. I am much in love with Presiding Elder S. A. Cowan.

A. J. Ford.

A revival which had been going on for five weeks closed with 74 converts added to the church. Fourteen families became members of the church. The state of our church at this place was never better. The Sabbath school and services are crowded every Sabbath. The old Church Extension debt, of twenty years' standing, is being paid cheerfully by the people. Our beloved Presiding Elder is now at home enjoying the spiritual atmosphere of the church. Our people are perfectly delighted with him. The Alexandria Academy is nearing the close of its second session. The school has grown steadily in influence and power with this part of Louisiana. Prof. Hubbard and his able assistants are sparing no pains in making this school felt with the people of Central and North Louisiana.

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Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,039
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Letters from Congo and Angola.

(From June African News.)

Banana, Independent State of Congo, April 14, 1891.

Last night I slept aboard our steamer the "Annie Taylor." No such cabins on any other river steamer on the Congo. Mrs. Teter was very ill when she came aboard, two months ago (when Bro. Teter went to work to put in the boiler) but is now much better. She will require a year at home to restore her fully. This steamer, with her splendid cabin accommodation, will be the best and cheapest sanitarium for Congo workers they can find this side of Europe or America. She is running, and will get all the work she can do. She has made one trip to Boma and return. We go on to Angola in the Galboa at noon to day. I will visit our mission station in that province, and return to Congo. I hope in five or six weeks from this date, to open new fields in the North Congo region. We are now just starting on a brief excursion up Banana creek, in the "Annie Taylor."

We anchored here yesterday at 4 p. m. No boats for hire here, so we remained abroad. At about 5:30 p. m., Rev. A. E. Withey, our Presiding Elder for Angola district, came aboard, and remained all night. He is looking well, and reports general good health among our people, and prosperity in their work; including abundant self-support in all our Angola stations. Two of our dear children went to heaven last November, Sammy Mead, and his baby brother, Bro. Withey says that Sammy was manifestly ripening for heaven for a year before he went.

Thursday Evening April 17.
We came ashore this morning, and got all of our goods through the custom. We arrived at the Mission Americana at 2:30 p. m. Bro. Burling and family all well.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

General News Items.

The Hon. Horace Clinton, successor to Senator Reagan, resigned, will be the first native Texan to sit in the United States Senate.

It is proposed to start at Galveston, Tex., a pan-American university to promote closer relations between North and South America.

A statue to the memory of Henry Bergh, founder of the American Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, has been unveiled in Milwaukee.

The Rev. C. D. W. Bridgman of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, has resigned from the church because he could not accept the orthodox idea of hell.

Next fall a gentleman 53 years of age will enter the class of '94 of Princeton College. During the civil war he was a sophomore in that institution, but left it to fight for his country.

Of the classes graduating at Harvard in the last nine years, 407 men have been Unitarians and 402 Episcopalians. Not a man of the class has avowed himself as an infidel or atheist.

M. Lambert, who married into the Rothschild family a few years ago, is to become the head of the

Paris house of that famous firm upon the death of Baron Alphonse de Rothschild. M. Lambert is now known as Albert de Rothschild.

The boiler of a locomotive on the Dayton and Michigan Railway exploded at 9 o'clock Saturday morning near Johnson's Station, Ohio. The fireman, John Foley, was killed. Engineer John Eich and a brakeman were badly injured.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was a class-mate at Harvard with Dr. Clarke, whose reminiscences make the anecdote that was to be given this reply when he was asked how he liked metaphysics: "Metaphysics is like a man splitting a log. When it is done he has two more to split."

Mrs. John B. Gongh, says the Boston Transcript, whose death has been announced, was the second wife of the great temperance apostle. They were married at Worcester Nov. 24, 1843.

The Mayor of Cincinnati, has begun a campaign against Sunday ball playing and the opening of saloons and theatres on Sunday.

Miss Mary Garrett has given \$100,000 toward the \$400,000 to be raised for a Woman's Medical School for John Hopkins University.

Letters from the Laity.

N. H. Williams, Greenville, Miss.

Easter was a grand day for Asbury Chapel Sunday school. The church was beautifully decorated. At 11 a. m., our pastor preached at the A. M. E. Church. At 3 p. m., he preached to his own flock, on the resurrection of Christ, after which he went through with the Easter program, which was grand. Collection \$3.65. Our school is becoming more and more interesting.

We have many obstacles to fight, but we mean to hold on like grim death, and not give up one inch.

Lulu D. Price, Sturges, Miss.

The first quarterly conference convened April 18th, with Rev. R. Sewell, Presiding Elder in the chair. Reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. The report of the pastor showed two deaths this quarter. One the mother of the presiding elder, who died in full triumph of faith after forty or more years faithful service for Christ. Her burial was conducted by Rev. Jas. Price. Estimating committee reported pastor's salary \$435, Presiding Elder \$50, superannuated preacher \$5. On Sunday April 19th Sabbath school opened with 40 scholars, we had a grand time with the lesson. After a grand lecture by the pastor, at 11 o'clock the Presiding Elder gave us a soul-stirring sermon, subject, the preeminence of Christ. Collection \$16. Eighty-seven came to the communion table. At night the pastor preached a soul stirring sermon.

Sam'l. H. Harrison, Cedar Creek, Tex.

The Easter exercises held at St. James M. E. Sabbath school, under the superintendency of Mrs. Mollie Reed were interesting. Collection \$1.15.

Books and Current Literature.

The opening poem in the June St. Nicholas is by Mr. C. P. Cranch, whose "Last of the Huggummers" will be recalled by the fathers and mothers of the present generation of the Magazine's readers as one of the greatest delights of their childhood. The present poem is a delicate, graceful fancy, and has been appreciatively illustrated by R. B. Birch, who has drawn a frontispiece and two smaller pictures for it. The three serials, the departments, and the beautiful pictures must not be overlooked.

A never failing charm of the Ladies' Home Journal is that it is always abreast of the season; somehow it presents just the things one wants most to see at the particular time it comes out; this seems especially true of the June number, with its dainty pages for the Brides of June, Florence Howe Hall's In Church, or at Home! The Journal promises also some particularly delightful things for each of the coming summer numbers. Issued at \$1 a year, or 10 cents a copy, by the Curtis Publishing Company, 435 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The June Century has an interesting frontispiece portrait of Geo. Mifflin Dallas, formerly Vice-president of the United States. This portrait accompanies the second and last instalment of the papers extracted from Mr. Dallas' journal, written when he was American Minister to the Court of the Ozar Nicholas I. Gen. Sherman's last speech, delivered at the Press Club dinner to Henry M. Stanley, Jan. 31, is for the first time printed in this number. One of the principal subjects of this number of The Century, and a timely one in view of the current communcements, is the education of women. In "Topics of the Time" another popular financial study is given, entitled Modern Cheap Money Panaceas. There are also editorials on Judicial Control of Contested Election Cases, and Law or Lynching, the latter having to do with the mob incidents of Cincinnati and New Orleans.

With over 120 illustrations, the Cosmopolitan for June sets a fast pace in the handicap for magazine honors. The frontispiece is a portrait of Madame de Pompadour, and pertains to a bright sketch of a summer spent in the home of that famous woman, by Amelia Rives and her guests. Thomas B. Connery, formerly managing editor of the New York Herald, gives interesting reminiscences of the first work of Stanley for that journal. Perhaps the most valuable article of the number is that contributed by Mr. Abner L. Frazer to the literature of the farmers' movement. The Cosmopolitan prize of \$200 for the best article on "the needs of the farmer, his hours of labor, and the national legislation necessary to his prosperity," was awarded by the judges to this gentleman. Cosmopolitan Publishing Co., Madison Square, New York, price, 25c.

The plans and purposes of the new expedition to the Arctic regions are well set forth in the current number of Harper's Weekly, by Lieutenant R. E. Peary, U. S. N., the projector and leader of the enterprise. Among the portraits published are those of the Ozarowitz of Russia, Prince George of Greece, Thomas W. Wood, President of the National Academy of Design, and F. D. Millet, Vice-President.

The current number of Harper's Bazar opens with another superb illustration from Worth's establishment, received by special arrangement from the Bazar's Paris artist. Juliet Corson's articles on Sanitary Living are concluded.

Harper's Young People for May 21st contained a poem for Decoration Day entitled An Old Soldier, by Margaret E. Sangster.

HYPNOTISM—This subject, which is now attracting such wide-spread attention, and about which there is such a difference of opinion, is considered practically in No. 3 of the Fowler & Wells Library, under the title of How to Magnetize; or Mesmerism and Clairvoyance, a practical treatise on the choice, management and capabilities of subjects, with instructions on the manner of procedure, by James Victor Wilson. It will be sent, postpaid, on receipt of price in stamps, 25c. Address Fowler & Wells Co., No. 775 Broadway, New York.

Talks by George Thatcher, the celebrated minstrel, containing his monologues, parodies, songs, sketches, poems, jokes, etc. An entertaining and funny book. It is published by the Penn Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa. For sale by F. E. Hansell & Bro., publishers, 94, 96, Canal street, New Orleans, La.

A letter from a little girl in Chili, published in Our Post office Box in Harper's Young People for May 26th, gives one of the best accounts we have yet read of the Chilean insurrection and its causes.

The fourth volume of The Arena opens with that vim and vigor which has characterized this brilliant review from its inception. The contributions are able and timely, and their authors embrace many of the best thinkers of the day. Julian Hawthorne contributes an admirable paper on The New Columns. Julius Chambers, the editor of the New York World, writes on the Chivalry of the Press. Two striking religious papers are written by Prof. James T. Bixby, who writes on Evolution and Christianity from the standpoint of the higher criticism, and Rev. T. Ernest Allen, who discusses Herbert Spencer's Doctrine of Inconceivability. The story and poem, a brilliant character sketch, together with the vigorous editorial notes, make up an exceptionally brilliant number.

The June number of Harper's Magazine contains the opening

chapters of Peter Ibbetson, a novel written and illustrated by the celebrated artist George du Maurier. Henry Loomis Nelson writes a timely article on Town and Village Government.

Modern Miracles, being Manifestations of God's Love and Power, by Leila Thomson, with a preface by Rev. Alex McLaren, D.D., has just been published by Robt. Carter & Bros., 530 Broadway, New York. It shows how in a higher, a spiritual sense, miracles are still being wrought by the same divine power by which they were performed when the blessed Christ was sojourning among men upon this earth. The little book is a mine of precious things.

A very attractive Table of Contents is presented by the New England Magazine for June. The wisdom of the editors and publishers is shown by the manner in which they are broadening the scope of the magazine from month to month, while retaining their hold on the special constituency to which the magazine specially appealed in its beginnings. Mr. Mead takes a very rational view of the habit of looking backward, and says that our reverence for the Puritan fathers, interpreted through their lives, should only make us live more vitally in the present, and not escape from its burdens into an atmosphere of antiquarianism and inactivity. In An Anti-Slavery Hero Sidney H. Morse writes an appreciative account of George L. Stearns, the Boston philanthropist and friend of Garrison, Phillips, and Lincoln. Mrs. Lillie B. Chase Wyman contributes a paper called A Southern Study, in which she deals with the color question South of Mason and Dixon's line in a very rational and unbiased way. Good poems and sketches complete a very entertaining number.

I HAVE been a great sufferer from dry catarrh for many years, and I tried many remedies, but none did me so much benefit as Ely's Cream Balm. It completely cured me.—M. J. Lally, 39 Woodward Ave., Boston Highlands, Mass.

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Our Jubilee!

Let every district conference be a jubilee celebration of the quarter-centennial of success of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. This Society is the mightiest home missionary agency operating in the South for the common good of humanity; and deserves the most faithful support of all our people. The Society never collected so much money in the prosecution of its work, and never needed so much money as to-day. The continual prosperity of the work and the providential openings that God presents to it make it imperative that more money be devoted to this cause. In order to assist our pastors and presiding elders in presenting the facts to our people on this important subject, we propose to issue a special jubilee edition of the SOUTHWESTERN early in July, which will be full to the brim with just the kind of information our people need on the subject. Let every church order extra copies for general distribution. Send your orders at once, or you will not be able to get them at all. \$3 per hundred; smaller or larger orders in proportion. Order with the cash, to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans.

AFTER an able debate the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has vetoed the appointment of Doctor Briggs to the chair of Biblical Theology in Union Seminary, by a vote of 440 out of 500.

EVERY man should strive to make his mark in the world; but ambition, arising from a vain struggle at place-seeking, is indeed bad, and should be frowned down. An unholy ambition has wrecked many a life.—*Southern Christian Recorder*. That's so.

MEMORIAL Day May 30 was quite generally observed all over the North, and to some extent in the South. The G. A. R. of this city decorated the graves at Chalmette cemetery; the colored from 1 to 3 m., and the whites the balance of the day. Revs. E. Lyon, and A. S. Jackson were the orators for the colored G. A. R. and Bishop Mallalieu for the white G. A. R. The separate observation of such a day, by such people, makes patriotism hang her head in shame.

THE Board of Trustees of Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., at its recent annual meeting, adopted resolutions of condolence over the death of Hon. Thomas H. Caldwell, President of the Board, who had died since their previous annual meeting. He had been a faithful and warm friend to the College since its organization, was one of the original members, and lent his counsel and labors for the success of the College. For over a quarter of a century he had been its faithful friend. He was a Christian gentleman, and a warm and earnest defender of the church of his choice; and was true to the interest of the colored people at large, having spoken in favor of them at a time when it required courage to favor the emancipation in Tennessee, and when friendless and stricken with poverty he gave them his legal counsel in his own county and elsewhere.

Obstacles to Race Progress.

The obstacles that obstruct the progress of the Negro in this country are viewed and discussed daily objectively, but scarcely ever is the question viewed or discussed subjectively, or from within. We see too often the obstructions that others offer to the progress of the race, but pay too little attention to those that the race itself piles up in the way of its own progress. As Bishop Haygood tersely puts it, we are too much more anxious about our rights than we are about our duties. No one who has put himself to any trouble to know, will deny that American prejudice, in church and state, in pulpit and pew, in the halls of legislation and in the courts of justice, asserts itself incessantly and everywhere, against this people. While that is true; it is equally true that our people are largely the victims of their own sins and folly. While we have made commendable progress in education, in the acquisition of wealth, and in the development of character; and while even our enemies have had to acknowledge the progress made; it remains true that our ignorance is now very largely the result of our own negligence; our poverty, of our prodigality and extravagance; our love of dress and senseless displays; and our moral deficiency, of our reckless disregard of the rules of propriety. These things are true. But apart from these, there are other obstacles to which we now specially refer; and unless we free ourselves from them, we will be seriously hindered in all our future progress.

The first of these is our political subservience. Too many of us are political slaves, instead of patriots and humanitarians. When any question arises touching the organization of a movement, having for its object the advancement of the equal rights of the race, too many of us are inclined to consult our political masters as to whether we should join it or not; and we are too apt to consult the political effect of such a course upon our future. We want to know too often whether such a course will enhance or retard our appointment to a portership or spittoon cleaner-ship in the federal service, before we take our stand. Another thing, many such movements are gotten up by political tricksters, having no other interest than to foster or feather their own political nests; who, as soon as they are given an office, become satisfied that the race has no further rights to advance. In this connection, we conclude that there is no other ground for us to occupy, than that the question of human rights and equality must be made supreme to any and all political considerations; and as the patriot O'Reilly has advised us, we should use parties and our political rights as a club with which to battle for our civil rights. Let the race be as divided as it pleases in party fealty, but as united and impregnable as Gibraltar in its advocacy and defense of equal rights. Let that be the very first consideration. The man that is seduced by the love of money or office to betray himself and his race in this matter, should be, as he deserves to be, transfixed with the spear of the remorseless scorn and contempt of an outraged people, in the depths of infamy, by the side of Judas Iscariot and Benedict Arnold.

Another very serious obstacle is the selfish jealousy existing between the leaders of the people. This spirit, unfortunately, is fostered by the enemies of the race. Its success means the weakness and total impotency of the race. This disposition in church and state asserts itself in the spirit which says: "If I can't, you shan't." This is one of the chief reasons why colored men, contributing ninety-five per cent to the Republican vote in the South, get scarcely, if any, political consideration from the national administration. The same reason is largely responsible for our failure to get a colored

bishop and other General Conference recognition in our church. Serious as are these obstacles, they dwindle into insignificance when compared with the hydra-headed monster internal race prejudice, which is being nurtured in certain quarters. No greater calamity could befall this people than to divide them further on the score of color within the race itself. This mission involves the setting of "the father against the son, the son against the father; the mother against the daughter; and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." To nurture this monster is to have henceforth "five in one house divided; three against two, and two against three." Can we afford to have such a state of affairs? What home among our people is secure against such a devastating calamity? A Negro is a Negro in the sight of prejudiced white people, whatever may be the proportion of white and Negro blood that courses his veins; and only the blindest folly, inspired by the devil himself, could possibly drive us into such a suicidal course, as to entertain prejudice and suspicions against each other on the score of color. The very idea is monstrously wicked; and the man or woman that advocates it is more dangerous than the leprosy, the Asiatic cholera and the yellow fever, the deadly nightshade, arsenic or strychnine, and should be shunned as deadly poison. "United we stand, but divided we fall." We plead then, as the means to our progress, absolute freedom in the advocacy of human rights, loyalty to chosen leaders, and the fraternal unity of the race, and of all the races.

A Colored Bishop.

The *Cleveland (Ohio) Gazette* says: "Recently the M. E. Church South has elected a colored man, Atticus G. Haygood, bishop."—*S. W. O. Advocate*.

The *Advocate* doubtless found the above in our correspondence. We noticed the mistake and forgot to correct it. Bishop Haygood is not an Afro American. In fact the M. E. Church has no colored Bishops.—*Cleveland Gazette*.

That's true, "the M. E. Church has no colored bishops" as yet; but she has what is of far greater import to the race, and to the common destiny of mankind, than a hundred bishops, black as midnight could possibly be. She has more than a score of seminaries, colleges and universities, in which over 6000 of our boys and girls are being educated as teachers, preachers, physicians, lawyers and mechanics, every year; by an army of over two hundred of the best equipped educators in the country. This work she has been prosecuting at a cost of over \$3,000,000, during the past twenty-five years. This is more than ten times as much as all colored churches in this country combined, and all the nugrateful wretches who are cooantly calling us slaves in the Methodist Episcopal Church, have or possibly could have done for the substantial advancement of our people in this country. In fact our church is so busy providing leaders, teachers and preachers for our colored sister churches in this country, and ultimately for the redemption of Africa and the salvation of the world, that she has not taken the time to discuss the question whether the A. M. E. Church and kindred colored Methodist bodies had any white bishops or not. The election of a colored bishop in our church, however, is a fact recorded in the book of fate. The work which the old Mother Church is doing for our people, the spirit in which she does it, and every conceivable indication on the dial of progress, unite in the prophecy. Possess your soul in patience. A decade will not pass before this day dream becomes a reality.

Political Review.

No political event has transpired during the past week. The President is preparing for his summer vacation. Secretary Blaine is now better, and has gone to Bar Harbor, Maine, for rest and recuperation.

Speculation continues rife as to the future of the Peoples or third party. The prediction that it will draw from the Democratic party in the South so as to endanger the loss of a single southern state to the party, in the next presidential election, is the merest bosh.

The only danger exists in the West, where old time Republicans who have gone after the third party idol will no doubt soon come to full realization of the deeply laid scheme of the Democratic party to capture the presidency by the sharp piece of Democratic jugglery which is playing, and by means of which it hopes to get control of the National Government. It makes no difference who is nominated; the Solid South will give its vote to the Democratic nominee. Northern Republicans of third party tendencies will probably make a note of this.

Echoes from Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Jubilee Celebration.

W. M. Bell, Bee Lake, Miss.

Jubilee services were carried out. We had a grand time. Collection for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education work, \$10, which we have forwarded to the treasurer.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Rev. Stephen Priestley, Presiding Elder of the Mouree District, preached an excellent sermon last Sunday night at Pleasant Plains Church; subject, "Impatient." Pastor Price and his people rejoiced to hear him.

The revival at First Street Church closed with 18 converts and 7 backsliders reclaimed. The church is in a growing state. The Holy Spirit was with us on the occasion of the baptism last Sunday. T. G. Montgomery, pastor.

NEXT week we will publish Bishop Mallalieu's great oration, delivered on Memorial Day, at Chalmette May 30. Send in your orders for extra copies, and scatter them among your people.

Personal.

We rejoice to learn that the school authorities of Fort Worth, Texas, have exonerated Prof. Isaiah M. Terrell, A. M., principal of the colored high school, from the groundless rumors against the Professors character started by some spiteful enemy. Professor Terrell is a graduate of Straight University; is a high toned christian gentleman; and is devoted to the elevation of his people. We congratulate the professor on his complete vindication.

Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, paid us several very pleasant visits while attending the closing exercises of New Orleans University. The Doctor is doing a great work in his responsible position, and deserves the prayers and the cordial and united support of the whole church. He occupies the most difficult station in the church. He stands upon the danger line, at the point where the waves of the complicated race and color question lash against each other. For the success with which he has and is meeting all the complications that there arise, his name is highly spoken of throughout the church. God bless the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. God bless Dr. Hartzell; and continue to use them for the furtherance of His cause and kingdom.

J. J. Maya, M. D., of the class of '89, Meharry Medical College,

died suddenly of congestion of the brain, at Paducah, Ky., June 6.

Mr. Chas. Murray, of our church at Morgan City, La., gave us a call while on a visit here last week.

Rev. O. T. Walker, D.D., one of the editors of the *Angusta (Ga.) Sentinel*, is now on a foreign tour. He has visited Rome, and is now on his way to Egypt and Palestine. His letters to the *Sentinel* are thrillingly interesting.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A. M., B. D., was prevented from attending the commencement at New Orleans University last week in consequence of the illness of his wife. We hope she is now convalescent.

Rev. B. A. Imes, of the Congregational Church, Memphis, Tenn., has tendered his resignation, but such is the appreciation in which he is held by his people, they absolutely refuse to accept it. What the outcome will be we cannot predict. Bro. Imes will visit Europe as a delegate to the World's Conference of the Congregational Church, to be held in London in July.

The University of Buffalo, New York, has conferred on the Rev. W. H. Nelson, of the Central Alabama Conference, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. This honor comes to him after the completion of a special course in Hebrew and the Semitic languages, including Assyrian, Aramaic and biblical criticism, carried on with that University since 1889. Well done, Dr. Nelson.

Central Tennessee College has honored itself, by conferring upon the Rev. Daniel Jones, of the Lexington Conference, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Jones is an able, but a modest and high-toned Christian gentleman.

Upon a motion offered by Rev. H. W. Key, at the commencement exercises of Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., a congregation of 1500 people warmly endorsed the grand work of President Braden, who has been connected with Central Tennessee College as president for the last twenty-four years. The whole South joins in this expression of the highest love and admiration for this heroic man.

The Rev. Dr. T. C. Carter, of the *Methodist Advocate*, Chattanooga, Tenn., is to be congratulated upon the acquisition he has made in securing the assistance of the Rev. H. M. Hilton, of Iowa, in the editorship of his paper. We extend a hearty welcome to Bro. Hilton in his new field of operation.

Rev. W. S. Fitch, formerly of the Louisiana Conference, has recently been transferred from the St. John River to the New England Southern Conference.

Dr. J. W. Mendenhall has been delighting the students of the Wesleyan University with his lectures on "The Higher Criticism" and the "Three Great Biblical Problems."

Dr. Asbury Lowry, of the *Dixie Life*, has just passed his seventy-fifth birthday. He writes: "I am living without fear. Not a tremor disturbs my soul."

The recent death of the Rev. Dr. Jos. M. Trimble, of Ohio, removes one of the best known and most venerable of our ministers in the West.

We regret very much not to have met our old friend, the Rev. Dr. T. N. Boyle, of the Erie Conference, when he was through here two weeks ago. He preached at Union Chapel, to the great edification of that people.

Rev. Frank Harvey, Central, La., called last week. He is happy. The Lord has given him great success. He has just closed a revival wherein 65 converts and 28 backsliders have been added to his church. Praise the Lord.

Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., principal of Gilbert Seminary, Winsted, La., passed through here Monday a week ago on his way North. Mrs. Godman and Miss Inez Godman accompany him. The

Doctor has not enjoyed very vigorous health this year, but is nevertheless much improved, and is buoyant with the hope of larger success for Gilbert Seminary in the future. The year just closed was one of the best in every way.

The Associated Press dispatches of last week brought us the terrible news that the Alonzo S. Weed, publisher of *Zion's Herald*, Boston, Mass., fell off the platform of a moving train and had both his legs crushed and mangled. They have since been amputated. He was dragged from under the wheels by the collar, and narrowly escaped with his life. Grave fears are entertained that he will not recover from the accident and the shock.

Rev. J. M. Buckley, D.D., LL.D., editor of the *Christian Advocate*, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Drew Seminary, May 17.

Mrs. Homer Eaton, wife of our junior publishing agent, mourns the death of her brother, Arthur W. Saxe, M.D., of Santa Clara, Cal., who died of heart disease May 26, in the 71st year of his age. He was an eminent physician and surgeon, and a practical scientist. He was widely known in the profession through his papers read before medical societies and his contributions to medical journals. He was a member of the Academy of Science of California, and prominently identified with its most important work. He was for some time a member of the State Senate, though it was not in accordance with his tastes or wishes. He was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in every position was a man of commanding influence.

Prof. Chas. J. Little of Syracuse University, has accepted the professorship of Biblical History and Christian Archaeology in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evansville, Ill., made vacant by the death of Dr. C. W. Bennett. Dr. Little's departure from Syracuse is greatly regretted.

Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen and wife, Washington, D. C., are rejoicing over the advent of a daughter in their family.

His many friends will regret to learn that Bishop Vincent has been compelled to recall some of his engagements, and take a season of rest. Since the bishops' meeting in Greencastle he has not been well.

The commencement exercises at New Orleans University last week brought many friends from the country to the city. Among those who came to witness the exercises who remembered us with pleasant calls were, Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, of Durant, Miss; Revs. A. Moore, A. Luster, Frank Harvey, Reese Thompson, S. Mitchell, and Presiding Elders Priestley, Marshall, Landry and Duncan. They all reported their works in prosperous condition.

Rev. Nelson Britton, of Waxia, La., is in this city in answer to a telegram notifying him of the death of his son-in-law, Arthur Mancel White, who departed this life May 11. He died in full triumph of faith, aged 38 years. He leaves a wife, two children, father, mother and other relatives to mourn his loss. The funeral was attended by Rev. H. C. Armistead, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. E. Jones, of the Baptist Church, in Algiers, La.

A note from President Libby, of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., informs us that his health is such that he is obliged to go North to seek rest. His present prostration is no doubt the result of his too zealous efforts in pushing the building of New Rust Hall. We hope for his speedy restoration.

Mrs. Christiana Brown, district manager of the New Orleans district, visited Mandeville last Saturday and Sunday. She found the woman's work in a fair condition, and reported a good time. She left for Donaldsonville yesterday in the interest of the work there.

DAILY BREAD.

Hark! how the watchmen cry!
Attend the trumpet's sound;
Stand to your arms, the foe is nigh,
The powers of hell surround.
Who bow to Christ's command,
Your arms and hearts prepare;
The day of battle is at hand—
Go forth to glorious war.
—Charles Wesley.

Ninety-five per cent of the whole population of New Zealand profess religion.

In Africa, within five years, more than 200 natives have suffered martyrdom for their faith.

O, how I long for heaven! Surely, there will be no divisions, no strifes there, except who shall sing with most affection to the Lamb that sitteth upon the throne.—John Wesley.

We have need to gird up the loins of our mind, and run faster the small remainder of our race. "One thing!" let us mind one thing only; and nothing great or small, but as it ministers to it.—John Wesley.

One had need to be an angel, not a man, to converse three or four hours, at once, to any purpose. In the latter part of the conversation we shall doubtless lose all the profit we gained in the former.—John Wesley.

Do you believe this world is to be redeemed? Do you? If not, you had better throw away your Bible with its hundreds of precious promises, and stop repeating the Lord's prayer. Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come."—Selected.

I meditate on (the Scriptures) with all attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remains, I consult those who are experienced in the things of God; and then the writings whereby, being dead, they yet speak. And what I thus learn I teach.—John Wesley.

In the temple of thy heart, beloved believer, there is a secret place within the veil where dwells often all unknown the Spirit of God. Do thou bow in deep reverence before the Father, and ask that he may work mightily. Expect the spirit to do his work; he will make thy inner man a fit home, thy heart a throne for Jesus, and reveal him there.—Andrew Murray.

Let us remember that if we want to know much of God, we must walk close by his side, and have our ear so sensitive that we shall hear every word that he says, and let him do the most of the talking. It becomes ignorance to be very modest while in the august presence of infinite wisdom. Our walking with God will be profitable in proportion to our capacity to listen reverently and teachably to all of his utterances.

Each one of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow; each of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single household may flow influences that shall stimulate the whole commonwealth and the whole civilized world.—Dean Stanley.

When a man gets to cutting down sin, paring down depravity and making little of future punishment, let him no longer preach to you. Some modern divines whittle away the Gospel to the small end of nothing. They make our divine Lord to be a sort of blessed nobody; they bring down salvation to mere salvability, make certainties into probabilities, and treat verities as mere opinions. When you see a preacher making the Gospel small by degrees and miserably less, till there is not enough of it left to make soup for a sick grasshopper, get you gone. As for me I believe, in the colossal; a need deep as hell, and grace as high as heaven. I

believe in a pit that is bottomless and a heaven that is topless. I believe in an infinite God and infinite atonement, infinite love and mercy; an everlasting covenant ordered in all things and sure, of which the substance and the reality is an infinite Christ.—Spurgeon.

A young man who was employed in a telegraph office in England became greatly distressed in mind over his sins. He did not know how to find peace. One morning he was lifting up his heart in secret, and saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner," when there was a call at the wire. He saw that it came from the mountains of Windermere. There was the address and then these words: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." This and the name was all. A strange message to send by telegraph. The explanation was that a servant girl wrote her pastor, who was on a vacation, asking him the question, "What must I do to be saved?" He had no time to reply by letter, and so sent the telegram. Those two texts opened the gateway to peace for the girl and the young man in the office. He called it a message from heaven.—Selected.

Homiletics.

Hymus 418, 427, 437.
Scripture Lesson, Eph. 2.
Text, Romans 5:1. Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Introduction, The apostle Paul in the first four chapters of his Epistle to the Romans from which the text is taken very clearly shows, and proves five things.

First, The universal sinfulness of the human race, or, in other words, that all men are sinners.

Secondly, That all sinners are without excuse for their sins.

Thirdly, That all sinners are in a helpless and hopeless condition without God's mercy and grace.

Fourthly, That God has provided a plan of redemption and salvation which includes in its scope the last son and daughter of Adam.

Fifthly, That salvation is offered upon terms with which all may comply, and, hence all may be saved, if they will accept the terms of the Gospel.

II. Through whom is justification and peace with God made possible to the sinner?

(a) Not by the sinner himself, for, he has broken the law of God and must suffer the consequences.

(b) Every sinner must obey the law of God, all the time, and in every particular. But this the sinner has not done, and so by future obedience he cannot atone for the past, because perfect obedience is already required for the future.

(c) Not all the angels in heaven by anything they could do or suffer, could secure for the sinner justification and peace. They as well as man are under the law of perfect obedience.

(d) Jesus the son of God is the only being in the universe who can secure justification and pardon and peace for the sinner.

II. How may justification and peace with God be obtained?

The text plainly answers this question.

All sinners are justified and find peace by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(a) It is not by suffering.

(b) It is not by giving to the poor.

(c) It is not by giving to church, nor by joining the church.

A man may do all things and be lost forever.

The one thing to do is to have faith in Jesus.

But this implies sorrow for all past sins, forsaking of all sin, consecrating all we have to the service of God, and finally fully trusting God for Christ's sake to forgive and save.

III. Peace with God the result of justification.

The peace the text speaks of is in the soul.

When in sin we are at enmity with God, we do not love him, we do not serve him, we are afraid of him.

When we are justified by faith the burden of sin is removed and we find rest. It is what Jesus promises to all who come to him. Matt. 11: 28, 29, 30.

It is a quiet calm that fills the soul.

It is a sure hope that God loves us, and we love him and so the soul is full of peace.

It is freedom from all fear.

Those that have the peace spoken of in the text have no fear of death.

He has no fear of being dead.

He has no fear of the coming of Christ and the resurrection morning. He has no fear of hell and the judgment.

And so he has great and precious peace.

Let every burdened, troubled, sinful soul come to God in the name of Jesus, and repent of all his sins and accept Christ for his Saviour and he will surely find pardon and peace.

"Come all ye souls by sin oppressed,
Ye restless wanderers after rest;
Ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,
In Christ a hearty welcome find."

Marriages.

Webb, Miss.—Mr. Holly Johnson to Miss Maggie Pratt.
Rev. L. W. Mosley officiating.

Camp Parapet—May 14, at Ross Chapel M. E. Church, Mr. Westley D. Reggan to Miss Evelina Jackson.
Rev. S. Evans officiating.

Shady Grove, La.—Mr. Moses Merry to Miss Mary Wilson, May 14.

Also, Mr. Lewis Peters to Miss Jennie Peters.
Rev. H. O. Williams officiating.

Rosemeath, Miss.—May 19, 2:30 o'clock, Dr. E. B. Crawford, a native of Texas, and formerly a student of Meharry Medical and Dental College, Nashville, Tenn., to Miss Margaret Golden, of Mississippi.
Rev. P. H. Hill officiating.

Obituary.

Shreveport, La.—Tannie M. Maclin, wife of Dr. J. B. Maclin, was born in Nashville, Tenn., June 29, 1865. She was converted at St. Paul A. M. E. Church, in that city, March 14, 1879. She was educated at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and was among the first and youngest teachers in the public schools of that city, where many a loving heart will sorrow for the fact that is no more. She was happily wedded to Dr. J. B. Maclin, January 1, 1891, to whom she brought a wealth of affection.

Though a victim to the ravages of an insatiable disease, she bore her affliction with a fortitude and patience which made the duties of those who administered to her few wants pleasant, though sad. A few weeks ago, when she felt the nearness of her end, she called her husband and friends and tried to give cheer and comfort to them. In expressions of affection and gratitude for their kindness and attention, she said of the people of Shreveport, that she had been received not as a stranger, but as a royal guest. Being handed some water, she said, "I shall soon be drinking from the cool stream of Jordan, for which I will never thirst again." Though faint, she sang the song which led to her conversion, "Jesus, I my cross have taken." A little while before her death she said, "I am blind and cannot see. I see my mother; she is here. You are blind to what I see, and I am blind to what you see. We are all blind." Her last whispered words were, "Safe in the arms of Jesus. Saved, saved, saved. I am going away over in the promised land. My name is written on the lamb's book of eternal life. I am glad that I haven't got to die any more." She died May 19, The funeral services took place at St. Paul M. E. Church, May 20. The following ministers took part in the services: Revs. C. D. Shallowhorne, T. J. Johnson, Presiding Elder S. Duncan, Carolina and Prof. D. W. Boatner. A large concourse of friends bore the mortal remains to their last resting place.

T. J. Johnson, P. C.

Marche, Pulaski county, Ark.—H. W. Wilson departed this life May 13. He died suddenly, and was not converted. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.
S. McDonald, P. C.

New River—Sister Susy Carroll departed this life May 28. She was the mother of our church. Before she died she told all of her sisters and brothers to meet her in heaven. She leaves a husband and two grandchildren to mourn her loss.
Jno. Wilson, P. C.

Clarksville, Texas—Sister Nancy McDonald, the wife of Bro. Lewis McDonald, departed this life April 13, aged 48 years, in full triumph of faith, leaving a husband, five daughters and two sons to mourn her loss.

Sister Jane Lee, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, departed this life May 20. She said she was not afraid to die. She was just waiting on the Lord. She leaves six children to mourn her departure.
F. Gilmore, P. C.

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Schools and Colleges.

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Yours truly,

C. E. LIBBY,
President Rust University

The board of directors of Harper Industrial Institute, a college recently organized under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, Baton Rouge, La., have kindly invited us to be present and participate in the ceremonies of the laying of the corner-stone to their new college building, Tuesday, June 16, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m. The enterprise deserves great success.

Commencement at Straight University last week was fully up to the best ever enjoyed by that excellent institution.

Our city public schools closed Friday May 29.

Wesleyan University.

Examinations, June 16 to 19.
Baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. Bradford Paul Raymond, D.D., LL.D., Sunday, June 21.
University sermon, by Rev. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D.D., LL.D., Sunday June 21.

Commencement, Wednesday, June 24.

There are 40 in the graduating class.

Commencement at Rust University.

Commencement week at Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., May 23-29, was one of the grandest in the history of that institution. May 23d, Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., lectured in the opera house to the Independent Society upon "The March of Civilization;" and next



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day at 10 a. m., preached the Baccalaureate sermon at our church there to a crowded house. Rev. C. M. Moss, Ph. D. of the Illinois State University preached the university sermon at 3 p. m., and lectured on "The Making of a Man" on Monday night. Sunday night Rev. J. C. Eckles preached the annual sermon. On commencement day the graduating class reflected credit upon themselves and their faithful teachers.

On Friday the corner stone to the imposing structure, Rust Hall, that is going up, to replace the one destroyed by fire nearly three years ago, was laid. It was an occasion of sublime interest. Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, was master of ceremonies, and the venerable Dr. R. S. Rust, the Honorary Corresponding Secretary of the society, accompanied by Mrs. Dr. Rust, and in whose honor the school is named, was the centre of attraction. Their addresses were thrilling and inspiring. The whole town, of all creeds and races, seemed present, and entered fully into the spirit of the occasion.

The writer and Mrs. Albert were delighted with the very pleasant and perfectly homelike entertainment extended them by the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Libby, President of Rust. Mrs. S. Johnston, and the girls at Rust Home, extended their appreciated hospitalities, which we much enjoyed. Other members of the faculty whom we met and whose association we there enjoyed were Profs. D. W. and W. T. Byrd, Prof. and Mrs. L. D. Bragg, and D. H. Sawyer, and T. A. Green, J. M. Mulvaney, Misses Gibson, Dogan, Barnes and Juliet Caldwell, M. D. and Cora F. Murphy.

Commencement Week at Central Alabama Academy.

Began May 2d, with the Baccalaureate Sermon preached by Rev. W. H. Nelson, Ph. D.

The students met at the school building and marched in a body to the Lake Side M. E. Church where the services were held.

The congregation was the largest ever known on a similar occasion. Rev. J. F. Humphrey, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, J. Betts, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, A. L. Scott, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, J. J. Smith, Esq., and J. O. Hobbs, and Samuel Bolden of the Primitive Baptist Church, all having resigned their congregations for the occasion were present and occupied seats on the platform.

Gloria Patri was sung by the school and audience, and the 23d Psalm was read responsively and Rev. J. J. Smith Esq., of the Primitive Baptist Church led in prayer.

The sermon by Dr. Nelson was a masterly effort and was attended with power.

Monday and Tuesday the annual examinations took place. The annual concerts were given on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday nights.

These exercises were well attended by patrons and friends, and great interest was shown towards our work. Rev. G. W. Mann, pastor of the M. E. Church at Athens, Ala. was present during the week and delivered several addresses to the students.

The annual prayer meeting was held Wednesday, May 6th at 11 o'clock a. m. It was indeed a time of refreshing.

Thursday, May 7th, was Jubilee day. The regular program, as prepared by Dr. Hartzell, was used. Many of the patrons and friends of the school were present and joined heartily in the services. Addresses were made by Rev. G. W. Mann and Dr. Nelson, setting forth the work and mission of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. The collection for the society was \$25.

The graduating exercise took place Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., at the M. E. Church, Miss Minnie B.

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The exercises of the week and the work of the school year ended with a grand reception given by the school in honor of the class of 1891. The chapel was crowded. All were entertained with a program of literary exercises and served with refreshments, after which students, teachers and friends departed, feeling that a successful year's work had closed.

The enrollment this year is 213, against 148 last year. Four teachers have been employed and have done faithful service. One new building has been erected. We are thankful for the past and buoyant with hope for the future.

(P. S.) The visit and service of Dr. Nelson was a benediction, not only to the school, but to the entire community. He preached several times with great power, and delivered several addresses which left lasting impressions on all who heard him. His lecture on Education, delivered to a large audience at Lake Side M. E. Church was entertaining and instructive even to the untutored, and although delivered from manuscript, it was hailed with applause by students and teachers.

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Your Niece,
VIRGINIA NORWOOD.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my third letter to you. I am a boy 16 years old. We have Sunday school every Sunday, and I am a member of the Sabbath school. On last Sunday Rev. John Byah preached a fine sermon and his text was "On this rock I build my church."

YOUR NEPHEW,
PHILEAS TURNER.

Hague, Fla.

Dear Uncle Cephas: My father and mother live in the parsonage, caring for our pastor, Rev. W. Hartley Jackson is our pastor, every one loves him. I go to school. My teacher is Miss Pinkie Powels. I also go to Sunday school. My teacher is my pastor. Our superintendent is Mr. J. F. Barnes. I am 11 years old. Elder Jackson takes the good old SOUTHWESTERN. I read it weekly. Will some of the little cousins tell me, is there more than one archangel? If so, where in the New Testament is it found. God bless you and your dear wife and daughter. I saw you once in Jan. '89. I will write again.

Your Niece,
IRENEA S. BOWERS.

Paris, Tex.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I take the good old SOUTHWESTERN and greatly enjoy reading it. Our protracted meeting is going on. Pray for us. Rev. I. C. Knicker is our pastor. We are preparing for children's day June 14. We hope to have Dr. Albert with us at our camp-meeting. All my family belong to the M. E. Church except one. Brother, truly God is good to the children of men. Why can't they serve him? I will ask my cousins a question. How many times did Josiah go around the world of Jerico?

Your Niece,
JOSEPHINE BURTON.
Ocean Springs, Miss.

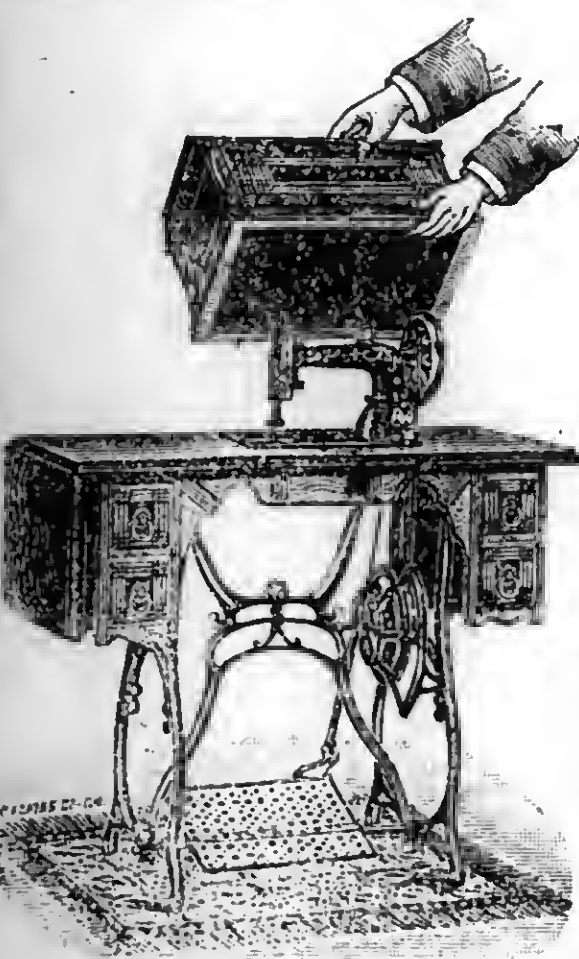
Science.

Those who are disposed to class oratory among the lost arts must reconsider that conclusion in view of the President's tour. He has been traveling across the continent to the Pacific, and every day he has made two or three clever speeches, good-natured, varied, full of tact, and expressing his views courteously, and the whole country reads in surprise, and a great many worthy people say that here is a great man who has been somehow concealed under a visionary hat, but who will be henceforth estimated at his true value, and undoubtedly re-elected to the Presidency by the acclamation of his party. If oratory can so radically change the general impression in regard to the President, it is certainly not a lost art. On the contrary, it seems to confirm the wisdom of the saying that in a country of parliamentary government successful statesmen must be great orators. It is, however, true that none of the President's except Lincoln have been especially distinguished as orators, while two of the greatest American orators, Webster and Clay, sought the prize in vain. President Harrison's grandfather was preferred as a candidate to Henry Clay.—Harper's Weekly.

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My God, my everlasting all:
I trust in Thee alone.
Do thou my waywardness recall:
And bind each broken bone.
The anguish of my soul disperse:
With rays of sacred love.
And do thou still with me converse,
Of heavenly joys above.

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scribers within the next thirty
days. They can be had and more
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fingers, if every one of our pastors
will send us one subscriber each,
every week during that time.

OUR people at Columbia, Texas,
will observe their Emancipation
celebration Friday, June 19, in
grand style. Orator of the day:
Rev. A. C. Calbreath. Other
speakers: R. H. Harbert, A. H.
McKinney, Judge Burkhardt, and
Rev. A. Taylor.

THE clever, manly statement of
Postmaster General Wannamaker,
published in the Philadelphia Pub-
lic Ledger, explaining his connec-
tion with the defunct Keystone
Bank will satisfy every mind not
bent upon purposely wronging an
innocent man.

THE motion, striking out the
word "white," in connection with
the efforts which the white Sunday
School League propose to make to
get all the children of this State in
the Sunday school, is a sign of
progress, and growth in grace.
"The world do move," and the
South with it.

PREACHERS and others who are
already planning to boom the rail-
road excursion spirit among our
people in all the States wherein
the separate car laws have been
adopted deserve the scorn and con-
tempt of our people. Let us make
these great railroad corporations
feel the degree of our dissatisfaction
in this matter, and they will
co-operate with us in seeking their
repeal. Of course our ministers
will not countenance such excen-
sions, as our Conferences have
taken positive grounds against
them.

Address at Chalmette of Bishop
Willard F. Mallalieu, D.D., on
Memorial Day, May 30, 1891.

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breadth of our broad land peace
prevails.

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Haud, Stanford, Fayerweather
and a host of others illustrate the
lavish generosity of the times in
which we live.

Besides all that is done by indi-
viduals, and associated charities,
and by many of the churches, we
recognize with supreme pleasure
the fact that every State of the
Union is making continually in-
creasing appropriations for the
support of public schools.

The spirit of the age, and em-
phatically the spirit of our free
American institutions require and
demand the education of all the
children.

The time is not far distant when
the school house for all the people,
will be on every hillside, and adorn
every valley, and gladden every
prairie where our citizens congre-
gate in communities.

The spelling book, the multipli-
cation table, and American history,
with other useful and fundamental
elements of a sound American ed-
ucation must be taught to all the
children of all the states.

But let us not fail to recognize
the fact that our country is pre-
suably the land of Bibles, and
Sabbaths, and Sanctuaries.

Let us never forget that the
highest welfare of a nation does
not consist in its material wealth,
nor in its purely intellectual attain-
ments, but in its moral integrity,
and in the purity and thorough-
ness of its religious and spiritual
life.

No truer or wiser words ever
fell from mortal lips, or were ever
written by uninspired pen than
those we find in the farewell
address of the immortal Washing-
ton. He says, "Of all the disposi-
tions and habits which lead to
political prosperity, religion and
morality are indispensable sup-
ports. In vain would that man
claim the tribute of patriotism,
who should labor to subvert these
great pillars of human happiness,
the firmest proofs of the duties
of citizens. The mere politician equal-
ly with the pious man, ought to
respect and cherish them. * * And
let us with caution indigne the
supposition, that morality can be
maintained without religion. What-
ever may be conceded to the influ-
ence of refined education on minds
of peculiar structure, reason and
experience both forbid us to expect
that national morality can prevail
in exclusion of religious principle."

Because the American people
have given heed to these most pro-
found and patriotic utterances,
they have come to the position of
wealth, intelligence, and highest
christian character and privileges.
It is not yet a hundred years
since "the Father of his country"
passed away, and yet in this brief
space of time some of the greatest
questions that ever confronted a
people have been met and perma-
nently settled by the citizens of
the republic.

First of all we have defined the
limits of our public domain; to do
this we have extinguished all Span-
ish claims to Florida, all French
claims to the Valley of the Missis-
sippi. We have acquired all that
portion of Mexican territory north
and east of a line from the mouth

of the Rio Grande to El Paso, and
from thence to the head waters of
the Gulf of California. We have
settled our northern boundary lines
with Great Britain. So that, ex-
clusive of Alaska, we have a com-
pact, well-bounded territory of
nearly 3,000 miles from East to
West and nearly 2,000 from North
to South. And this domain consti-
tutes, in all essential respects, one
of the most important and valuable
portions of the habitable globe.

Again, we have settled the ques-
tion, forever it is to be hoped, that
there is but one flag for the entire
country.

The early colonists were mostly
of kindred blood, generally speak-
ing the English language, and all
professing the christian religion.

In the progress of events it came
about that we had permanently
settled our territorial boundaries
before we were confronted with
the question as to whether there
should be two flags or only one.

No thoughtful person has ever
studied the topography of the
country without being compelled
to concede, that, if ever the coun-
try should be divided, the line of
clearance would not be from East
to West, for the simple reason that
the principal mountains and rivers
all run North and South.

And, then, the multiplying lines
of railroads run East and West,
so that the country was bound to-
gether by an unbreakable net-work
of mountains, rivers and railroads.

To attempt to divide the country
was in direct opposition to the
plans of God, the decrees of nature,
the will of the majority of the peo-
ple, and the highest welfare of
universal humanity, and so, thank
God, we have but one flag for this
broad land, and that the most
illustrious, the most beautiful, the
most glorious, the best worth dying
for of, any kissed by the gentle
breezes of peace, torn by the storm of
battle, shadowed by clouds of adver-
sity, or glorified by immortal vic-
tories.

Whatever then, may be the re-
cords of the past, whatever the
attachments, the loves, the devo-
tions, the memories, of any throbb-
ing heart in this company, let us
all together thank God, to-day,
that the old flag—the flag of Was-
hington and his immortal fellow pa-
triot, waves in undimmed glory all
over our magnificent domain, and
here beneath its flushing stripes,
and gleaming stars, we lift our
strong right arms, and pledge our
utter and complete loyalty to all it
represents to the latest breath of
life, and the last drop of red blood
pulsating in our hearts.

Again, it has been settled forever,
that this land of ours must really
be the home of the free as it has
always been the home of the brave.

We may well believe that honest
and sincere men had world-wide
differences of opinion in regard to
the prevailing institution that dif-
ferentiated the conditions of social,
civil, and industrial life in the
North and South.

The Southern people of thirty
years ago were not responsible for
the introduction of slavery; they
were responsible for its perpetua-
tion. The institution had envi-
roned them from their birth. Those
who controlled affairs thought it
to be indispensable to the pros-
perity of the South, and hence
they were ready to defend it to the
last extremity.

If ever mortal men demonstrated
the thoroughness of their convic-
tions by the most dauntless cour-
age, by the most reckless bravery,
by the most extraordinary self-
sacrifice, by the most persistent
support of the cause they had
espoused, then was this done by
the armies and the people of the
Confederacy for four long years of
bitter, bloody, ruinous war.

But there were arrayed against

them the spirit of the age, the
aspirations of humanity, the prin-
ciples of the Gospel, the Providence
of Almighty God, and the millions
of the North more numerous and
as equally brave as themselves,
and so the cause for which they
had risked everything on earth
was lost, and the institution which
really had been a curse to blacks
and whites was destroyed. Its
destruction has proved a blessing
to the whole country, and especial-
ly to the South, for it has resulted
in removing the hindrances to gen-
eral progress, in stimulating every
form of honorable industry, and
making available for the benefit
of the people the immeasurable
resources of climate, soil and min-
eral productions with which the
South is so richly endowed.

"Not as we hoped, in hush of prayer,
The Messenger of deliverance comes,
But borne on battle-troubled air,
And heralded by roll of drums."

"Not as we hoped, but what are we,
Above our broken hopes and plans,
God lays, with wiser hands than man's
The corner-stone of Liberty."

We have come together here in
the closing hours of this beautiful
day to commemorate the heroes
who lie buried beneath these bill-
owy rows of grassy mounds that
spread about us.

They are laid to rest, far away
from home and kindred. They
died without the gentle, loving
ministries of mother, wife or sister.
They were torn and mangled by
shot and shell; they were pierced
with bullets or bayonets or smitten
with the sword. They fell upon
the open battle field, in the forests
and thickets, in the trench or in
the deadly breach, on the red ram-
parts, slippery awell, with faces
forward, forgetful of all but coun-
try, duty, God. Or, it may be, they
wasted away in camp or hospital
from slow and painful disease the
result of wounds, privations and
hardships. But, by whatever
means, they died beneath the sky
of the land they loved, and have
found their resting place beneath
the flag that was dearer to them
than life itself.

Their country, like a loving and
tender mother, has laid them away
in these holy places, in these sol-
emly consecrated national cem-
eteries where, as we trust, they
may remain till the resurrection of
the just.

And once more we scatter flowers
upon these graves, we offer our
tribute of love and comradeship,
we pledge our sacred faith to snail-
tain the principles and cause for
which they died, and join in heart-
felt prayers that the richest bless-
ings of God may abundantly be
bestowed upon all parts of our
common country, that the hand
that has led us thus far may still
sustain us, and that liberty and
union, one and inseparable, now
and forever, may be the portion
and inheritance of all our people,
world without end—Amen.

A Blaze of Enthusiasm in Favor of the Presiding Elders' Convention.

At the convention in Chattanooga
the presiding elders will plan
for the better cultivation of the
widening field and, also, do their
utmost to awaken more intense
enthusiasm among all the workers.
Almost every mail brings respon-
ses from the brethren scattered
over the territory, heartily endors-
ing the convention. Rev. H. R.
Revels, D.D., ex-Senator and, for
some time, president of a college,
but now doing efficient service as
a presiding elder, writes from Hol-
ly Springs, Miss.: "I fully approve
of the wise project and believe, if
it is properly conducted, that all
whom it will concern will rejoice in
its results."

Rev. G. A. Sissle, the young and
promising presiding elder of the

Lexington Conference, says: "I
am heartily in favor of the conven-
tion and will try and give my pres-
ence."

South Carolina has been heard
from through Rev. D. M. Minus,
Orangeburg. He is in favor of
whatever tends towards the "ad-
vancement of the cause of Christ
and the elevation of our people." He
says further: "I heartily ap-
prove the movement and shall be
present if the Lord will permit."

Rev. J. O. Eckles, of Mississippi
is in sympathy with the movement
and will be heard in the conven-
tion. Rev. W. McDonald who is
also a standard bearer of the same
state, hopes "the meeting will be a
success in every respect," and will
endeavor to be present.

Rev. Mack Heuson, who has done
much to influence the growth of
Methodism in the West, writes from
Austin, Tex.: "I am in favor of
anything, founded in reason and
seasoned by divine grace, to better
our condition, and will lead to a
better understanding among our-
selves touching questions raised
by many persons concerning our
work as a church in the South." He
expects to be there, as does
also, Rev. W. H. Logan, of Nava-
hota, who speaks on this wise: "I
trust the convention will be the
means of bringing about much that
will be beneficial to the cause of
Christ and Methodism."

Rev. E. C. Brown, Conference
corresponding secretary, sixth Gen-
eral Conference District, Epworth
League, has this to say: "I do
most heartily endorse the move-
ment on foot."

Dr. J. E. Wilson, Florence, S. C.,
who was an honored member of
the General Conference of '88, says:
"I think such a meeting may re-
sult in some good to the cause and
I trust it will be largely attended."

There are other letters upon my
table but, lack of space forbid my
making further quotations at pres-
ent. If coming into touch with so
many of the presiding elders as I
have been for the past few days,
through the medium of corres-
pondence, can arouse such pleasing
sensations, what a thrill may we
expect to experience when we meet
face to face in the convention and
grasp each others hand! But an
higher than a social attraction will
be found there. We confidently
look for a rich, spiritual baptism
which shall lead all present to ex-
claim: It is good, indeed, to be
here. Let the church devoutly
pray for a blessing upon her de-
voted ministers.

D. W. HAYS.

Objects to the Convention.

WINCHESTER, KY., May 26.

Dear Dr. Albert:

I know that your precious time,
as well as the space in the columns
of your valuable paper, are pressed
down with the stirring events of
this busy age, and yet I feel this
morning that I shall ask you to
have a little patience with me as I
send you these few stray thoughts
that break away from this mass of
thought that crowds my mind. I
will be brief, and, although I am
to express views in direct antago-
nism to those held by true and
tried friends of mine, yet the occa-
sion seems to require their utterance
and the fruits of my rashness thus
be left to be gathered in after
years.

In your columns I observe a call
for a convention of the Presiding
Elders of the Colored Conferences
to meet in Chattanooga, Tenn.,
June 23, 1891. I must confess I
have been puzzling my weak brain
ever since to discover the reason
for such call, for none, so far as I
can learn, has been stated, and
doubts have arisen in regard to its
wisdom. The old mother church
is at this hour putting forth all her

God-like energy to obliterate each
and every hindrance to universal
human elevation.

I am not willing to give the least
shadow of my influence as a mem-
ber of her body that will imply a
doubt as to her doing this. It
strikes me that if I meet with my
brethren in Chattanooga in a dis-
tinctively classified body of Presid-
ing Elders in the M. E. Church, I
help to raise a suspicion somewhere
that there is some grievance or
complaint or dissatisfaction on my
part with the machinery of our
Methodism, and that there is a
little friction somewhere, or that I
am unrestful. I have no shadow
of fault to find with her to-day, and
I shall try and be careful not to
seem to have, for we must confess
that the shonts of her traducers
are heard all over the land because
of the attitude we as a race occupy
in her ranks. Agencies are every-
where at work to make us restless
and uneasy. Isaiah says "it is a
day of trouble and of treading
down and of perplexity."

Whatever may be the leading
motive, I feel it will be miscon-
strued to the detriment of the
unity of the church, and I am will-
ing to put myself on record as
against contraction, but for broad-
est human expansion. Our old
mother church, God bless her, is at
a stupendous work now. Labor-
ing with more potency and telling
effect in polishing, refining and
blending human character and
putting it in the shape the great
head of the church intended to
have it than any other church on
earth. Although derision, stigma,
ridicule meet her at every step in
this mighty battle for human res-
cue, yet see her

Unshaken as eternal hills,
Immovable she stands.

Her highest intellect, her noblest
genius, her broadest minds are
steadily at work reaching down
their hands to help us up. Some
of the bravest hearts in all the
earth are in this church of ours,
giving prayers, tears, consecration
and money without stint to fix us
right here and hereafter.

This convention may possibly
bring anxiety and pain to hearts
within as well as without the pale
of our beloved church. If there is
a real need for a convention, then
that need should be felt by every
Presiding Elder within the broad
limits of church domain. The very
same influences that demand this
for us should be our incentive to
all. If this is not true then we
lack that homogeneity, that ones-
ness we so proudly claim as among
its chief virtues. Yours for victo-
ry,
D. JONES.

WE hope every church in our
territory will see to it that its Pres-
iding Elder is financially enabled
to attend the Presiding Elders'
Convention in Chattanooga next
Tuesday. A contribution of a
dollar or two from each charge
will amply foot the bill. Every
district should be represented. The
Queen and Crescent and other
roads will give reduced rates. Get
full information from railroad agent
at points from which you start.
The rate will be full fare one way
and one-third returning, on certifi-
cate plan. All who can should
attend.

Bishop Joyce will be at the con-
vention; also Dr. Hartzell. The
latter will deliver an address on
"Christian Education; Our De-
fense and Hope." And if life last
we will certainly be there.

Cards are out for the marriage
of Miss Mary M. Price, the inter-
esting daughter of Rev. and Mrs.
Jesse P. Price, of Nashville, Tenn.,
to Mr. Carter B. H. Ransom, of
the same city, next Wednesday
evening. We extend our congrat-
ulations.

Letters from the Districts.

Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference.

S. E. H. MORANT, P. E.

The Alexandria District has work in eleven parishes of this State, as follows: Grant, Rapides, Avoyelles, St. Landry, Calcasieu, Acadia, Lafayette, St. Martin, Vermillion, Iberia and St. Mary. No small quantity of our cotton, corn, rice and sugar are grown in these parishes. The climate is healthful, and the country is well stocked with cattle, fowls and fish. I've traveled 1236 miles and preached forty one sermons. Many persons have come forward and given me their hands with the promise of giving their hearts to God. The district is blazing forth with revivals. Brethren, send in your reports of the number of souls saved.

God in his providence ordered that Bishop Newman should appoint me Presiding Elder of this district, formerly known as the LaTeche. I received it with many doubts and fears. I saw, however, that there was but one way to success, and that was to rely confidently upon the strength of my Savior, and ever press forward to the work set before me, and he would carry me through.

I started on my first round at Alexandria, which is the headquarters of the district. I boarded the train at Franklin and in a few minutes we were at Baldwin, the station above. It is here where the friends and patrons of our church send their children, going to Gilbert Seminary, at Winsted, La. Dr. W. D. Godman, D.D., its president, has and is doing much to advance the interest of this institution on a firm and solid basis for all future time.

Reaching Alexandria at 6 p. m., our beloved pastor there, Rev. A. J. Ford, greeted me with a hearty welcome. A home was provided for me in the family circle of our friend, Mr. John Mayo, who has since departed this life, and has gone to the bright shore above. Bro. Ford and his people are united and working with willing hands and hearts, strengthening the weak places in Zion. This is Bro. Ford's fourth year, and it bids fair to be the most prosperous of all. He engaged the services of Sister Mary Karkick to aid him in his revival efforts. God blessed them with a sweeping revival, in which 73 souls have been soundly converted and added to the church.

Alexandria is stirred deeply, and the power of God is manifested in showers of salvation to old and young, the glory of God fills the church, and the people are shouting for joy. Prof. B. M. Hubbard, and the Alexandria Academy, with Prof. Rogers and Miss Alice E. Thomas, his able assistants, are giving our people an educational impetus such as they have never experienced. The school is a feeder to the New Orleans University. Dr. J. C. Hartzell has taken it under the care of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and aids the teachers in a very substantial manner. The Academy is a success and needs a suitable building.

At Pineville, Bro. Jules Angustus is doing well under the circumstances, that somewhat hinder the full success he might have if it was not that at this season of the year many of his people go to other places to find employment, which reduces the number of the membership and congregation. Nothing daunted, however, he and his people are engaged in a revival which has thus far resulted in twelve conversions. The church is revived and substantial progress is manifested in all lines.

At Cheneyville, Bro. A. G. Davis reports five accessions. The church building at Leconte must be finished, says Bro. Davis. We pray the Lord it may.

At Bunkie, Bro. Joseph Johnson begins his first year well, and he won the admiration and respect of all. Six souls have been converted and added to the church.

At Bouville we met our good old friend and former Presiding Elder, Rev. H. T. O. Abbott. He seemed to be in a melancholy state of mind, and did not like his change. I owe much of what I am to his guiding influence. He was my first Presiding Elder, and as such was very helpful to me. I was a headstrong, make or break sort of a fellow, and inclined more to break things than to make them, and would have made a ministerial failure long since and dropped out of sight had it not been for his care and forbearance. Push out from the shore, my brother, you know the Lord helps those that help themselves. Bishop Newman to live on my district. About this time I was ready to carry out his commands. So away to Franklin I went, gathered my family up and settled them in Alexandria. The good people of Alexandria and Bro. Ford arranged and gave us a grand reception and a sumptuous repast. After we had retired for the night, a surprise and pond party came. They ponded us with a whole lot of good things. Come again, friends.

Next morning I was off for Eola. Bro. Banks, the pastor there, is a tower of strength to his neighborhood, and commands the respect of white and colored. He is lifting up his people.

At Waxia, Bro. Nelson Burton has captured the hearts of his people, and a great work will be accomplished there this year.

At Washington, Bro. Moore is closely contending for the first place on the district. Go in Bro. Moore and win if you can. Push ahead, Bro. Ford, and hold the fort if you can; you are in the lead now, but Moore is after you.

Opelousas, like Alexandria, has taken a boom and is looking up the hill of prosperity. Bro. Robert Anderson, our popular pastor there, has many disadvantages to labor against. The place is so intensely Catholic. However, he has proven himself to be the man for Opelousas.

At Lake Charles, Bro. Edward Powers is fully determined to build the church this year. Lumber is on the ground and enough has been subscribed to complete the building. What we need is a nice church at Lake Charles. It will be a tower of strength.

At Rayne, Bro. A. J. Johnson, a supply, will have a hard time, but the Lord has promised to provide for and help the needy ones of his flock.

The next point visited was Lafayette. It is strange how some good men drop down on themselves without a struggle. Some of us will fail, but there is honor in the failure, because we did what we could to succeed and failed only because success was impossible. Bro. J. W. Pierce has an opportunity here, and if he takes off the brakes his Gospel train will move. He has a hard place, but God will give him the victory if he works and trusts.

At Breau Bridge, Bro. Horace King is at war. The sky is filled with the smoke of battle. So much so that we could not see our way clear. We hope by our next visit peace will have been declared.

At Oade, Bro. Richard Drake, another Lyon in make up, is pushing right on and up. A new church will be an assured fact at Oade within the next few months. The lumber is on the ground and negotiations are being made to build it at once. Bro. Drake commands the respect of white and colored.

St. Martinsville has a very religious atmosphere. Bro. Moses P. Franklin is one of those men that knows how to make the most out of a difficult situation, or in other words to find honey where one would least expect to do so. He has ceiled the church very nicely throughout. His people are proud of him and seem ready and willing to help push the chariot along, and expect to have a sweeping revival.

At New Iberia, Bro. W. B. Anderson, our popular pastor here, is wide awake in church and Sunday

school work. He looks forward for a sweeping revival this year. The Easter service was an excellent affair. The program was carried out in full. Mrs. Celestine Estes, the amiable and Christian teacher of the day school, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, had trained the children to perfection in every part of the program. The church, which was beautifully decorated, was crowded. Not alone in New Iberia was this so, but elsewhere on the district. Bro. Anderson and the trustees are planning to remodel the ohnroh, in a manner that will be creditable to the community and to themselves. We need a church that will correspond in appearance with the parsonage that is near it. We have many good things we could say of Bro. W. B. Anderson, his wife and Sister Estes and their noble work, but space will not allow it.

At Abbeville, twenty-five miles westward from New Iberia, we have a circuit with three preaching points on it. Bro. A. J. Proctor is the popular pastor. He has the hearts of the people. He is certainly beloved by them all. We went to Briggs Chapel in company with Bro. Proctor, where we held the quarterly conference, preached and addressed the Sunday school.

At Campbell's Settlement, thirteen miles away, on Sunday night we preached and administered the Lord's Supper. Monday morning fifteen miles more were gone over, to Zion's Chapel. Bro. Proctor has the work well in hand.

We preached again Monday night at Olivier. Bro. S. Tillman has been working earnestly. He has a new bell and will dedicate it to the service of God and the church on the first Sunday in May. He is working and looking for a grand time.

At Hubertville, Bro. Carr is holding on in his quiet way, looking ahead for better times.

At St. Peter, Bro. Vincent is pushing right onward and upward. His praise is on the tongues of old and young. He has ceiled the church, put new pillars under it, raised it higher from the ground, and added a nice recess back of the pulpit. His revival is blazing. Twenty-five souls have been converted and fifty more lie at the mourner's bench every night.

At Jeannerette, Bro. M. J. Dyer is holding the fort. We had a pleasant home with him and his dear family. Sister Dyer ably supplements Bro. Dyer's sermons with her songs and hymns of praise. Bro. Dyer has drawn the good people of Jeannerette to him, and they are now in the midst of a glorious revival, with the altar crowded with mourners. Bro. Dyer has also another work at Pattonville, at which place he expects to erect a new church building. The lumber has been engaged and within the next few weeks it will be delivered and the carpenters set to work. He is a man of experience and noble heart, and above all, has an abiding faith in God. He expects a year of great prosperity and success.

At Sorrell, I found Bro. Bibbs sick in bed, but much better than he had been. He certainly will make his mark in the history of our conference. Only let him push a little more. He and his people are planning for a new church building, and are making every effort to start it. The settlement where it is proposed to erect it is a good location and easy of access to the people, and they are quite numerous.

At Glencoe we met Bro. Edward Fields. The people say he is a field, too. One thing is sure, and that is that there is but one Edward Fields in the Louisiana Conference. He has taken hold of his people, and they of him, and they are moving right onward to success. They have raised nearly \$400 since conference, and are about to build a parsonage, a much needed building at that place. All debts against the church have been paid, and only the debt for building the parsonage is to be met. The lumber and

carpenters have been engaged, and ere this reaches the eyes of the public it will be under way of construction. On one Sunday alone Bro. Fields collected over \$300 to carry on this good work. As soon as the parsonage gets well on the way to completion, he will engage his people in a sweeping revival. Sister Mary Karkick will be an immense help in that direction. I advise him to secure her services. She has done good work for Bro. Ford at Alexandria, bringing scores of converts to Christ. She is open to the call of any of our brethren who wish to wage war against sin and win souls for Christ.

I finished my first round with the impression that the Lord has walked with me hand in hand, leading and guiding all the way, ever true to his promises. The Holy Spirit attended all our efforts. Our quarterly conferences have been well attended by our people, who take deep interest in the proceedings. The Alexandria district will trouble some of the leading ones to get out of her way. We are coming.

Program for the Sunday School Institute of West Tennessee Conference.

To be held at Centenary Church, Memphis, Tenn., June 26 to 29, 1891.

Relation of the Missionary Society to the Sunday school, B. F. Anderson.

Relation of a pastor to the Sunday school, C. C. Fields.

The best way to teach a Sunday school, J. Braden, D.D.

The best way to keep up a Sunday school through the winter, H. Dunlap.

Relation of a Sunday school to a college, A. Burdett.

The best way to organize a Sunday school in a destitute community, T. Woods.

How to make a Sunday school interesting to old people, A. Swift.

How to teach an infant class to make it interesting, A. Porter.

Sunday school library and literature, J. S. Foster.

The best way to increase a Sunday school in numbers, J. W. Hall.

How to prepare a Sunday school lesson, Peter Martin.

Classification of pupils in Sunday school, Felix Yeargaun.

The Sunday school scholar's place in church, Geo. Sanford.

Should the Sunday school superintendent be a Christian? A. Fletcher.

Various ways of increasing the Sunday school treasury, E. Douglass.

Duties of the Sunday school superintendent, D. W. Fields, D.D.S.

Regular and prompt attendance in officers, G. D. Fields, A. M.

Duties of parents in a Sunday school, S. Harris.

The best hour to hold Sunday school, A. E. Coleman.

The benefit of music in a Sunday school, Mrs. Dr. Key.

The necessity of a temperance society in the Sunday school, Miss Fannie A. B. Key.

How to conduct a teachers' meeting, Mrs. B. P. Fields.

The Catechism in the Sunday school, Miss M. Parker.

Why should we have a Sunday School Institute? H. W. Key.

Fortify yourself for the diseases peculiar to warm weather, by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

The Woman's Home Missionary Union Meeting at St. Paul Church, Shreveport, La., May 31, was conducted for Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor, by Rev. Stephen Duncan, Presiding Elder. The collections were as follows: E. Bellia, 50c.; Ann McLelland, \$1; Roxy Gary, \$3.20; Amanda Harris, \$2.25; Maria Johnson, \$1; Eliza Patterson, \$2.40; Harriet Humphrey, \$1; Catherine Coles, \$5.05; Anna Tally, \$5.25.

The members and friends of Rev. A. Alexander, Lovelady, Texas, brought him sixty pounds of choice groceries on the night of April 23. This was an agreeable surprise. Miss M. D. Alexander, L. A. Allen, A. Bailey, J. Cross, E. Martin, E. D. Doi, and others were in the party.

D. W. Nelson, Hagen, Ark., was given several presents from some of his Sunday school scholars, for which he expresses thanks.

F. Smith, Cookeville, Tenn.

Presiding Elder A. Phillips has held our first quarterly conference. We are getting on very nicely. Quarterly collection, \$6.50, which was paid to the Elder. Paid pastor, \$17.25.

R. Hays, Kosciusko, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was held April 25, Rev. J. M. Nevills in the chair. We had a glorious time. On Sunday the Elder preached a soul-reviving sermon. Forty-seven partook of the Lord's Supper. Collection, 70c.

M. J. Dyer, Jeannerette, La.

Our revival resulted in 17 accessions, and 59 mourners. Our financial rally resulted in the collection of \$115.

Hanover Williams, Shady Grove, La., reports 22 conversions, and a great revival on his work.

On Wednesday night, June 3, upon the arrival of Miss Jennie Wright at Donaldsonville, La., her father's charge, the ladies and gentlemen of Donaldsonville, with a good crowd of Rev. H. J. Wright's Catholic friends, headed by a band of music, gave Miss Jennie, one of the New Orleans University scholars, a welcome surprise and pond party.

A. B. Venable, Bonchett Circuit, La.

We have organized our Sunday school into a missionary society, with thirty-four members enrolled. Our school is poor. We have no books or periodicals, such as we need. We ask some good friend to help us. Send the books to Mansfield, La., care of A. B. Venable.

T. Larkins, Morgan City, La.

Our revival is a glorious success. Sister Mary Karkick is here laboring with us, and Mr. Joshua Thomas is happily converted. We are having a grand time.

A. J. Proctor, Abbeville, La.

We are doing very well, although we have had some trouble with our Baptist brethren over a small church called Campbell's Chapel. When said church was erected the Baptists contributed towards it, and shortly after the whole membership came over to the M. E. Church, including one local preacher of that denomination. When the church was built they were not in possession of the land, but when the membership became Methodists we bought the land, and the deed is recorded with the clause of our discipline in the same. These brethren of ours (Baptist) have for the last three years been trying to have a lawsuit with us, so on the 18th inst they thought they would try it. They had one of our members and a legally elected trustee, arrested for putting a lock on said church door, but God was with our people. We won the case without any argument by our lawyer, and I would say that you ask God's choice blessing on Mr. Lastie Bronsard, our lawyer, for the way he conducted the case for us; also, Brother Wesley Moore, who suffered to be arrested and stood a trial before a justice of the peace for Methodism. We are gaining ground here. Wherever I am our church shall never suffer. I am called everything but a gentleman and a Christian by our Baptist neighbors, but I am going on to perfection. God is with us. We had this year four conversions and five reclaimed. The circuit is in a good spiritual condition, notwithstanding these troubles.

M. A. Hobson, Trenton, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference convened at Trenton, May 9, 10. Reports showed that very careful work had been done on our circuit. The Elder made a few striking remarks on several lines of church work. Elder J. Campbell looks carefully into all of the enterprises of the church. He preached a soul-reviving sermon on Sunday. Thirty-four partook of the Lord's Supper. The Elder said that the SOUTHWESTERN should be in each family of the M. E. Church. Collection, \$6.80.

Stephen Green, Robeline, La.

On the 23d of March our Presiding Elder held our quarterly conference. He preached three sermons. On Sunday Rev. J. H. Pierre came from Marthaville with his congregation, and we had a glorious time. Rev. C. D. C. Bryan was also with us on that day, and preached at 11 o'clock. After him Rev. John Sparks, from Pleasant Hill, and Presiding Elder Stephen Duncan and myself, preached and closed the day's service. Collection, \$23.50. We owe many thanks to our sisters for their kindness in preparing lunch for us. The Presiding Elder preached at night, and twelve joined the church and many came forward for prayer. Collections during the quarter, \$122.25. At Bayou Seal we are building up the church that the storm blew down. We have nearly finished our new church, and will be able to get it in a few days. We are going to hold our second quarterly conference there. The people at Bayou Seal are alive spiritually and financially.

Elijah Knott, Oiler Spring.

Our third quarterly conference convened April 25, 26. Our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. E. Provine, was present and preached one of his sermons and gave a lecture to the Sunday school on education.

N. Graham, DeKalb, Miss.

We have no church here, but hope to have one soon. Collection, \$8.00.

A. W. Parker, Midway, Texas.

My family and I were kindly received by the people. A few night ago we were agreeably surprised by a pond party, that brought us many good gifts, for which we are thankful. Church and Sunday school are prospering. We are raising money to build at Madisonville. Our grand rally for that cause takes place the third Sunday in June. All who cannot come are hereby requested to help us by sending their contributions. Our beloved Presiding Elder, Wm. Wesley, was not able to visit us on account of small-pox quarantine and high water. We hope he will be with us soon.

J. Jones, Anderson, Texas

Our second quarterly conference was held May 9, 10, Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The leaders and stewards made written reports. Amount raised on Sunday \$37.55. On Sunday, 11 a. m., the Presiding Elder preached, after which he administered the Lord's Supper to 85. Baptized three infants. Raised for all purposes, \$114.55; paid Presiding Elder, \$21; pastor, \$65.25; Missions, \$12; Church Extension, \$3; Freedmen's Aid, \$2; Sunday school, \$1; tracts, \$1; education, \$2.

F. J. Yeargin, Friendship, Tenn.

The benevolent committees gave a three-table supper, which resulted as follows: committee on missions, \$2.75; committee on Tract Society and Sunday School Union, \$4.50; committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, \$1.50. Total collected for benevolent purposes, \$10.25.

After all, the best way to know the real merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, is to try it yourself. Be sure to get Hood's.

How often must we exhort you that we take no notice whatever of communications that are not accompanied with the author's real name? This applies to any and every department of the paper.

Catarrh Cured.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease Catarrh, and vainly trying every known remedy, at last found a prescription which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren street, New York, will receive the receipt free of charge.

Our Church.

\$1,250,000

For Missions by Collections Only.

Our Connectional Societies

What they ask for 1891.

Missionary Society	\$1,250,000
Board of Church Extension	253,000
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	280,000
Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,650
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

The Financial Possibilities of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Money is the great question of the hour. Every prayer seems to be answered but the prayer for money. The doors of opportunity are opened. The laborers are ready for the harvest field. But by the very reason of our success every great cause of the church is embarrassed for want of money. We make ceaseless and importunate appeals which seem to be successful, but we are not getting more than one-fourth as much money as we absolutely need.

There must be a revolution. Presiding Elders and pastors must unite together to bring it about. Somehow we must drill the host; call into action every communicant and every friend of the church for a world-wide movement to evangelize the world.

Turn to the thirtieth chapter of Exodus; begin at the eleventh verse and read to the seventeenth. Is there not a hint which we will do well to follow? There is a law for the collection for the service of the Tabernacle, and in that collection the rich man could not give more and the poor man could not give less than one half shekel. The result demonstrated the power of a united movement.

One Penny a Day.

Ought to be the least sum that any man or woman or child who takes the sacrament of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus ought to be willing to contribute for the forward movement of the church.

Is there no way to bring everybody up to this? Is there no way to follow out the divine suggestion in this thirtieth chapter of Exodus? Let the poor man and the rich man alike give one penny a day. There are other collections in which the rich man can give as much as he pleases, but let us have one grand, glorious collection that shall represent before God the equality of all souls, as the half shekel of silver, which was the atonement money, represented that equality in the wilderness.

We have struck a possible mine of great riches. There are two million two hundred and eighty-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven communicants in our church. There are at least five hundred thousand friends who could be rallied into this blessed alliance, making a giving host of two million seven hundred and eighty-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.

A penny a day would bring us a daily income of twenty-eight thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-seven cents, and an annual income of ten million one hundred and sixty-one thousand four hundred and seventy-nine dollars. Now, what shall we do with it? Imagine a great committee appointed by the General Conference with such an amount at their disposal. Let us give:

To Missions	\$3,000,000
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	750,000
Church Extension	750,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	400,000
Woman's Home Missionary Society	400,000
The Educational Society	100,000
The Bible Society	150,000
Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Widow and orphan	600,000
Evangelistic work in cities	1,000,000

Let us add \$50,000 to the endowment of one university in each state in the Union, each year, making 2,150,000. Let us give for the building and endowment fund of Bishop Hurst's University in Washington per annum for ten years..... 500,000

Total.....\$10,200,000

Do not say that this is a wild dream. It is possible! It is practicable. It only needs the baptism of fire to bring it about. Every poor girl in the kitchen can do it; every mechanic can do it; every little girl and boy can do it. And the preachers can drill the people into it; and the presiding elders can drill the preachers into it; and the bishops can drill the presiding elders into it. And we trust the bishops need no one to drill them into it.

But after this universal collection, let others who are not satisfied with giving so small a sum give more. Let the heart have play. Let them plant missions, endow colleges, educate poor young men for the ministry, plant schools among the freedmen, support teachers. John F. Goucher, a wealthy member of our Missionary Board, is educating three thousand boys and girls at this time in India.

The financial possibilities of the Methodist Episcopal Church are bewildering. We stand a great army. But we are not drilled. We need another John Wesley. Ponder these statements. Pray for the advent of the drill-master.—*World-Wide Missions.*

General Church News.

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., LL.D., preached an historical discourse concerning the work of the American Bible Society for the past seventy-five years, in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York, May 10th.

Ex-Governor St. John, of Kansas, says that in Missouri the six thousand six hundred and eighty saloons rob the people of forty-two millions of dollars every year.

Von Moltke said the Bible had more influence on his mind than any other book. Homer's Iliad he had read, having read a translation of it when he was nine years old.

Dr. Joseph Parker, the famous Congregationalist preacher of London, declares himself in favor of a stronger connectional church government than Congregationalism possesses.

Rev. D. A. Gibbs, Presbyterian minister of Brinkley, Ark., died at that place on the 16th inst aged 71 years.

Memphis, Tenn., has been selected as the seat of the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Of the interest in the Word in Africa, Bishop Taylor cites the following: "Lower down the Suire river at the Jacktam mission, not yet a year old, about twenty little boys and girls, nearly all naked, repeated from memory the ten commandments, apostles' creed, etc., and sang. I gave them a talk. My interpreter was a boy about eight years old; he was ready and emphatic in 'passing the Word.'"

General News Items.

A railroad connecting the towns of Abbeville and New Iberia is now assured, the latter place having voted the required bonus.

The Columbian Worlds Fair Commission has decided against a separate colored department. Our people however owe it to themselves to see to it that they contribute their full share in the exhibits.

The Afro-American League meets at Knoxville, Tenn., July 14. Senor Dnblan, Minister of Finance of Mexico is dead.

Serious fears are entertained that President Da Fonseca of Brazil will not survive his present acute attack of asthma.

Sir John McDonald the Canadian Premier is dead.

Minister Price of Hayti, has received a dispatch from Port au Prince, which states that the rebellion which broke out on the 28th of May has been suppressed and forty of the rebels executed.

Phillip Baker who murdered Mrs. Neil Nelson, his employer's wife in Carrollton this city, March 24 has been sentenced to be hanged; the time to be fixed by the Governor.

The Patriotic Sons of America are making extensive preparations for the grandest celebration of the Fourth of July ever witnessed in this city. The program will be carried out at West End, this city. They say that all citizens who will, are invited to participate, without distinction on account of race, color, sect, or nationality.

The colored citizens of Oakland, Texas, held a mass meeting recently in which they passed resolutions of thanks to Gov. Hogg for pardoning ex-President Elder R. H. Harbert, Rev. Peter Johnson presiding. Dr. N. H. Middleton, Prof. R. L. Smith, and Rev. E. E. Cooper were appointed a committee to prepare memorials and forward the same to the Governor.

Letters from the Laity.

A Lost Pastor.

The following from the official Board of Oak Grove Church, Central Alabama Conference explains itself:

Rev. C. Richwine came to our Annual Conference at Marion, Ala., January 29th. He was said to be a member of the North Carolina Conference, and was appointed to supply Oak Grove and Greensborough. He came on the Fifth day of February, and staid on the work until March 23, and said his family was in North Carolina, a wife and four children. He asked his stewards for the sum of \$100 to send for his family. The stewards raised for him \$78.50 and he borrowed \$21 from Bro. W. S. Sander and \$1 from another brother, with the understanding that he was to send for his family. He was carried by one of the stewards to the nearest post-office to send the money for his family, but after arriving at Greensborough he told his steward that he would go as far as Tuscaloosa, Ala., to meet his family and he has not been seen or heard of since. If any of the brethren know anything of his whereabouts we would be glad to learn. Address W. S. Sanders, Scott's Station, Ala. Speid Reid, Scott Skoult, Howard Amos, Abram Plant, and W. S. Sanders officers of Oak Grove Church.

Elizabeth Oscar, Union Chapel, New Orleans.

I thank those sisters who brought me something for the poor. Some gave coffee, tea, sugar, crackers, etc. As I went from house to house to see the sick and destitute of our poor people, I could not help but shed tears to see how poor some of our people are. None but the minister can tell the suffering and destitution of our poor people.

Annie Watt, Tampico Circuit.

The grand army of Christian education celebrated the 8th of May. It was a day to be long remembered by our good people of Paafra and Rock Hill. Several speeches were made. Verses were repeated by several of our distinguished friends. The sum of \$5.05 was presented by a number of ladies. The Grand Army presented the sum of \$10. Our church is alive.

Martina Burke, Boynton Chapel, Houston, Texas.

We are moving along slowly. Our membership is very small, still we are trusting that God will yet bring us to the front. Elder J. K. Loggins is our pastor. He has just started a protracted meeting, and we have one mourner. Pray for our success. Our Sunday school had their picnic yesterday, and we had a good time. We have forty scholars, and our number is still increasing.

M. R. Hite, Woodlawn, La.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. P. Landry, was with us May 3, 4, and held our second quarterly conference and a grand love feast. Our people all love him so much that they are always glad when it comes the time for him to visit our church. Quarterly collection, \$55.55. On May 10 our pastor gave a grand basket meeting and realized the sum of \$70, making a total of \$125.55.

Annie Jenkins, Manager of the W. H. M. Society for the Gainesville District, Florida Conference, has favored us with an earnest exhortation to the ladies of that district to rally to the cause of this society, and to do more for the Master's cause than ever.

R. H. Edmunds, French Camp, Miss. Our pastor Rev. N. B. Blackman, is a good man and an energetic worker. He is making strenuous efforts to improve his work and has devised plans for some much needed repairs on the church. He is also bringing the cause of the great SOUTHWESTERN squarely before his people. The first quarter was held May 2 and 3, with our efficient and affectionate Presiding Elder R. Sewell in the chair. We had a pleasant time. The Elder's lecture to the Sunday school was interesting and instructive. His Bible talk and sermon were timely, edifying and well received. The Lord's Supper was administered to 62 communicants.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I desire to enquire for my people. My mother's name is Ellen Smith, she used to belong to Frank Smith, who lived below Ucauto, Alabama. She married Caesar Curry, who was owned by Jim Curry, who lived below Dayton, Alabama. My oldest sister's name was Viney Ann Curry. My next was Tejenia Curry, and the youngest Mary Ann Curry. My name was Henrietta Smith, but is now Henrietta Colman, wife of P. C. Colman. Any information, please address me at Louisville, Miss., or to Rev. G. Orange, Ackerman, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my mother. She belonged to widow Catherine Brown, in Gilks county, Tenn. She was sold to Henry James, who lived in Conesville, Tenn., and who took her to Mississippi before the war. I don't remember of ever seeing my mother. I was very small when she was taken from me. All of the information that I have is from my father, his name is William Upshaw. He died about 15 years ago. She only had one child to my knowledge, and that's the enquirer, whose name was Millie Brown. My mother had three sisters and one brother, viz: Esther, Polly, Mariah and Green Trotter. Any information will be gladly received. Address Millie Davis, Lawrenceburg, Tenn., in care of Rev. J. H. Coppage.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my brother whose name was Frank Oliver. He left Tallapoosa county between the years 1866 and 1869. His father was Charles Oliver and mother Peggy Oliver. He left a wife by the name of Emily, she was a Vine before they married. He used to belong to Mr. Samuel Oliver. Address Henry C. Oliver, Sandy Creek, Ala., in care of Rev. E. Frazier.

Science.

Poisoning by Narcotics.—Symptoms and Treatment.

The principal narcotic poisons are landanum, morphine and opium. Of landanum the fatal dose is at least two drachms, two grains and a half of the extract are said by Tanner to be equal to four grains of crude opium, while De Quincy could take sixteen ounces of the tincture of opium daily; infants have been killed by a single drop of landanum, which is equal to about the twelfth of a grain of opium. No one should use landanum, opium, or morphine without the express orders and daily watch-

ful care of a physician, for all these drugs have an entirely different action in health and sickness, as will be shown in an article devoted to the so-called opium habit.

When an excessive dose of any of these narcotics is suspected, a physician should be immediately called, and pending his arrival every effort should be made to keep the patient awake. The symptoms of poisoning are gradually increasing giddiness, drowsiness, stupor, slow heavy breathing, weak pulse, pallor, and final coma. There may be nausea, and even convulsions. The first remedial action is to free the stomach by the means of emetics or the stomach pump; then rouse the patient by slapping the chest and neck with a wet towel, dashing cold water about the head and face, walking up and down—out of doors if that is necessary—giving electric shocks, and even artificial respiration when other means fail to rouse from the stupor which precedes death. Strong coffee may be useful as an adjunct. The case should be in the hands of a competent physician. In a word, keep the patient awake until the doctor arrives, loosen the clothing, and keep the head cool.

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THE excellent article on "The Negro Problem," which we published a week or two ago, should have been credited to Rev. A. G. Townsend, of Kingstree, S. C., and not to J. G. Townsend.

OUR people in Texas are preparing to celebrate their local emancipation day, June 19 in splendid style. That's all right, but don't overlook the fact that January 1st is national emancipation day. Let the nation observe it with becoming grandeur.

OUR people at Jackson, Miss., are preparing to enter their beautiful new brick church, Sunday, July 5, and those at Yazoo City, Miss., are preparing for a like joyful event Sunday, July 26. Well done, Revs. A. M. Trotter and J. C. Honston and their people. Dr. Albert promises to participate at both.

OUR good friend, Geo. H. Hazard, Esq., chairman of the committee on transportation of the Minnesota State Camp Grounds, Red Rock Park, near St. Paul, has favored us with a season ticket to the camp meeting, which takes place June 18-30. A glorious season is expected, and we should be glad to enjoy it, but unfortunately can scarcely hope to do so.

WE hope to meet every Presiding Elder of the Colored Conferences at the Presiding Elders' Convention, which meets at Chattanooga, Tenn., June 23. Thus far we have heard of only one objection to the convention, and the objection urged is such that could apply with equal force to our quarterly, district and annual conferences, as at present constituted. Pity, indeed, it is that our leaders can't harmonize with greater unanimity. As it is, however, we have reason to be thankful that only one objecting voice is heard. For once, let all attend that can possibly do so, and every one at the work will be blessed by the convocation.

New Bishops.

It is suggested that unless there should be fatality among our bishops before the next general conference no new ones will be elected. We venture a contrary opinion. Some of our bishops are in frail health. Others are aged. Their average age is sixty-one. Four of them have rendered nineteen years of episcopal service; three of them eleven years; five, seven years; six, three years. The church is growing, conferences multiplying, and the demand for episcopal service increasing. Before the year 1896 our present board is likely to be depleted by death or failing health. We understand one or two would be willing to retire now on part work and half pay. Unless we are disposed to let the episcopacy decline among us we must keep recruiting the force. At least two new members should be added to the board next year. We have the material. There will be plenty for all to do. Indeed, with the growing demand for our chief pastors at camp meetings, dedications, conventions and district gatherings, twenty-five general superintendents could no more than meet popular expectation. We now have but sixteen.—*Michigan Christian Advocate.*

Dr. Potts will no doubt find that his opinion will receive the indorsement and sanction of the great majority of our membership as represented in the next General Conference. Instead of two, however, we would have at least six new bishops elected, one of whom should be stationed at Charleston, S. C., another at Atlanta, Ga., or at some commanding point on the Atlantic seaboard, and another at Vicksburg or Birmingham. We must more fully mow the South if we would reap the rich harvest which is there ripe for our sickles.

In this connection it would not be out of place to say that our colored membership and ministry, throughout the church, fervently hope and pray that one of those elected may be a colored man. And, as Dr. Potts says, without reference to race or color, we say with reference to the colored bishop timber: "We have the material," while the necessity for one does not admit of an argument.

Royal Scandal.

No event of recent years has threatened the British throne so dangerously as has the bacarrat scandal, which culminated in the law suit which was tried before Chief Justice Coleridge, in London, last week.

Bacarrat is some kind of a gambling scheme of cards or other. Sir Wm. Gordon Cummings, one of Great Britain's distinguished generals, took a hand in such a game. He cheated and was discovered. The matter got in the courts on a suit for libel, when the facts were brought out that the Prince of Wales, the heir apparent to the British crown, was the distributor of the cards in the game; that he was a professional gambler, a real blackleg; and that he goes about the country with a complement of gambler's tools, with which he manages to beat his way ahead of his competitors.

There is a woman, too, connected with the scrape, who is in bad odor with the wife of the Prince, who was present, among others of the same class who witnessed the game.

The whole case smells to high heaven with the rankest odor of harlotry and corruption. The really respectable and Christian people, church conventions, etc., of Great Britain are outraged over the disclosure, and many of them have presented their protestations to the Prince of Wales.

The public feeling is such as to threaten the introduction of the subject in both Houses of Parliament and in the contests of the great parties. That their prince, Queen Victoria's apparent successor, who is to soon become the head of the church as well as of the State, should stand thus convicted as the personification of such villainy and corruption is a fact that the British mind cannot reconcile. That pack of cards seems to threaten the throne itself. Whereunto this scandal may lead, none, as yet, can tell.

The General Conference of 1892.

The commission on the entertainment of the General Conference of 1892 met at the Burnet House, Cincinnati, O., on Saturday, May 9, at 12 m. The entire commission was present, as follows:

Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D., of New York, chairman; Charles R. Magee, of Boston, secretary; Amos Shinkle, of Covington, Ky., treasurer; Rev. J. B. Maxfield, of Omaha; Seneca M. Taylor, of St. Louis; James B. Hobbs, of Chicago; F. A. Chamberlain, of Minneapolis.

The main purpose of the meeting was to determine whether Omaha had met the conditions named by the commission as requisite to the location of the next General Conference in that city.

Communications were received from Omaha, giving details of arrangements with hotels and private families for entertainment of delegates; also a contract for the use of the new Opera House for the sessions of the Conference, and it was found that most of the conditions had been fairly met. Some of the items not being in proper form, it was found necessary to re-submit them for correction, and the commission adjourned until Thursday, May 14, at 9 a. m.

A messenger was dispatched to Omaha and reached Cincinnati on his return in time for the re-assembling of the commission. He having brought with him satisfactory answers from the brethren at Omaha concerning the matters referred to them, it was unanimously voted that Omaha had complied with the conditions upon which the next General Conference was located in that city.

THE bishops at their last session unanimously decided to submit to those Annual Conferences, which have not already voted upon them, three propositions: First, the proposition already submitted to the Spring Conferences. Second, the action of the General Conference on May 7, commonly known as the Neely amendment, which provides for a change of the Restrictive Rule by the addition of the words, "And said delegates may be men or women." Third, the resolution of the Philadelphia Conference on the equalizing of the number of ministerial and lay delegates in the General Conference. This will require that such of the Spring Conferences as have not already done so shall vote upon the Neely amendment; that the Fall Conferences shall vote upon the proposition already submitted to the Spring Conferences, and also upon the Neely amendment. In view of the difference of opinion that had already arisen, and might easily be intensified, this action on the part of the bishops will, we presume, receive the unanimous approval of the church.

THE baccalanreate sermon preached by the Rev. C. S. Smith, D.D., of the A. M. E. Church at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., a few weeks ago, is such a production as will compare with the best of its kind. It made our heart glad to read it. But, then, why shouldn't it! Dr. Smith is one of our own boys. Trained and thoroughly prepared for his great work in the Old Church, and in Central Tennessee College. Dr. Smith is the corresponding secretary of the S. S. Union of the A. M. E. Church, and one of her strongest men. We are proud of him, even if he didn't stay with us. Is it not a part of our duty to furnish proper leadership for all of our sister churches that so greatly need our help!

THE registration office in this city is now open. Don't neglect to register at once. This is a new registration, and no one will be permitted to vote unless he is registered. To wait later is to run the risk of being deprived of the privilege.

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Political Review.

The President has made the following appointments: Leonard W. Colby, of Nebraska, to be assistant attorney general as provided by act approved March 4, 1891.

Joseph Reed, of Iowa, to be chief justice of the Court of Private Land Claims.

Matthew G. Reynolds, of Missouri, to be United States attorney for the Court of Private Land Claims, and Gustave Israel postmaster at Donaldsonville, La.

The Ohio Prohibitionists nominated a full state ticket last week. The platform denounces the liquor traffic in the usual terms; demands a revision of the immigration and naturalization laws to prevent aliens voting until one year after naturalization; declares for woman suffrage; recommends pensions to soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, graded according to time of service; it recognizes gold, silver and currency as the proper circulating medium, issued in sufficient quantities to meet demands.

The Iowa Prohibition State Convention adopted a platform and nominated a full state ticket. The platform adopted is long and complicated. It favors straight prohibition, free and unlimited coinage of silver, the Australian ballot reform, and the immediate abolishment of the United States internal revenue system, since its object is to encourage liquor traffic.

The impression is gaining, to the effect that the People's Party will not amount to a hill of beans in the next national election. The great factors will be the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition parties; and the indications are now most favorable to Republican success.

Personal.

—Mr. Logan D. Dameron, who was for so many years the manager and proprietor of the St. Louis *Christian Advocate*, died May 23.

—Bishop Vincent is to deliver an address at the approaching commencement of Randolph-Macon College, an institution of the M. E. Church South.

—Howard University has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Bishop C. R. Harris, the best scholar on the bench of bishops in the A. M. E. Zion Church.

—Walter, Gov. Pinchback's youngest son, has been at the point of death for the past two weeks in Washington, D. C. He suffers from peritonitis. Some hopes are now being entertained of his recovery.

—Rev. and Mrs. I. Marcy, of Somerville, near Boston, Mass., will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage June 23. They were married in 1841. We extend our congratulations to the venerable couple, and wish them many more years of happy pilgrimage together.

—Rev. T. P. Jackson requests his correspondents to address him hereafter on St. George street between Peters avenue and Octavia street, New Orleans.

—The University of the Pacific has conferred upon Bishop Joyce the degree of LL.D. He is worthy and well qualified. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. F. J. Masters, Rev. S. J. Carroll and Rev. C. H. Atterbach, all of them excellent and worthy men and good scholars.

—Livingstone College (A. M. E.) Salisbury, N. C., has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Bishops C. R. Harris and C. O. Petty; also upon Rev. Alex. Walters, of New York; R. H. G. Dyson, of Washington, D. C.; N. J. Green, of Providence, R. I.; G. W. Offley, of Harrisburg, Pa., and E. H. Curry, of Louisville, Ky. Quite a batch, isn't it!

—Rev. R. Alonzo Scott, who passed through this section a year or two ago with his troupe of Sunny South Singers, composed of a woman called Estella Scott, with two little girls, is in trouble. He has been pastoring a Baptist

church in Charlottesville, Va., where he succeeded in arousing the bad blood of both races against him. The chief of police of Charlottesville has a warrant out for him, charging him with a felony.

—Rev. J. A. Rnsh, a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary, has entered upon his work at Denver, N. C., in good earnest, as is shown by his interest in the SOUTHWESTERN. He thinks it indispensable and is sending in cash subscribers.

—Rev. D. G. Pharris, P. C. at Musson, La., is enjoying a season of great spiritual prosperity. Since January 25th twenty-five souls have been added to the church. They have also just ordered through our office one of the fine Blymer bells for the church.

—After several weeks' absence in the North and East, Mrs. Rev. Ernest Lyon has returned to her home in this city. She is looking the picture of health.

—Dr. Sandford Hunt, of the Book Concern, preached the baccalanreate sermon at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary on Sunday, June 14.

—Bishop Vincent has been confined to his house with an attack of bronchitis ever since the Bishops' meeting last month. His illness appears to be only temporary, but rest is absolutely necessary to a speedy and permanent cure.

—Prof. G. E. Ackerman, of the United States Grant University, is spending the summer in the North in the interests of that institution. Correspondents may address him at Cohocton, Steuben county, N. Y. Six hundred and seventeen students were enrolled in the university last year.

—By an unintentional oversight we omitted to mention the name of Miss E. M. Williamson among the teachers of New Orleans University last week. Miss Williams was the second assistant of the third grade.

—Morton C. Hartzell, our little Morton, graduated last week from the Woodward High School, Cincinnati; the youngest lad who ever graduated from that institution. The class consisted of 166 bright and promising young people, 97 of whom were girls. Among these was Miss Zenobia F. Cox, the first colored girl to graduate since separate schools for colored children have been abolished there. Of the medals awarded, six out of nine went to the girls.

—We rejoice to learn that Mr. Weed, of *Zions' Herald*, was not as seriously injured as the Associated Press dispatches made it appear.

—Messrs. Cornelius Smith, A. L. Wheeler and D. B. Richardson, friends from Baton Rouge, called last Monday.

—Rev. R. C. Hitchcock, D.D., ex-president of Straight University, was at the Ballard Normal Institute, Macon, Ga., recently, and addressed the school. He is now Field Superintendent for the A. M. A.

—Dr. Z. T. Gayden, of Port Allen, visited the city last Monday, and gave us a pleasant call.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

The Sunday schools of the second District held a meeting at Mallalieu Chapel on the 7th inst. City Superintendent I. H. Norwood in the chair.

Mrs. Randolph, chairman of the volunteer committee of the district, reported twenty-four new scholars since the last meeting of the League, and that the work in the district is in a growing condition.

Bro. Johnson, superintendent of the First District, reported that the school lately organized by himself and Bro. Crump, has now an attendance of 75 scholars.

J. Gordon Taylor, Superintendent of the First Street M. E. Sabbath school, organized another Sabbath school at the Old Folks' Home, with 40 children. A grow-

ing interest is manifested in the Sabbath schools of the First District.

It was shown that the Sunday school had been the means whereby many young people had been led to Christ.

Rev. Mrs. Lyon, who has recently returned from the North, delivered a very interesting address.

The meeting adjourned, to meet the 28th of June, at its regular monthly meeting.

E. M. WILLIAMSON, Sec'y.

The monthly sacrament at Union Chapel, Rev. J. W. Hudson pastor, last Sunday, was a season of special religious interest.

Mr. Editor: The notice in your paper two or three weeks ago, from First Street M. E. Church, saying that they had raised \$18 for the Old Folks' Home, is incorrect. It was the committees of the Old Folks' Home, and not First Street Church, that raised this money.

J. W. HILTON, President.

Boynton M. E. Church, Gretna. Rev. H. O. Wilson observed Children's Day last Sunday in good shape. Misses Netty Johnson, Hattie E. Brown, daughter of Hon. C. F. Brown, and Ophelia Benjamin, took prominent parts in the exercises. Rev. Isaac Morgan is Sunday school superintendent.

Schools and Colleges.

Alexandria Academy.

This has been a very prosperous year in every way. The Lord has blessed and cared for the institution. We closed this year as we did last, out of debt.

Friday, May 22, was commencement. A class of seven graduated from the English Course, and received certificates for same. The members of this class acquitted themselves grandly, both in the written and oral examinations, and in their declaiming did honor to the institution and credit to themselves. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and during the entire exercises there were continued outbursts of applause in appreciation of the work accomplished during the two sessions of the existence of the Academy. We enrolled 138 students during the session, representing five different parishes.

What we need is a larger recognition and help from the church generally. Under the fostering care of the New Orleans University, and the wise management of the principal, I bespeak for the Alexandria Academy a grand and a glorious future.

I would say to any in North Louisiana who are desirous of preparing for the great University, that that desire may be fully realized in the Alexandria Academy. I would say to the pastors of the Alexandria, Shreveport and Monroe districts, that you would do well to patronize the Alexandria Academy. It is your institution. Show your appreciation by sending us two students each next fall.

Brethren, the eye of the Lord is upon you. Let me exhort you to join in the battle of uplifting fallen and degraded humanity, by helping in this work.

For any information during vacation, address Rev. A. J. Ford, Alexandria, La.

PROF. B. M. HUBBARD, A. B., Principal.

Thirty-Third Commencement Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Sunday, June 21, baccalanreate address, President Henry Wade Rogers, LL.D., 10:30 a. m.

Sermon before the University Christian Associations, Rev. Frank M. Bristol, D.D., 7:30 p. m.

Oration before the Phi Beta Kappa Society; Subject: "Thomas Jefferson, the Man of Letters," L. H. Bontell, LL.D.

Commencement exercises June 25, 10 a. m.

Teachers desiring schools to teach; and communities in need of teachers can find no better means of securing what they want than by advertising their wants through the SOUTHWESTERN. Forty thousand people read our paper every week. Write for terms.

DAILY BREAD.

A stranger in the world below,
I calmly sojourn here;
Nor can its happiness or woe
Provoke my hope or fear;
Its evils in a moment end,
Its joys as soon are past;
But O, the bliss to which I tend
Eternally shall last.

—Charles Wesley.

Preachers and churches that never
have revivals do not give the devil
much concern.

A REVIVAL IS NEEDED.

When nobody is helped by going
to prayer meeting.

When the preacher has to look
at the pews to see who is in them
before he opens his Bible.

Whenever there is trouble in the
choir.

Whenever there are unconverted
teachers in the Sabbath school.

Whenever the prayer meeting
becomes dry and formal.

When the only way by which
money can be raised for church
purposes is by getting up a festival.

When there are people in the
church who are not sure they have
been converted.

When it is hard work to raise
the preacher's salary.

When nobody wants to sit on
the front seats at prayer meeting.

When the leading people in the
church are not on friendly terms
with one another.

When the devil is not doing any-
thing to divide the Lord's people.

When parents are not much con-
cerned about the spiritual condi-
tion of their children.

When people begin to shake
hands with the tips of their fingers.
—Ram's Horn.

Pray do not measure all men by
yourself; do not imagine you are
the universal standard. If you
deceived yourself, you should not
infer that all others do.—John Wes-
ley.

John Ruskin says: "It is only
by labor that thoughts can be
made healthy, and only by thoughts
that labor can be made happy;
and the two cannot be separated
with impunity." Well said.

All places are alike to me; I am
attached to none in particular;
wherever the work of our Lord is
to be carried on, that is my place
for to-day. And we live only for
to-day; it is not our part to take
thought for to-morrow.—John Wes-
ley.

Sympathy is one of the most
vital forces of Christianity. Cold
men seldom win. To reach a human
soul in darkness and lift him up
into the light, we must be touched
deeply with a sense of that soul's
danger and need. Heart power is
real power.—Selected.

A young man went off from his
mother's house, went off to sea.
She prayed for his return day after
day, month after month, and year
after year. After a while he started
homeward, and the ship was in the
offing; but a sudden storm swooped,
and that vessel was broken to
pieces on the rocks, and it was
supposed that all the crew perished;
but the night after there was a
knock at the door of that aged
mother's house. Her long absent
son had returned, and the first
words he uttered on entering the
old homestead were: "Mother, I
thought you would pray me home."
The grandest, mightiest, and most
stupendous agency in the universe
is prayer. It is second to nothing
but omnipotence, and their shoul-
ders touch.—Selected.

"Thou shalt have no other gods
before me." (Ex. xx. 3). Not neces-
sarily must we love anything less
than we do, but we must love God
much more. Things entirely harm-
less in themselves become idols
when we think of them to the ex-
tent that we forget God. A secret
idol is of the worst kind. A true
disciple of Christ does not want
any idols, and if one were in plain
sight would break it down and

grind it to powder; but it is these
secret idols, these secret faults
that gradually work upon the soul,
bringing it lower and lower, until
it is ruined. Then should we pray
the prayer of David in Ps. xix. 12:
"Cleanse thou me from secret
faults." Have I an idol? Do I love
the Lord, with all my heart, soul,
mind, and strength?—Selected.

Homiletics.

Hymns 495, 515, 542.

—Scripture Lesson, II, Cor. 4.

Text, 2 Cor. 4:17, 18: For our light
affliction, which is but for a moment,
worketh for us a far more exceeding
and eternal weight of glory; while we
look not at the things which are seen,
but at the things which are not seen;
for the things which are seen are tem-
poral; but the things which are not
seen are eternal.

Introduction.—Every man and
every woman has to endure afflic-
tion, even the most fortunate will
sooner or later meet with trials and
losses and sorrows. No matter
how bright life's morning may be,
the clouds and storms will gather
and surround the pathway. Many
lives that seem happiest at the
first seem saddest at the close.

Paul, the apostle who wrote the
text had what must have seemed
to all who knew him a very happy
and fortunate commencement of
his life.

He was well-born, was a free-
born Roman citizen.

He was the son of a rich father.

He had all the advantage of ed-
ucation.

He was honored among his own
people.

But when he became a Christian
he suffered the loss of all things.
He might have been a high official
in the Jewish Church.

He might have had great wealth.

He might have had a home and
all the comforts of home, and might
have surrounded himself with many
friends, but he sacrificed them all.

Yet Paul is the man who says
earthly afflictions are light, see
what Paul suffered as recorded in
II Cor. ii: 23, 28.

And yet he calls them light
afflictions.

I. Some characteristics of our
earthly afflictions.

(a) They are common to all.
Saints and sinners are called to
endure afflictions.

Good people lose their friends
and prosperity, and health.

(b) All earthly afflictions are
light afflictions, they are never so
bad, but what they might be worse.

(c) They are of short duration.
The text says they are but for a
moment.

For the true Christian they all
end with the close of this short
mortal life.

And it often happens that if we
are true, and faithful and patient
God sends us speedy deliverance.

II. The result or outcome of
earthly afflictions.

(a) They wean us from the things
of time and sense. If we always
had our own way; if we always
enjoyed prosperity; if we were
always in perfect health, we might
love this world too well.

(b) They lead us to think more
and more of bearing things. When
we weep here on earth we think of
heaven where tears we never know.
When we lose our earthly treasures
we think of the treasures laid up
in heaven. When we suffer pain
and sickness we think of heaven
where the people are never sick.
When we lose our friends we think
of heaven where there are no sep-
arations.

(c) They develop in us all
spiritual graces, such as patience,
long suffering, gentleness, faith,
hope, and love.

(d) They fit us for heavenly and
eternal joys.

The cross of nature is taken away
when we accept trials as from the
hand of God. The great company
that John saw in heaven had come
out of great tribulation, and had
washed their robes, and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb.
Heaven will be richer and dearer
for all our earthly pains.

III. The same way to profit by
earthly afflictions.

(a) By having constant and steady
faith in God.

We must believe that God knows

all about us, and that he loves us
with a peculiar love as long as we
are really his children.

Nothing can ever come to us but
what God permits.

If we trust God in the darkness
as well as in the light, then every
event of life may minister to our
good and help us on the way to
heaven.

(b) By committing all our cares
and interests into the hands of God.
God takes care of all his creat-
ures. He feeds the ravens when
they cry, he watches over the fall-
ing sparrow. But he cares much
more for his children than for
ravens or sparrows.

(c) By fixing our thoughts and
affections on heaven we shall sure-
ly find great spiritual profit, even
amid the severest afflictions.

We may live in the world and
yet live above the world.

Enoch walked with God, and
held communion with God.

John, the beloved disciple when
banished to the rocky island of
Patmos found that heaven was near
him, and Jesus came to visit him.

So God will ever keep and bless
them who trust in him.

Marriages.

Dover, Tenn.—Mr. Geo. Moody and
Miss Minnie Mockley, March 27.

Mr. Thomas Stovall to Mrs. Linsley
Gentry, May 31.

Also, Mr. R. H. Rogers to Miss Ida
Green, June 1.

Rev. H. Robinson officiated.

Brookhaven, Miss.—Miss Rebecca
Jones, of Brookhaven, to Mr. J. C. Tag-
gart, of Itabena, Miss. Miss Rebecca
graduated at Straight University four
years ago. The marriage took place
June 3.

Rev. J. N. Mather officiating.

Married at Morales, Tex., May 27,
Prof. J. W. Carmichael, of West Point,
Texas, to Miss Mary J. Thomas, of Mo-
rales.

Rev. J. Smith officiating.

Obituary.

Texarkana, Texas.—Sister Eliza Lau-
rison passed from labor to reward May
19. She joined the M. E. Church eigh-
teen years ago, and lived a faithful
Christian. She leaves one daughter and
sisters and brothers to mourn. Her
funeral was attended by Rev. G. W.
Baber.

Brookston, Texas.—Morris Alexander,
aged 19 years, departed this life April
19, in full triumph of faith. His funeral
was attended by Revs. P. Morgan and
W. B. Perry.

Monroe, La.—Hattie Wilson, the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wil-
son, of this city, was cleaning a lamp,
when it exploded and burned her to
death, May 31.

Asbury Chapel, Algiers, La.—Arthur
M. White, 38 years of age, died May 11.
He said he was only waiting on the
Lord. He leaves a wife, two small
children, a father, mother, sister, and
four brothers to mourn.

Sister Almontine Solomon, 29 years of
age, after three months and seven days
of suffering, died May 30, in perfect
peace. She leaves a husband, six small
children, an aged mother and sisters and
brothers to mourn.

The day before Sister Solomon died,
her baby, Lewis Solomon, Jr., died,
three months and 7 days old.

H. C. Armistead, P. C.

Wytheville, Va.—God in his providence
has seen fit to take from us our
esteemed pastor, Rev. Geo. Hill, who
passed sweetly away from labor to re-
ward on the evening of May 19, in the
presence of his wife and loving friends.
His remains were carried to his home in
Staunton, Va., on the 20th. Revs. R. A.
Swann and Buckner officiated. Rev.
Hill was one of our faithful and earnest
workers, and left the field only when
his health would no longer allow him to
cry aloud. His death was like that of
a beautiful sunset without a cloud. In
his death the East Tennessee Conference
has lost a faithful preacher, and Wythe-
ville a devout leader. We console our-
selves in the words of the Revelator,
"Blessed are the dead which die in the
Lord; from henceforth, ye shall be with
him; and they shall rest from their labors,
and their works do follow them."

Robt. H. Sheffey.

Death of Mrs. J. Sella Martin.

Mrs. J. Sella Martin, who has been a
resident of the city for twenty years,
and who for a number of years past has
been one of the leading teachers in the
public schools, died very suddenly at the
residence of Bishop Brown, 1424 Rhode
Island Avenue. Mrs. Martin was the
daughter of Benjamin Lattimore, who
was a prominent abolitionist, his house
being one of the depots of the under-
ground railroad, and brought up under

such influences, she herself played a
prominent part in the events immedi-
ately preceding the war. After
the war she married Rev. Mr. Martin,
and was with him when he went abroad
to collect funds for missionary purposes
and during the years that he was pastor
of a white church in England. He was
at one time the pastor of the Fifteenth
Street Presbyterian Church in this city.
During and after the war Mr. Martin
was prominently connected with the
politics of Louisiana, and his wife was
at all times interested and of the great-
est service to him in all his undertakings.
He died in New Orleans about twenty
years ago. Since then she has made her
home in this city.—Washington Star.

Paducah, Ky.—J. J. Mays, M. D., of
the class of '89, Meharry Medical Col-
lege, practicing in this city, died sud-
denly this morning at 6:30 o'clock, of
congestion of the brain. His parents
live in South Carolina. Recently he
returned from there, bringing his wife's
brother with him to study under and
help him. He had for some time been
complaining with pain in the head. He
went to bed feeling well, but at 4 a. m.
he arose and knocked for admittance on
a door across the hallway. When he
had gained admittance he said, "do you
know what I am going to do," at the
same time raising one hand above his
head, and fell face foremost on a marble
top dresser in the room, cutting a small
gash just above the right eye. A phy-
sician was called in, but he died with-
out a word or struggle. He had acquired
a good practice among both white and
black, and a good name. He was be-
trothed to one of the city school teach-
ers here. An inquest and autopsy were
held before his remains were carried
home by his brother-in-law. Much dis-
tress is manifested here over his sudden
demise. I happened to be in the city on
my round, and rendered what assistance
I could. I was present during the auto-
psy and inquest.
L. M. Hagood.

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Schools and Colleges.

Hon. T. T. Allain, of Iberville
parish, delivered an address at the
Tuskegee (Ala.) Normal Institute,
May 28, in which he advised
"the colored man to cultivate
friendly relations with the white
man of the South, and to make the
Sunny South his future home." He
has sent us a neatly gotten up
pamphlet of the same, for which
we return thanks.

Central Tennessee College, Nash-
ville, Tenn., has enjoyed a year of
exceptional prosperity, and is con-
stantly growing. Total enrollment
the past year, 613. Of these 295
were females; and 318 males; 94
in the medical, dental and Phar-
maceutical departments, of these
2 females, 498 in literary and 21 in
law and miscellaneous depart-
ments. We have there a wonder-
ful plant. Write President John
Braden, D.D., for one of the attrac-
tive catalogues of the school.



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University, Chattanooga and
Athens, Tenn.

Commencement week, at Lasell
Seminary for young women An-
bunndale, Mass., June 11-17, 1891.
Sermon before the graduating
class, Rev. George A. Gordon, D.D.
Address by Merrill E. Gates,
Ph. D., LL. D., L. H. D.

Archbishop Janssens is inter-
ested in a movement to establish
an asylum for colored girls in New
Orleans. The building will be
located at the corner of Orleans
and Bourbon streets, and will cost
about \$20,000.

The citizens of Honma, La., re-
joice over the recent opening of
the Honma Academy. It opened
June 8, and promises to give a de-
cided impetus to the cause of
higher education in that section.
The school is under the manage-
ment of the following thoroughly
qualified teachers: Prof. D. F.
Eoss, A. B., class '91, New Orleans
University, principal; Miss Ollie
V. Wright, a graduate of the Nor-
mal Class of Straight University,
'91; and Miss Katie Hall, a gradu-
ate of the Normal class of New
Orleans University, '89.

Students who are now spending
their vacation at home, or in
teaching school, show the good
effect of their school life by their
deportment and exemplary life.
They should be true missionaries,
too, in teaching, not only in the
day, but the Sunday schools; in
organizing temperance societies,
and in laboring in every depart-
ment of church work. In addition
to these, they cannot be of greater
service to their people than by
inducing other young people to
enter one of our universities next fall.

Our best wishes go out to our
graduates who have just received
their diplomas, and have now en-
tered upon the active duties of
life. God, humanity and their
race expect much of them. We
pray that they fulfill their highest
expectations.

Good News to Teachers.

You can make money during vaca-
tion canvassing for the SOUTH-
WESTERN, "The House of Bond-
age," and "The Colored Man in
the M. E. Church." Write for
terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poy-
dras street, New Orleans, La.

Commencement Week at Wiley Uni-
versity.

The annual exercises at Wiley
this year were of especial interest.

After the written examinations
of Friday, a most interesting mu-
sical recital occupied Saturday
night, May 23. It was skillfully
arranged by Miss Rhole Damon,
our instructor in music, but being
suddenly summoned to the bedside
of her dying mother, the work was
taken up by her assistant, Miss
Easter, and Prof. A. O. Coffin, to
whom great credit is due.

The baccalaureate sermon by
President Whitaker, on Sunday,
was upon "The glory of cultured
talent consecrated to the service
of Christ."

Dr. I. B. Scott preached the
Missionary sermon at night.

The oral examinations occupied
Monday and Tuesday.

They reflected credit alike upon
teachers and taught, and clearly
revealed a steady upward progress
in the methods and thoroughness
of the school.

Monday night the Davis Literary
Society gave a very enjoyable and
profitable service, worthy of the
young manhood of the coming
race.

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Tuesday night the annual prize
contest drew a large house, as did
nearly all the services; and the
high character of the exercises was
certainly fully sustained. The
prizes were double, an equal prize
for the best lady's and the best
gentleman's effort.

Wednesday the Woman's Home
Missionary Society continued their
convention in our chapel, and
much was done to awaken a new
interest in this invaluable service
of the church, and in the King In-
dustrial Home, soon to be com-
pleted and ready for occupancy
next fall.

Wednesday night the Alumni
Association entertained their
friends with a varied program of
addresses, essays, discussions and
music. No doubt every former
student found it good to be there.

Thursday was commencement
day. The day was beautiful, the
place overflowing, the young peo-
ple at their best. Some of the
speakers gave rare promise of use-
fulness and efficiency in the future.
They did admirably.

The trustees spoke in glowing
terms of the progress of the school.
The degree of Master of Science
was conferred Rev. Wm. Wesley,
B. S., in *cursu*, the orator of com-
mencement day, whose words of
wisdom were timely and potent.

Also, in *cursu*, Master of Arts
upon Prof. Henry B. Pemberton,
of the University; and *causa honoris*
Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Geo.
M. Hamlen, of Mollalien Seminary,
Kinsey, Ala.; Rev. Chas. K. Phil-
lips, Washington, D. C.; and Mr.
John Wiley Wright, Enreka,
Kansas. The president's leavee
closed a most interesting week.
President Whitaker tendered his
resignation.

WHAT IS SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, ac-
cumulating in the glands of the neck, pro-
duces unsightly lumps or swellings; which
causes painful running sores on the arms,
legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the
eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or
deafness; which is the origin of pimples, can-
cerous growths, or the many other mani-
festations usually ascribed to "humors," which,
fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption
and death. Being the most ancient, it is the
most general of all diseases or affections, for
very few persons are entirely free from it.

How Can It Be CURED

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the remarkable cures it has accomplished,
often when other medicines have failed, has
proven itself to be a potent and peculiar
medicine for this disease. Some of these
cures are really wonderful. If you suffer from
scrofula, be sure to try Hood's Sarsaparilla.
"My daughter Mary was afflicted with scrofula
sore neck from the time she was 22 months
old till she became six years of age. Lumps
formed in her neck, and one of them after
growing to the size of a pigeon's egg, became
a running sore for over three years. We gave
her Hood's Sarsaparilla, when the lump and
all indications of scrofula entirely dis-
appeared, and now she seems to be a healthy
child." J. S. CARLISLE, Nauright, N. J.

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Food.

As there is constant waste going on in our bodies, in order to preserve health and strength, it is necessary for us to consume a proper quantity of nutritious food.

Foods are divided into three classes: Proteids, Fats, Carbohydrates.

Proteids may be either of animal or vegetable origin, the former being represented by lean meat, casien in milk and albumen in the white of egg; the latter by peas, beans, and several kinds of seeds. The fats and oils may also be derived from animals, as butter, lard and tallow, or from vegetables, as sweet oil and cotton seed oil. The carbohydrates are represented by starch and sugar, the former is found abundantly in potatoes, rice, wheat and corn; the latter in sugarcane, sorghum, beets, and in some fruits.

A wholesome diet is obtained, by properly combining the three classes of food above mentioned; experiments have shown that sixteen ounces of meat, nineteen ounces of bread, three and one-half of butter furnish the solid food required, during twenty-four hours, by a man in good health and taking free exercise in the open air. The human milk, as far as it is known, is the one only perfect food found in nature.

Two objects are obtained by cooking food; first, it softens and disintegrates it, and second, it gives it an attractive flavor. The digestibility, and nutritive value of food depends largely on the manner of cooking. Boiling and stewing are the best methods for producing tenderness in articles of food; roasting and baking have a tendency to harden meat. Substances that are fried are apt to absorb grease in the process.

Physical exertion increases the consumption of fatty matter, as does also a lower external temperature.

Some races live almost entirely on animal food, while others confine themselves to a vegetable diet. A proper combination of the two varieties is considered most conducive to sound health. In regard to diet, people usually sin more by commission than omission; among the things to be avoided are the following:

1. Eating too much;—as only a certain amount of food can be assimilated, a larger amount will only give the digestive organs extra work to perform, without any corresponding benefit; because a certain kind of food is agreeable to our palate, it is no excuse for eating an excessive amount.

2. Eating too rapidly;—food should be well masticated and mixed with a proper amount of saliva before being swallowed. The American people as a rule are too much in a hurry, to spend sufficient time at their meals.

3. Eating too frequently.—Not less than five hours should intervene between meals. Sufficient time should be allowed for the stomach to digest the food given it, and then have a period of rest, the same as is needed for all the other organs of the body. Three meals a day are sufficient for a healthy adult, and no lunches should be taken between them.

4. Too many kinds of food at one meal.—Different articles require different periods of time for digestion, and while one may be digested quickly and easily, others require a longer time.

5. Drinking too much while eating.—Some people drink several cups of tea or coffee, or as many glasses of water during a single meal; if fluid is either warmer or colder than the body, an equilibrium of temperature must be restored, before digestion can proceed, and a portion of the fluid must be absorbed before the food can be acted on by the gastric juice.

6. Too much stimulating seasoning.—With the exception of salt, the unperverted appetite does not need any other flavoring for its food. Owing to erroneous training, many people cannot eat their food, unless it is saturated with vinegar or covered with pepper or mustard; and stimulating sauces of different kinds are found on nearly every dining table in our land. These stimulating condiments act as irritants to our stomachs, and have a tendency to induce the use of intoxicating drinks.

7. Eating when greatly fatigued.—After our energies have become exhausted by severe physical or mental exertion, our digestive organs are not in a suitable condition to digest and assimilate food, and the body and mind should have a short period of rest before eating.

Our Symposium.

The gossip in a house always decreases as the library increases.—*Exchange.*

These young scientists, with Darwin under one arm and a collection of bugs and grasshoppers under the other, make me sick.—*T. De Witt Talmage.*

If our systematic theology is as far away from the teaching of the Bible as Brothers Briggs and Evans represent it, then to a plain mind it would seem that instead of adding biblical theology to the course of study in the theological seminaries, it should be substituted for systematic theology.—*George P. Hays, D.D.*

If the pulse of the church is felt aright, the General Assembly cannot hesitate to pass upon the inaugural of Professor Briggs, and to veto his appointment to the Chair of Biblical Theology. It was intimated at first that the Union Directors would take the ground that the case, as one of transfer, was not subject to the veto power. But we now understand that position will not be taken.—*The Presbyterian Journal.*

Long sermons and prayers with no thought in them are very worrying to any congregation. Preachers should learn to abridge their sermons and prayers, especially when there is nothing edifying in them.—*Christian Index.*

"There is a great deal of talking nowadays," said Secretary Foster in Brooklyn, "about a billion dollar Congress, but the people should remember that this is a billion dollar country." Well said, Mr. Secretary, and it is neither a bankrupt country nor a divided country, nor a free trade country with impoverished masses, as the Democrats would make it.—*N. Y. Press.*

Books and Current Literature.

Blessed are They; or Thoughts on the Beatitudes, by Rev. Jessie S. Gilbert, A.M., of the Newark Conference is one of the best works of its kind that has recently come to this office. It is a beautiful booklet richly set with pearls. It is a neatly bound volume of 69 pages. Copies can be had from the author, at Millard Park, New Jersey.

The June number of Romance, the New York Story Club's magazine, is now ready. It contains seventeen stories, by charming story tellers. Romance is published monthly for the New York Story Club, by W. H. Benton, 30 East Twenty-third street, New York, 25 cents a copy, \$3 a year.

The subjects that have had the greatest share of attention from

thoughtful men for the past month have undoubtedly been Immigration. Our Currency, the case of Rev. Dr. Briggs, and the International Copyright Law, which will go into effect July 1. The June number of the Forum contains discussions of all these subjects. The Rev. Dr. Briggs himself contributes a criticism of the churches for insisting on non-essential parts of their creeds. Col. Theodore A. Dodge, who is perhaps our foremost military writer, has an essay reviewing the career of Von Moltke and its bearing on the warfare of the future. Sir Charles W. Dilke explains the rise and the political importance of the New Australian Commonwealth. General Francis A. Walker discusses the accuracy of the Census of 1890, particularly in the great cities.

The June number of the Treasury for pastor and people is up to high water mark in the excellence and variety of its matter, and most timely in its topics. Independence Day Service has been provided for in four articles by eminent preachers on many fresh lines of discussion. Rev. J. A. Billingsley's paper on Church Evangelistic Methods, is very suggestive and full of stirring thought. The Arrogance of Romanism and the World's Fair on Sunday, are themes which every American should read as treated in this number. Yearly \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2. Single copies 25 cents. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

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The Evolution of Wool Spinning and Weaving will be described by S. N. D. North in the July Popular Science Monthly. This is the sixth paper in the Monthly's illustrated series on The Development of American Industries since Columbus, and covers a notably interesting group of inventive labors. Under the title of Mau and the Glacial Period, Prof. G. Frederick Wright will contribute a record of the important facts that have come to light in the last two years bearing upon the connection of man with the Ice Age in North America. The paper will be illustrated.

The new religious military order of Monks of the Sahara is the subject of a striking article illustrated by Thunstrup, to appear in the next number of Harper's Weekly.

IT PAYS

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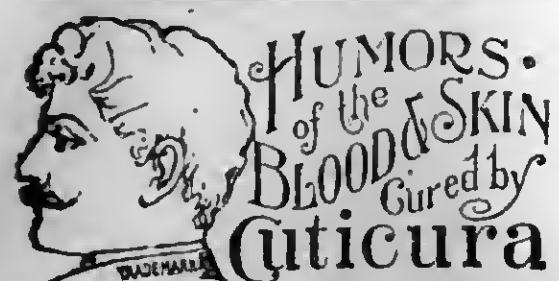
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HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Kings 25. 1-12. Th. Jer. 32. 26-33. W. Lam. 1. 1-11. Th. 2 Ohron. 36. 14-21. F. Ps. 137. S. Isa. 64. S. Matt. 21. 33-44.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord. (Hos. 6. 1.)

LESSON HYMN, L. M.

And since, in God's recording book,
Our sins are written, every one,—
The crime, the wrath, the wandering look,
The good we knew, and left undone;

Lord, ere the last dread trump be heard,
And ere before thy face we stand,
Look thou on each accusing word,
And blot it with thy bleeding hand.

And by the love that brought thee here,
And by the cross, and by the grave,
Give perfect love for conscious fear,
And in the day of judgment save.

Time—B. C. 588.

Place.—Jerusalem; Babylon;

the plain of Jericho.

Rulers.—Nebuchadnezzar,

King of Babylon; Zedekiah, the

vassal King of Judah.

Connecting Links.—Thirty-five

years after Josiah's reformation

the kingdom of Judah was blotted

out.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The City, v. 1-3.

What city is here referred to?

Who laid siege to the city?

Who was then King of Judah?

(Verse 1.)

At what time in his reign did the

siege commence?

Until what time did it continue?

What finally caused the city's de-

feat?

At what date did this occur?

2. The King, v. 4-7.

Whither did the men of war go?

Which way did the king go?

Who followed in pursuit?

Where was the king captured?

Before whom was Zedekiah

brought?

What was done to his sons?

What to the king himself?

How long was Zedekiah kept a

prisoner? (See Jer. 52. 11.)

3. The People, v. 8-12.

Who came against Jerusalem a

month later?

What ruin did he work in the city?

What was done to the city walls?

What was done with the people?

Who alone were left in the land?

To what decision ought sorrow to

lead? (Golden Text.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That God's judgments are

sure?

2. That God's judgments are

right?

3. That God's judgments are

merciful?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG RE-

BEANS.

Ascertain for what crime Zede-

kiah was tried by the King of

Babylon.

Ascertain what special reason

the King of Babylon had to put

out the eyes of Zedekiah.

Ascertain what special reason

he had to kill his sons.

Ascertain the name of the King

of Babylon?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What terror surrounded Je-

rusalem? A Chaldean army.

2. What horror was inclosed

within its walls? Famine.

3. How did the Chaldeans enter

the city? By breaking down the

walls.

4. Where was the flying mon-

arch overtaken? In the plains of

(with a brief interruption) a year and a half. The famine prevailed.—The people were maddened by hunger, and became uncontrollable. Broken up—Broken through. The king's garden was near the pool of Siloam. Toward the plain—Intending to cross the Jordan. Overtook him—The chances were all against his escape. His army was scattered—His followers deserted him. To the King of Babylon—Nebuchadnezzar had left his generals in charge of the siege while he opposed an Egyptian army which came to help the Jews. He returned not to Jerusalem, but to Riblah.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

65. What is the invisible Church?

The whole body of God's true

people in every period of time.

66. Ought not all persons where

the Gospel is preached to become

believers in Christ and members

of the Church? They ought; in

order to have a visible union with

Christ, the Head of the Church,

and communion with his people.

(Eph. 5. 23; John 17. 21; 1 Cor.

12. 20.)

67. Who are to preach the word

of God and administer the sacra-

ments? Faithful men, called of

God and set apart by the Church

to the office and work of the min-

istry. (Heb. 5. 4; Acts 13. 2, 3;

1 Tim. 4. 14.)

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ferences and special meetings as possi-

ble, but whether they are able to be there or

not, we will send sample copies of the

"Southwestern" to each of them, when

we have a general and united rally will

be made to do honor to our present cir-

culation. It can be done. Will you do it?

Camp Meeting.

The camp meeting on the Shubuta

Circuit will open Aug. 13. Revs. R. D.

Payne, P. R. Crump, T. A. Cotton, R. H.

Patton, G. W. Smith, C. W. Ivy, A.

Quinn, A. J. McNair, N. Toole, L. F.

White, L. P. Brown, J. C. Hibbler, H.

T. Hampton, A. Butler, James Jordan

and L. Tate, will be with us in our un-

dertaking to help crown our efforts with

success. A. B. LOGAN.

Church Extension Board.

All who are interested will please take

notice that the Louisiana Conference

Board of Church Extension meets at this

office on the second Wednesday in Sep-

tember at 1 p. m.

A. E. P. ALBERT, Sec'y.

Cumberland River District Conference.

The second district conference of the

Cumberland River District, Tennessee

Conference, will convene at Gordonsville,

Tenn., August 25, at 9 a. m. I expect

every pastor, local preacher, exhorter,

district steward, Sunday school superin-

tendent and class leader to be present at

roll call. Brethren, be prompt. I shall

expect every brother to report his work

in full. Our Sunday School Institute

will be held in connection with the

district conference. The program for reli-

gious and literary exercises will be pub-

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Editorial Notes.

Be a Woman! On to duty!
Raise the world from all that's low;
Place high in the social heaven
Virtue's fair and radiant bow.
Lend thy influence to each effort
That shall raise our native human,
Be not fashion's gilded lady,—
Be a brave, whole-souled, true woman!

LET us have less politics and more business. Let us attend to our duties, and our rights will not need such strict attention.

DRUG shops, groceries and other places of business are now open on Sundays, in this city, just as if there was no Sunday law. What has become of our city government and the Sunday league?

SELFISH place seekers, should remember how the blessed Christ rebuked this disposition in the disciples that were anxious ever to occupy the place of greatest eminence in his Kingdom; and of the apostolic exhortation; "In honor preferring one another."

PRESIDENT Warren of Boston University, who ranks among the ripest scholars of his day, addressed the graduating class at the last commencement there, in Latin. The degree of A.B. was conferred upon 37 persons; the degree of Ph.B., 16; Sc.B., 9; LL.B., 40; M.D., 27; Ms.D., 2; S.T.B., 26; A.M., 1; Ph.D., 8.

Rev. F. Parker, of the Huntsville district Texas, whose friendship for the SOUTHWESTERN is shown in the many cash subscribers that he sends us says: "I am very anxious to see you have enough cash subscribers to make the paper independent. I carry the matter incessantly on my heart and in all my conferences."

THE following sentence occurs in Bishop Haygood's address at Claflin University concerning the advance in education among the Negroes: "Thirty years ago not a single school, and not more than one in a thousand able to read; to day, 21,000 schools, 1,100,000 scholars, 70 normal schools with 16,000 students, and two and a quarter millions able to read. Match it if you can."

THE Epworth League numbers over half a million members, a very small proportion of whom are of our people. No pastor or Presiding Elder has done his full duty to our young people until he has done all in his power to gather and organize them into the Epworth League. Let us see to it that every church throughout the South has an Epworth League connected with it during the next sixty days. Now is the time to organize. Write to Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, 150 Fifth Ave., New York, for full instructions. *

Children's Day Gleanings.

H. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.
The program for Children's Day was carried out to the letter. Miss Jane Wright was the Queen "Religion." The banner was made and painted by the pastor. The boys and girls acquitted themselves well. Miss E. E. Landry and Miss Alice E. Hampton filled their places admirably. We had a grand time. Little Mamie Wright, 4 years old, was the youngest speaker, and Sister Charlotte Williams, 67 years, was the oldest. We have sent our collection to Dr. Payne.

J. M. Nevils, Kosciusko, Miss.
The young people decorated the church very beautifully. The program was carried out to the letter. Notwithstanding the rain, we had a large crowd. Collection, \$5.

O. B. Gibson, Glencoe, La.
The church was crowded to its fullest extent. Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday School Agent, gave us an elegant address. His talk was soul-stirring. Rev. E. Fields, our pastor, is doing a grand work. Collection, \$12.80.

Wm. Coleman, Birmingham, Ala.
We had a grand time at Mt. Pleasant Church, North Birmingham. Our little Sunday school raised \$5.05. Rev. R. H. Kellar was with us.

D. B. Harston, Brinkley, Ark.
Children's Day was observed in our new church with a crowded house. Collection, \$8.

Geo. W. Lewis, English Eddy, Ga.
Children's Day was observed in grand style here. Collection, \$21.50.

M. Adams, Indianola Circuit, Miss.
It was a grand success. The first held by the M. E. Church in the town of Indianola, Miss. This is a new work. We have no church building here at all. We worship in an old store. When our congregation gets too large we get the court house. We had it for Children's Day. Collection, \$3.80.

L. Drake, Brewton, Ala.
We had a glorious time. Collection, \$3.

J. Watts, Augusta, Ga.
The day at Augusta was carried out grandly. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The young people did great credit to themselves. Many were present who knew nothing of what we are doing for education in the South, who went away much wiser. Collection, \$8. The pastor has his eyes on the benevolent matters of the church.

Edmund Holiday, Spring, Tex.
We had a nice time Children's Day. Collection, \$2.10.

James L. Middleton, Hawthorne, Fla.
Our Children's Day was a grand one. Collection, \$4.

P. H. Hill, Rosemeath, Miss.
Children's Day program was carried out to the letter, led by Mr. J. J. Martin and superintendent Rev. J. M. Dixon, at Wesley Chapel. Collection, \$5.50. At Holly Grove led by Mrs. M. J. Blake, and H. Golden, superintendent. Collection, \$7.55. Total, \$13.05.

W. J. Holland, Gibson Circuit, Texas.
Everything combined to produce a delightful celebration of Children's Day. St. Paul Sunday school, under the leadership of Bro. W. C. King and Hon. Wm. Ross, raised \$3.60. Wesley Chapel Sunday school, under the leadership of Bro. Thos. Reid and Hon. Jimmie Williams, raised \$2.50. Arthur City Sunday school, under the leadership of Prof. C.

L. White, raised \$2. We intend to lead Paris district. We have forwarded \$8 to Dr. Payne, collection for Children's Day.

Leroy Diggs, Clinton, Tenn.
Quite a large number of old and young people were present, and took part in the exercises. Miss Minnie E. Johnson, one of our bright and efficient young ladies of Coal Creek, presided at the organ. Collection, \$8.

J. C. Hibbler, Vicksburg, Miss.
The superintendent and assistant superintendent, Bro. J. D. Johnson and Sister M. C. Cavinas, deserve much credit for painstaking and successful efforts in making the occasion the grand one. Collection, \$25.50. God is with us.

A. Taylor, Bonham, Texas.
Our Children's Day exercises passed off nicely, considering this was our first attempt at this place. Bros. Barnes and Hardeman, of Paris, were with us and lectured on the subject of Children's Day. Collection, \$2.

John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Bro. D. Patillo, the superintendent, and the writer, with the faithful corps of teachers, made the service the grandest in our city. The collection was taken.

A. Merida, San Saba, Texas.
Our Sunday school has just been organized. We had a grand time, although it had never been observed here before. Collection, \$2.40. Miss Fanny Huling was our queen.

Schools and Colleges.

The Central Alabama Academy and What I Saw There.
W. H. NELSON, PH. D.

The above is the only school of the M. E. Church among the citizens of color in the great State of Alabama. For many years it bore the name of the Rust Normal Institute, but within the last few years, during the principalship of Prof. A. W. McKinney, the original name has been changed. But never in the history of this school has it been more prosperous than now and never was the outlook so bright.

There are several things which have contributed to the present prosperity and hopeful future. Among these may be named the wisdom of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society in placing at the head of the school Prof. A. W. McKinney, a graduate of the old and reliable Central Tennessee College and a member of the Central Alabama Conference. He has succeeded in interesting the entire conference in the school, and hence the whole State. To-day the academy has a conference visiting committee, and many sons and daughters were counted who are the children of the preachers. And this is as it should be. Let us build up our own conference academy and prepare the children of our own State to go away for higher training. Let us send them to Prof. McKinney, for while they do not attempt university training they do prepare for it and give first-class practical English education.

Prof. McKinney has also a regular strong board of trustees, headed by the Presiding Elder of the district, the Rev. Wesley Prettyman, D. D., and the school has employed four first class teachers. Until now there never was a boarding hall thought of; at any rate it was not needed. Besides the new buildings, which are the only improvements that have ever been made since the founding of the school some twenty-two or twenty-three years since, the original college building has undergone several repairs, which make it cozy and desirable.

At the recent commencement of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College the degree A. M. in *curia* was conferred on Mrs. Mary L. Wells, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and on Mrs. Lillian L. Slack, of Springfield, O., both daughters of Dr. A. B. Leonard.

THE WORK DONE IN '90-91.

We reached the city in time to attend the examinations and preach the baccalaureate, or annual sermon, Sunday, May 3, to a bright class, who were to graduate the following week. Indeed, this is another step in the right way, for not until recently was this school properly graded; hence the students labored to no object, and becoming discouraged quit off school or went to other places.

A great concourse of students and patrons on Monday and Tuesday witnessed the examinations in readings, geographies, grammar (higher and lower), literature, rhetoric, complete arithmetic, algebra, latin, etc. There were other studies of interest, but in every single branch there is much credit to be given the students and praise to teachers for hard labor, which was evident all along the line.

NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL.

Certainly all our freedmen aid schools need greatly to facilitate their work, but there is no school in the country that needs the attention of Dr. Hartzell as much as this one. Why? Because Alabama is a great central Southern State, with a population of over 800,000 and over 300,000 illiterates among her citizens of color, and not a school of our church besides this academy of any kind. Now this school is small and unable to accommodate the children in Huntsville alone, to say nothing of those in the whole State. Can Methodism of our great church neglect Alabama, the seat of rebel secession? She has comparatively neglected us during the past twenty years on educational lines, but will she or can she do so ANY LONGER? Our school needs and must have at least one large building, to be used as a dormitory, school rooms and office. Without this we must perish for lack of knowledge, our children wander from us and our Methodism have no worthy following. But there is this additional pressure. Formerly the State Normal School has been in Huntsville and has largely shared in the education of the city and suburb; but now this school has been removed to the country, thus giving Huntsville entirely over to the Central Alabama Academy, which could not accommodate all at first, and what now with all the city and State?

THE FIELD INVITING.

But our school is wanted in Huntsville, and more so now than ever, being the only high school in this great city. Recently the city authorities have met and proposed to donate a lot of six acres of land in any desirable part of the city for our school, and forever exempt it (the land) from taxes. The attendance is large, and destined to be larger each year. Now, Dr. Hartzell has had us raising funds some time, with a promise to help to build, so let him come now and touch Alabama but once, and at this opportune time.

Important Notice.

Office Superintendent Public Schools, 142 Ohio street, New Orleans, La., June 13, 1891.—A competitive examination of applicants (white and colored), for teachers' certificates for high, grammar and primary grades, will be held at Boys' High School, 158 Callopie street, beginning June 29 and continuing to July 3. Each applicant must file in the office of Superintendent of Schools on or before Friday, June 26, her application, giving name, residence, reference and previous qualifications.

WARREN EASTON, Supt.

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The directors of the Union Theological Seminary propose to stand by Dr. Briggs, notwithstanding the veto of the General Assembly to his election.

At the recent commencement of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., the following degrees were conferred: In *curia*, M. S. upon the Rev. Wm. Wesley, B. S., Presiding Elder of Palestine district, of Texas Conference, and M. A. upon Professor Henry B. Pemberton, B. A., of this school; also *causa honoris*, D. D., upon the Rev. George M. Hamlen, president of Mallalieu Seminary, Kinsey, Ala., the Rev. Charles H. Phillip, M. D., Washington, D. C., and the Rev. John Wiley Knight, of Enreka, Kan. President George Whitaker has tendered his resignation.

Notes by the Way—Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss.

It was my pleasure to be at the close of the session at Meridian Academy. This year was the most prosperous in its history. It had an enrollment of 210. The examinations showed thoroughness of instruction and mastery of the work. The literary exercises were very good and showed painstaking preparation.

There was a class of eleven graduates—four young ladies and seven young men. The graduates did credit to the academy, to themselves and all concerned. Diplomas were presented by Rev. A. M. Trotter, of Jackson, Miss.

Friday was a grand picnic day, at which time the Rev. A. M. Trotter delivered the annual oration to a very appreciative audience. Subject, "Man." He discussed his subject from five points of view—the physical, mental, spiritual; his duty and future. He did credit to himself and the occasion.

After the oration Professor J. W. Brook, A. M., principal, presented the plan of the new building, just received from Dr. J. C. Hartzell, which was hailed with much enthusiasm by the audience.

A new building is very much desired because the present building is very much dilapidated. It is very necessary.

If the Freedmen Aid and Southern Educational Society would make a good investment for the education of the needy and the deserving this is the time, place and opportunity. We pray the society, through Dr. Hartzell, to give diligence lest it should let this opportunity pass, and build and support a school with much larger facilities than the present one. I would appeal to the brethren of the Mississippi Conference and friends of education to give all possible aid, support and recognition to the Meridian Academy, forgetting not our other duties and relations. Also that the Meridian district be not shortcoming in its collections for the academy.

The great demand of the age is a Christian education—education of the hand, head and heart, according to the rules and principles laid down by the Teacher of teachers.

Jackson, Miss.

The Rev. A. M. Trotter will soon have his new brick church ready for entrance. Brother Trotter and his people should be congratulated on their success.

Bolton, Miss.

It was rally day on the fifth Sunday in May. Having been invited by the pastor to be with them, I

met a very appreciative and benevolent congregation. Notwithstanding the scarcity of money because of the season of the year, the collection was \$28.50.

Rev. L. J. S. Bell, of Edwards, preached a very good sermon at 3:30 o'clock. We had a blessed time all day.

Brother Brown, the pastor, has done a good work. He is much beloved by his people. Without any special revival services he has added forty-eight to the church. Brother Brown is a good man and preacher, but Sister Brown is the better half in the work. All unmarried preachers will do well to get such helpmates.

J. C. HIBBLER.

Teachers desiring schools to teach; and communities in need of teachers can find no better means of securing what they want than by advertising their wants through the SOUTHWESTERN. Forty thousand people read our paper every week. Write for terms.

Mrs. J. E. Seaman, Principal of the Southern Academic Institute, favored us with complimentary tickets to the commencement exercises of that excellent institution, which took place at the Grand Opera House, this city, last Tuesday night. There were nine graduates from the several departments.

Good News to Teachers.

You can make money during vacation canvassing for the SOUTHWESTERN, "The House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." Write for terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

Church Polity.

Q. Why don't the Book Committee, or the proper authority, enlarge the Quarterly Conference Record? The whole duty of the pastor is not ruled off. Why don't the Church produce a printed Leaders' and Stewards' Record? It would be timely.

INQUIRER.

Ans. You can get in this line just what you want, from this office. Send for our price list.

Q. In Part Second, Chapter III of our Discipline, and paragraph 201, under the head, "Qualifications, Appointments, and Duties of Stewards," where it says, "to inform the preachers of any sick or disorderly persons; to tell the preachers what they think wrong in them," does the pronoun "them" refer to the preachers or to those that have been found by the stewards walking disorderly?

ITINERANT.

A. The context makes it quite evident that "them" refers to such "disorderly persons;" and not to "the preachers." The conduct, right or wrong, of "the preachers," is not here under discussion at all. While this is a fact, the stewards are the preacher's constitutional advisers, and as such he would be greatly benefitted, very often, if his stewards once in a while frankly told him, in a friendly and brotherly way, just what they thought wrong in him.

THE Colorado Conference has elected the following delegates to the General Conference: Ministerial—Earl Cranston, N. A. Chamberlain, S. W. Thornton. Alternates—J. H. Merritt, T. O. Iliff. Lay—Hon. John Evans, Denver; Horace T. DeLong, Grand Junction. Alternates—J. A. Clough, Denver; J. E. Downey, Pueblo. The vote on the change of the Second Restrictive Rule so that it shall read "And said delegates shall be men or women," stood; for, 52; against, 26. On the question whether women shall be eligible as delegates to the Lay Electoral and General Conferences, the vote was: yes, 63; nay 24.

Letters from the Districts.

W. S. Rollins, P. E., Indianapolis, Ind.

District conference convenes at Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 6-9, 1891. I shall expect every pastor, local preacher, district steward and Sunday school superintendent to be present at roll call, August 6, 9 a. m. In order to beat your post you must leave home August 5. I will make arrangements with all the railroads. Please have no excuse. District stewards will meet to estimate the Presiding Elder's salary, August 7, 2 p. m., at Bloomington, Ind.

Rev. D. M. Minus, A. M., Presiding Elder of the Beaufort District, South Carolina Conference, reports his district in an excellent condition. And revivals are going on at several points.

Program for Meridian District, Mississippi Conference.

Opening sermon, P. R. Crump. Why should an M. E. minister visit from house to house? M. Cooper.

Should a church have a mother? A. Quinn.

Who should take charge of the wine after sacrament, and how dispose of it? M. White.

Did the Apostles organize a new church on the day of Pentecost? G. W. Smith.

Is there a clear, consistent form of church government in the New Testament? P. Blue, J. D. Walden, and T. A. Cotton.

Did Peter have any pre-eminence over the other Apostles? D. F. Dudley and N. Toole.

Can a member moving from one circuit or station to another be received in any way without a certificate of recommendation? W. H. Mims and R. H. Patton.

Has a member who moves from one circuit or station to another, without a certificate, access to church privileges convenient to him? J. Jordan and H. T. Hampton.

What is Armenianism? A. D. Payne.

The good of district conferences and why the ministers should attend them, C. W. Ivy and P. R. Crump.

The good of the SOUTHWESTERN and our duty toward it, A. B. Logan and A. Butler.

When is a child responsible for its sins? R. B. Anderson and L. Tate.

The best way to study the Bible, A. J. McNair and M. Martin.

The good of the Tract Society, W. H. Smith and Gen. Jackson.

The conference will meet on the 3d of July.

Committee: G. W. Smith, A. D. Payne, D. F. Dudley.

Program of the Dadeville District Conference, to be held August 6-9.

Prospects of missionary work in Africa, E. Harrison.

Duty of class leaders, Berry Jackson.

How to build churches, Henry Burrow.

Relation between pastors and local preachers, W. H. Bond.

Should one prepare to enter the ministry? Isaiah Perry.

Central Alabama Academy, A. N. Jackson.

Conducting revivals, Hiram Matthews.

The higher Christian life or sanctification, Jas Yarnell.

How to raise missions, Elijah Frazier.

Ministerial support, Geo. W. Winn.

Purity in the ministry, Theo. Mitchell.

Future punishment, Geo. McLe-more.

The difference between the soul and spirit, W. H. Nelson.

The duty of stewards, W. T. Trammell.

How to organize a church in a new field, J. A. Scales.

Duties of local preachers, M. W. Williamson.

Prayer, its benefits and effects, G. H. Hamilton.

The SOUTHWESTERN, W. F. Smith, P. E.

Local preachers should prepare their own subjects.

PROGRAM S. S. INSTITUTE.

The proper kind of literature, J. W. Patton.

The qualifications of superintendents, Miss Maggie Rainey.

The duty of teachers of the Sunday school, Miss Ida B. Mitchell.

Should Sunday school teachers be church members? J. W. Thomas.

The kind of teachers for infant classes, Wm. Reese.

The value of early training, Mrs. E. A. Nelson.

Music in the Sunday school, S. S. Hamon.

The success of the Sunday school, C. N. Finley.

How to keep a Sunday school during the winter, J. W. Sheppard.

Punctuality in the Sunday school, Miss Q. V. Hines.

Christian education, W. H. Sweat.

The Sunday school of the past and present, J. M. Black.

The Sunday school to-day is the church of to-morrow, H. A. Carlisle.

The care of infants in the Sunday school, Mrs. Georgia Jackson.

Committee: A. N. Jackson, H. Matthews, W. F. Smith, W. H. Nelson.

Program Montgomery District Conference.

Meets at Union Springs, Ala., July 9, 1891, at 8:30 a. m.

The Sunday School Institute will meet in connection with the District Conference, and Saturday, July 11, will be devoted to the Institute.

The opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. D. Crowell, of Pensacola.

PROGRAM FOR INSTITUTE.

Opening address, Object of Sunday school institutes, E. M. Jones.

Responsibilities and duties of Sunday school officers, Prof. J. W. Tate.

How to be a successful pastor, Z. T. Pearsall.

How to secure punctuality in Sunday school and church, Troy delegate.

The demands of the age on the ministry, S. B. Henderson.

Sunday school excursions, Castleberry delegate.

Influence of the SOUTHWESTERN, Mobile delegate, Wesley Chapel.

How to secure the regular attendance of Sunday school scholars and church members, Prof. M. J. Moore.

Christianity and Romanism, Union Springs delegate.

Does Christianity keep pace with population? Pensacola delegate.

Benevolent collections, Presiding Elder.

Other delegates can select their own subjects. Every member is earnestly requested to be present, and to take part in the discussions.

Committee: S. B. Henderson, E. M. Jones, Z. T. Pearsall.

Tennessee River District Conference.

J. B. BRADFORD, P. E.

Undergraduates and local preachers of the Tennessee River District, take notice that the first Theological Institute for the district will be held at Clifton, Tenn., July 9, 1891; the second meeting Sept. 1, 2; and the district conference will meet on the 3d of the same month.

Examining committee: H. W. White, S. B. Danley, C. H. Brlington, W. B. Denney and H. Primm.

Now, brethren, be on hand with your hooks.

Program for Waco District Conference.

Waco District Conference will convene in St. Paul M. E. Church, Marlin circuit, August 4 to 10, inclusive.

The day of small things, Willis Graves, W. J. Mitchell.

Divine revelation, J. J. H. Dozier, S. G. Ales.

Inspiration, Willis Medlock, N. J. Johnson.

PROGRAM.

To preach the opening sermon, R. H. Fleming; alternate, Wm. Sullivan.

Missionary sermon, S. J. Robertson; alternate, A. G. Glenn.

Doctrines of the Holy Trinity, Prince Wilson and A. Jackson.

Creation of the world, Gus Pinkard and C. P. Westbrook.

Man, his original state and fall, D. McKinsey and D. C. Lacey.

Atonement, E. Pharris and J. W. Wormley.

Extent of atonement, B. F. Pinkard and J. Buel.

Repentance, Tom Taylor and Daniel Humphries.

Justification by faith, J. Humphries and G. Norman.

Adoption and the witness of spirit, A. Harris and P. Bennett.

Regeneration, J. W. Farrison, and Jas. A. Hall.

Christian perfection, F. Garrett and M. Smith.

Final perseverance of saints, S. H. Harp and S. Scruggs.

Second coming of Christ, A. Taylor and M. T. King.

Resurrection of body, Andrew Lynch and B. Goff.

General judgment, T. S. Moore and J. Bigham.

Duration of future punishment, J. Irvin and B. I. Adams.

Local preachers whose names do not appear above, may select their own subjects.

Sunday school superintendents from each charge will write upon the subject opposite the name of the charge represented.

Bremont—How to encourage attendance.

Corsicana, Dawson and Hubbard—How to secure punctuality.

Dallas—How to organize a Sunday School into a Missionary Society.

Dennison—How to teach Sunday school.

Fort Worth—What is the best method of keeping a Sunday school interested.

Groesbeck—Should the superintendent call a person to review the Sunday school without this previous knowledge of the lesson.

Hubbard—Who should review and catechize the Sunday school?

Marlin—How to interest an infant class.

Marlin circuit—How to arouse a dead Sunday school.

Mexia circuit—How is it that some Sunday schools run down.

Milford—Give an illustration of a model Sunday school.

Waco, St. James—Should teachers prepare their lessons before entering the school, two ways how, and four reasons why.

Waco circuit—Should our church catechism be left out of Sunday school instruction? If not, why? Three reasons.

Waco Mission—What benefit is derived from the Sunday school teachers' meeting.

The Sunday School Missionary Meeting will be conducted by C. P. Westbrook and W. J. Mitchell, every afternoon from 4:30 until 6 p. m., Friday and Saturday evenings excepted, at which time the Waco District Ministers' Institute will meet.

The Woman's Home Missionary Anniversary will be conducted Saturday, 7:30 p. m., L. A. Westbrook officiating.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and Samuel Hinton College anniversary on Friday evening. Johnson and Westbrook.

General Missionary and SOUTHWESTERN intelligence meeting, Saturday, 4:30 p. m.

Committee: M. Smith, A. Jackson, and Presiding Elder.

Birmingham District Conference.

I. TOWNSEND, P. E.

The Birmingham district conference will convene in Birmingham August 5-11. Every pastor, Sunday school superintendent, local preacher, exhorter, representative class leader, and district steward, are earnestly requested to be present on the first day with written reports, as the Discipline directs. The second day will be given to the Sunday School Convention.

PROGRAM.

To preach the opening sermon, R. H. Fleming; alternate, Wm. Sullivan.

Missionary sermon, S. J. Robertson; alternate, A. G. Glenn.

Enthusiasm in the preacher, P. G. Goins.

Relation of the Methodist ministry to the people, S. J. Robertson.

The duty of stewards, Wm. H. Jordan.

Relation of the M. E. Church to the colored man, A. B. Allen.

The work of the Holy Spirit, A. G. Glenn.

Duty of class leaders, L. W. Goodson.

Duty of Sunday school superintendents, Alfred Nichols.

Duty of local preachers, S. Ray.

The best method of extending the M. E. Church over the State, T. P. Phillips.

Duty of Presiding Elders, E. B. McCauley.

Temperance, H. Adams.

Relation of the Sunday school to the church, Wm. Leewood.

Duty of exhorters, D. Richardson.

How to open a mission, D. Heron.

Relation of baptized children to the church, R. H. Fleming.

Sanctification, Wm. Coleman.

Education, N. H. Speight.

Regeneration, J. W. Paul.

Women's sphere in the church, H. D. Byrd.

Should a Methodist preacher be afraid to ask his congregation for a collection? S. H. Veil.

How shall we get the young people to the church? Wm. Snellman.

Committee: T. B. Phillips, L. W. Goodson, A. B. Allen.

P. S.—Local preachers, exhorters, class leaders and superintendents may select their own subjects.

Cumberland River District Conference Program

The conference convenes in Gordonsville, Tenn., August 25.

The progress of Methodism, by the Presiding Elder.

The Missionary Society, M. Williams.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, B. F. Whitley.

How to build churches, C. Pickett.

Church Extension, C. L. Seward.

The Tract Society, J. P. Gregg.

Sunday School Union, S. T. Hickerson.

The American Bible Society, T. Ward.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missions, A. L. Nelson.

Conference claimants, R. A. Dowell.

The relation of the pastor to the Presiding Elder, T. Belcher.

The SOUTHWESTERN, Wm. Goodner.

The model class leader, D. Gordon.

Temperance in the M. E. Church, Benj. Sneed.

Prayer meeting, F. Smith.

The relation of the pastor to the Sunday school, G. Finney.

How to prepare and deliver a sermon, S. Rideout.

Class meeting, N. Betty.

Our Educational Society, D. Gray.

To preach the opening sermon, T. Ward; alternate, D. Gray.

Local preachers, exhorters, and all other members of the district conference, please select your own subjects.

There will be a Sunday School Institute held in connection with the District Conference.

Committee: B. F. Whitley, M. Williams.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

J. L. Owens, Marshall, Tex.

My work is in a prospering condition. Easter services at Goodwill Church proved a success. Collection, \$3.75. Owens Chapel observed Easter day. Prof. H. B. Pemberton was with us, and organized an Epworth League among the young people. We have four local preachers on this work, and each takes the SOUTHWESTERN.

Bro. Thomas preached a soul-reviving sermon on Sunday night, which was edifying to all who heard it. We are determined to raise all our benevolent collections.

W. H. Jackson, Paris, Tex.

Rev. Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder Marshall district, paid Paris a welcome visit, and preached a soul-reviving sermon Sunday night, May 3. Six joined the church.

Rev. Hamilton is much loved by the people of Paris. The Sunday school here is the grandest in Northeast Texas. I have raised \$66 for benevolences. Sunday's collection was \$31.50. We have not forgotten the SOUTHWESTERN.

N. B. Blackmore, French Camp, Miss.

My first quarterly conference convened at St. Paul M. E. Church May 2, 3, with Rev. R. Sewell, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The conference was largely attended.

Reports showed the work progressing. The conference made no mistake in giving us Rev. R. Sewell as our Presiding Elder. He is the right man in the right place. He preached at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. to a large congregation, after which he administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the pastor. Four happy persons joined the church. I am doing all I can for the good old SOUTHWESTERN.

H. R. Smith, Hockley, Texas.

Our first quarterly conference convened April 11, 12. Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder, preached a soul-reviving sermon. Collection, \$19.15. The Lord's Supper was administered by the Elder, assisted by the pastor. One hundred and seventeen partook of the same. Our Easter was observed. We had a grand time. Collection, \$12.

P. R. Woodson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Spencer circuit is moving off nicely on the line of success. Our Sunday schools are getting along nicely. It has been several years since there has been such an outlook on this charge. I have organized all along on my work. The committees on the various benevolences will be able to make a good report at the third quarterly conference.

Julius Williams, Austin District, West Texas Conference.

Rev. Mack Henson, Presiding Elder, was with us April 25, 26, and held our first quarterly conference and preached a wonderful sermon, which was felt among the people. Collection for Presiding Elder, \$16.25; for pastor, \$20. We are moving along nicely. We have raised \$50 for the erection of a church. We have not had any conversions this year, but the spiritual work of the church is very good.

G. C. Harden, Nolensville Circuit, Tenn.

The third quarterly conference passed off with great success. The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. P. Price, was on time. The brethren were present with written reports. The Presiding Elder was encouraged with their work. Paid Elder, \$10.90; pastor, \$30.50; raised for missions, \$5. The Elder preached one of his soul-reviving sermons. One conversion in the meeting, and one addition. The sacrament was administered to eighty-five.

A. G. Glenn, Blount Springs, Ala.

After a two weeks session, we closed our protracted meeting with thirty-seven converts and three reclaimed. We had a glorious time. Among those converted were some of the worst people in the place, aged from 12 to 50 years.

J. N. C. Coggins, Holly Springs Circuit, Miss.

My first quarterly meeting was held in Calvin Chapel, May 9, 10, Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D., presiding. We had a pleasant time.

On Sunday the Doctor preached a soul-reviving sermon and administered the sacrament to 83. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$360. Paid Elder, \$13.05; pastor, \$32.45. Total collection for all purposes, \$52.50. The church is progressing.

I. G. Nun, Cedartown, Ga.

I came to my work in February and found nine members and nowhere to preach, but I went to work and got a hall over a blacksmith shop, and now we have forty members in town and thirty-two at New Hope. Our first quarterly conference convened May 16. Rev. J. J. Jackson was on hand and preached to the satisfaction of all. We paid the Presiding Elder his quarterage. Paid pastor, \$51.80. Benevolent collections, \$3.90. Total collected this quarter, \$309.60. We are going to build an M. E. Church in Cedartown, 30x50 feet. We have 1000 feet of lumber on the ground. We are going to have a grand rally the first Sunday in July, and we hope to raise \$50. Rev. H. R. Allen, our Presiding Elder, is doing a great work this year.

M. C. Buffington, Natchez, Miss.

May 10, I baptized five happy converts.

J. L. Augustus, Pineville, La.

Our revival lasted nearly three weeks, and resulted in eleven conversions and five accessions to the church. The church is alive spiritually and financially. We have been assisted by Rev. S. Lovett. I shall send in some cash subscribers soon.

J. B. Starkey, Arcola, Miss.

Our Quarter Centennial Day was celebrated May 10. It was grand. Collected \$3.50, which was sent to Dr. J. C. Hartzell.

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Our Connectional Societies

What they ask for 1891.

Missionary Society	\$1,250,000
Board of Church Extension	253,000
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	230,000
Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,650
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

"Missions are not a waste, but an investment; a most profitable one, too."

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One has said, "A true zeal for missions will lead every man and woman to do something, or to do without something, for Jesus' sake."

Rev. Y. Honda, a Japanese of high abilities, and who received his education in the United States, has been elected president of the Anglo-Japanese Methodist Episcopal College at Aoyama, Tokyo.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Australia has resolved upon a mission in New Guinea, and the veteran missionary in the South Sea Islands, Rev. Geo. Brown, has gone on a tour of inspection.

"Giving to promote the cause of Christ, when so frequent as to be a habit, becomes easy to the giver. The way to acquire the habit is to practice the giving. Practice, here as well as elsewhere, makes perfect. The more one gives the more he will be inclined to give."

It is estimated that the wealth of the United States reaches the sum of \$60,000,000,000. We give about \$4,000,000 to foreign missions; that is, a man who is worth \$15,000 will give \$1 for the spread of the Gospel in the lands back in heathen darkness. Is this enough?

General News Items.

General Henreaux, President of the Dominican Republic, has invited all American Negroes to settle in San Domingo. There is room for a million of them there. The island has a rich soil, fine climate, great resources, and a population of less than four hundred thousand.

While the colored people of the United States are no doubt grateful for this very kind invitation, we do not anticipate that many will be disposed to leave the United States for San Domingo, or any other foreign shore.

Their ancestors were brought here against their will; the present generation came, as all persons born here, without any will. This is their native land, and the probabilities are that they will remain here, and grow with the country until the end of time.

The Daily Equator-Democrat, of Key West, in speaking of the recent arrest of five Cubans suspected of murder, by Sheriff Charles Dupont, colored, says:

"Sheriff Chas. Dupont is to be congratulated on the cool and quiet manner in which he succeeded in making the five arrests last Tuesday afternoon. He did his work so quietly, coolly and quickly that all five of the suspected murderers of old man James Mira were in jail before they were aware that warrants had been issued for their arrest. When the trials have been concluded Sheriff Dupont and Justice Gwin should each receive a vote of thanks from the people."

Dr. J. H. Young, one of the leading doctors of Lawrence, Kan., and the only colored doctor of that city, has been selected city physician.

Strange enough the nominal rulers of the three European nations to-day are children. Spain has a baby king, Serbia a boy monarch, and Princess Wilhelmina, a little girl of ten, frail and delicate, now becomes the rightful sovereign of

Holland, under the regency of her mother.

The Columbian Exposition opens in Chicago, Ill., May 1, 1893, and closes on the last Thursday of Oct., of the same year. Every patriotic American should arrange to contribute his share to the success of the same.

General Church News.

American Bible Society.

The stated meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Bible House on Thursday, June 4, 1891. Theophilus A. Bronner, Esq., vice-president, in the chair.

Grants of books were made to the value of about \$182. Appropriations of funds were also made amounting in the aggregate to \$55,572.52, including a grant to the Board of the Reformed Church, for its Arcot Mission; to the American Board, for Bible work in Spain; to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for Bible work in Germany and Switzerland; to the Russian Bible Society, for colportage work in Siberia; to the Evangelical Society of Geneva; to the Committee of Evangelization of the Waldensian Church; and to the Society's La Plata, Venezuela, Persia, China, and Russia Agencies.

The issues from the Bible House during the month of May were 72,348 volumes; issues since April 1st, 167,540 volumes.

Rev. Jacob Freshman has just baptized four converts from Judaism at the Hebrew-Christian Church in New York.

The Indian training school at Carlisle, Pa., has now enrolled 728 scholars. At the recent commencement there were eight graduates.

It is said that on the West African coast there are about 200 churches, 35,000 converts, 100,000 adherents, 275 schools, 30,000 pupils, 35 languages or dialects have been mastered, into which portions of the Scripture and religious books and tracts and general educational books, have been translated and printed, and some knowledge of the Gospel has reached about 8,000,000 of benighted Africans.

When Bishop Taylor visited Palestine he brought home water from the river Jordan, which is used for baptismal purposes in his sons' families, and with which he baptized his youngest son, a native born African.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Patrons will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my brothers. Their names are Houston and Henderson. We were separated in 1855. We were brought from Louisville, Marshall county, Tenn. Brother Houston and I were brought to Mobile, Ala., and sold by a speculator named Black. We left brother Henderson in Louisville, and I have not heard from him since. There were only three of us. When last heard from brother Houston was in Mobile, Ala. He went by the name of Houston Johnson. Any information concerning their whereabouts will be thankfully received. Minerva Connor, Shubuta, Clark county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my husband. I have not seen him since 1870. His name was Phillip Lagau. He belonged to a man by the name of Lagan, he then lived in Yazoo county, Miss., near Lexington, Miss., on the Benton road. But since freedom he went by the name of James Canady. His brother's name was Morton Lagan, and he had two sister's Lucy Lagan and Harriet Lagan, and he had two children Willie Canady and Haden Canady. My name is Julieann Canady, I belonged to a man in Yazoo county, Miss., by the name of Dock Myandell. Any information would be thankfully received. Address Julieann Canady, 626 Openwood street, Vicksburg, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother, sisters and brothers. Mother's name was Martha Jane Fields; sister's, Beekie and Sallie Fields. My other sisters and brothers I don't remember. Brothers were Gabe and Jack Fields. Brother Gabe was killed while on his way home during the war; at that time I was living eight miles from Sherman, Texas. My other brother I don't remember his name. I was brought to Texas a few years before the war by John Fields, Jr. At the time I left home all of the family lived about seven or eight miles from Louisville, Ky. My name was, at that time, Mary Anne Fields. Any information may be directed to Mary Anne Harris, 712 North Commerce street, Gainesville, Texas.

Science.

There are Pasture Institutes at Rio and Havana. Russia has five, Italy has five, and even Spain and Romania have not been behind hand. There are none in England, Belgium and Portugal.

A press dispatch from Paris says that an enormous reservoir of water 120 feet below the surface has been discovered at El Golea, a small caravan station in the midst of the Sahara desert. The reservoir was discovered while a number of workmen were sinking a well at El Golea. The shaft sunk already gives forty gallons of good, clear water per minute, and it is expected that this amount can readily be increased should it be found that a larger quantity is necessary. This is said to be the first time that water has been found at so slight a depth in the Sahara.

The Proctor steel tower at the World's Columbian Exposition, says the *Engineering News*, is to be 1,155 feet in height, and will resemble the Eiffel tower in its general appearance. It will be hexagonal in plan, instead of square, however, and will have a larger base and start at a smaller angle with the vertical than the Eiffel tower. The designer of the tower is David A. Proctor; the architects are Holabird & Roche, and the engineer is Corydon T. Purdy, all of Chicago. The contract for erection has been let to the Geo. A. Fuller Company. The steel, of which 75,000 tons will be required, will be furnished by Carnegie, Phipps & Co. The total cost of the tower is estimated at \$3,000,000.

Books and Current Literature.

Prof. R. R. Wright's Emancipation Address delivered at Atlanta, Ga., last Jan. 1, and published by request is a masterpiece of English literature, and deserves a high place among the best of its class. The pamphlet is from the *Sentinel*, Augusta, Ga.

Among the best helps to the study of the Bible, that have recently been published by our Book Concern, is *Studies in Old Testament History*, by Rev. Jessie L. Hurlbut, D.D. Nowhere else can so much help be found in the study of the Bible, in such narrow compass as in this little book. Price in paper 25 cents. Cloth 40 cents. New York, Hunt & Eaton. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

Fun and Finance, is the name of a very interesting treatise by Rev. Newton Wray. It is a discussion of modern church novelties, in connection with the subject of church giving, church fairs, festivals, bazaars, pleasure parties, etc., given to raise church supplies are treated in this little volume with such candor, and hews so closely to the line of every one's experience that it becomes irresistible in its conclusion against these vampires that are feeding upon the vital powers of the church. Price 35 cents. Boston, McDonald, Gill & Co., 36 Bromfield street.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Fall Conferences, 1891. (Continued.)

Conferences in the United States.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Utah Mission.	Ogden, Utah.	June 3.	Andrews
Colorado.	Colorado.	June 10.	Andrews
Wyoming Mission.	Rawlins, Wyo.	June 18.	Andrews
Nevada Miss.	Great Falls, Cal.	July 22.	Bowman
Idaho.	Susana, Idaho.	July 30.	Bowman
Montana.	Great Falls, Mont.	Aug. 30.	Bowman
Washington.	Seattle, Wash.	Sept. 10.	Bowman
Oregon.	Salem, Ore.	1891	Gerald
Puget Sound.	Aberdeen, Wash.	1892	Gerald
Idaho.	Spokane, S. Dak.	27.	Merrill
Cincinnati.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Sept. 2.	Warren
Iowa.	Muscatine, Ia.	2.	Foster
N. W. Nor. & Dan. Miss.	Seattle, Wash.	2.	Gerald
Nebraska.	Nebraska.	2.	Newman
West Virginia.	St. Joseph, Mo.	9.	Newman
St. Louis Germ. St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis, Mo.	9.	Bowman
Norweg. N. & Dan, Chicago, Ill.	Chicago, Ill.	9.	Merrill
Michigan.	Michigan.	9.	Merrill
Erie.	Meadville, Pa.	9.	Fowler
Northwest Swed. Chicago, Ill.	Chicago, Ill.	9.	Vincent
Central Illinois.	Moline, Ill.	9.	Joyce
Michigan.	Michigan.	9.	Joyce
Central German.	Covington, Ky.	9.	Foster
N. Pac. Germ. Miss.	Seattle, Wash.	9.	Gerald
Illinois.	Illinois.	16.	Merrill
Illinois.	Bloomington, Ill.	16.	Warren
Des Moines.	Des Moines, Ia.	16.	Foss
Cal. Germ. Miss.	San Jose, Cal.	16.	Mellihen
Michigan.	Michigan.	16.	Mellihen
East Ohio.	Akron, O.	16.	Fowler
W. Wisconsin.	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	16.	Vincent
Columbia R. V.	Spokane Falls, Wash.	16	FitzGerald
Indiana.	Indiana.	23.	Warren
North Nebraska.	Omaha, Neb.	23.	Joyce
Nebraska.	Nebraska.	23.	Joyce
Minnesota.	Regina, Minn.	23.	Goodsell
S. Illinois.	St. Louis, Mo.	23.	Warren
Northwest Germ.	Charles City, Ia.	23.	Foss
Rock River.	Joliet, Ill.	23.	Niude
North California.	Los Angeles, Cal.	23.	Mallahan
Wisconsin.	Zanesville, Wis.	23.	Mallahan
Wisconsin.	Ozark, Wis.	23.	Vincent
North Ohio.	Mansfield, O.	23.	Joyce
Nebraska.	Nebraska.	23.	Newman
Nebraska.	Lincoln, Neb.	23.	Merrill
Kentucky.	Newport, Ky.	30.	Foster
North Dakota.	Grand Forks, N. Dak.	30.	Merrill
West Virginia.	Wheeling, W. Va.	30.	Warren
Dakota.	Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	30.	Foss
Illinois.	St. Louis, S. Bend, Ind.	30.	Nirde
Upper Iowa.	Davenport, Ia.	30.	Vincent
Central New York.	Corland, N. Y.	30.	Joyce
Arizona Miss.	Flagstaff, N. C.	30.	Goodsell
North Carolina.	Winston, N. C.	5.	Warren
East Tennessee.	Morrisdown, Tenn.	15.	Niude
Blue Ridge.	Asheville, N. C.	15.	Mallahan
Holston.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	21.	Niude
West Mex. Eng. Miss.	Las Vegas, N. M.	21.	Mallahan
Central Tennessee.	Erin, Tenn.	21.	Joyce
Austin.	Waco, Tex.	25.	Hurst
Southern Miss.	Texarkana, Tex.	Dec. 27.	Hurst
West Texas.	Victoria, Tex.	16.	Hurst

The Southwestern.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1891.

A Quarter of a Century of Christian Education.

Our Jubilee!

Let every district conference be a jubilee celebration of the quarter-centennial of success of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. This Society is the mightiest home missionary agency operating in the South for the common good of humanity; and deserves the most faithful support of all our people. The Society never collected so much money in the prosecution of its work, and never needed so much money as to-day. The continual prosperity of the work and the providential openings that God presents to it make it imperative that more money be devoted to this cause. In order to assist our pastors and presiding elders in presenting the facts to our people on this important subject, we propose to issue a special jubilee edition of the SOUTHWESTERN early in July, which will be full to the brim with just the kind of information our people need on the subject. Let every church order extra copies for general distribution. Send your orders at once, or you will not be able to get them at all. \$3 per hundred; smaller or larger orders in proportion. Order with the cash, to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans.

THE Philadelphia *Methodist*, gives the following bit of advice, which we commend to our readers:

"Don't be too swift to take offense. Many times the shot is not aimed at you. Don't cry before you are hit."

WHENEVER you notice a long string of names published in the SOUTHWESTERN with the amounts they contributed to the church, you can take it for granted that those names went in as regularly paid advertisement. They are never admitted otherwise. We cannot afford it. Neither can we publish statistics and apportionments, unless paid for as advertisement.

HAVE you ordered extra copies of our Jubilee number of the SOUTHWESTERN to be published next month? Only a few days remain wherein you can order. We ought to get 20,000 copies of that very valuable issue out among our people. The smallest charge ought to order at least a dozen or more copies. In no way can a quarter, half a dollar or a dollar be more profitably spent. Rally brethren; rally. The paper is not Dr. Albert's, but yours.

THE Washington (D. C.) *National Tribune* of June 11 credits to us an article which reflects most shamefully upon the system pursued in the granting of pensions and upon the United States Pension Office in Washington. That article might have been published by some other paper published in the Southwest, but it certainly did not appear in the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. We are not in that kind of business; neither do we belong to "the soldier hating class." We represent a loyal constituency, that believe in an open Bible and in the old flag, and in all that they represent. We are glad to learn from the *Tribune* that, after a thorough investigation, the senseless and malicious reflection upon the system and the officers in question has been found to be utterly devoid of any foundation.

Presiding Elders to the Front!

Last Tuesday the Presiding Elders of our colored conferences, met in convention in Chattanooga, Tenn. It is a grand body of men. They represent a membership of nearly a third of a million members, and a million and a half of adherents. They meet, we want it distinctly understood, not to discuss grievances of any kind whatever against the church. They have none. But rather to express their gratitude for what has been and is being done, and to prove their loyalty by planning for more aggressive work, and grander achievements in the future.

It is well that such a meeting is being held. There are questions affecting this department of our work, which no other body of men could undertake to solve. The devil of infidelity, alcohol and crime generally; the Roman Church, under pretenses of ecclesiastical equality; and the several race churches, by appeals to wicked race prejudices, which we condemn in others, are grabbing after our people, and our young people especially. And then there are questions touching the material, educational, and moral, as well as religious conditions of our people which call for special consideration. Under the circumstances it is of the highest importance that these sub-general superintendents of ours should thus meet and get the toning of inspiration and take counsel of each other, and formulate plans for the spread of the victories of the Cross and of our Methodism. Every phase of our church-work should and will be there considered; revival work, raising church supplies and benevolences, church building, mission work in outlying territories, Sunday school work and methods; educational work, etc.; and last but not least, the more vigorous circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN throughout our borders.

The hope is confidently entertained that this convention will result in many more conversions, churches built, Sunday schools organized, young people entering our higher schools of learning; in a general uplift of all our people, and in the realization of the 25,000 circulation which the SOUTHWESTERN has every reason to expect from the membership there represented. Let everybody pray for heaven's choicest blessings and direction upon the deliberation of these our sub-general superintendents!

Under Martial Law.

Is What Should Be Done to the Louisiana Cut-Throats

The people of Louisiana should not lay the flattering unction to their souls that because public sentiment of the country endorsed the action of the people of New Orleans in ridding themselves of Italian cut throats, it will sympathize with the horrible lynching that recently took place in Claiborne parish. Some time last year Timp Hampton, a Negro, was suspected by his neighbors of complicity in a hog stealing case. Though they had no positive knowledge of his guilt they went in a body to his house one night for the purpose of lynching him. He did what any man of courage would have done. He resisted them and in the resistance one of the mob was killed. The next day he was arrested. A second attempt was made to enter the jail and lynch him, but it was thwarted by the sheriff. The prisoner got a change of venue, stood his trial, and was acquitted on the charge of murder. He then was re-arrested for larceny, and, fearing he would be lynched if he remained in jail he pleaded guilty, and was sent to the penitentiary for a year. He served out his sentence, and upon returning to his native place was seized by the mob, hurried off into the woods and burned to death. An official report of these occurrences has been made to Governor Nichols. It now remains to be seen what he will do under the circumstances and whether he will bring these fiends to justice. If he fails

in his duty it will have to be conceded that the functions of civil law in that state have been suspended by the mob, and that punishment is meted out by a gang of barbarians, who have not the ordinary instincts of humanity possessed by thugs or savages. The record that Louisiana is making for itself is one which would shock the sensitiveness of the most barbarous Indians. If the horrible murder of Timp Hampton is not avenged by law the state of Louisiana should be ostracized; or, what is still better, it should be placed under martial law until the civil laws can be executed. — *Chicago Tribune*.

The authorities have said and have, as yet done nothing in the premises; and the probabilities are that nothing, absolutely nothing will be done.

The Negroes of the South ask for no supremacy over the whites. All they ask is that they enjoy the rights guaranteed them under the national constitution, that the national flag shall not be to them a rag of disgrace but an ensign of protection; and that such savage brutalities against the race, in the South, shall not cry to high heaven in vain. How long, oh heaven how long, will the American people, and the good people of the South permit the commission of such heinous crimes without punishment?

ONE of the most shameful facts connected with the observance of National Decoration Day, May 30, throughout the South, is the unmanly, cringing disposition manifested by camp-followers of the Union army left down here, as rubbish behind the receding waves of Boys in Blue, that returned home at the close of the war, toward ex-rebels, in the observance of that day. Those people now call themselves the G. A. R. They are, a disgrace to their country. In order to ingratiate themselves into the favor of ex-rebels, they now refuse to affiliate with the colored soldiers that rescued them from the inevitable defeat that awaited the Union army but for their help. Two separate and distinct memorial services are observed in the national cemeteries in the South, where the colored are permitted to participate in such services at all. At Andersonville, Ga., and in many of the cemeteries colored veterans are not allowed at all. Shame upon the men that ignore and turn away black defenders of the flag, to embrace unrepenting, although pardoned rebels!

THE record of the *Methodist Review* during the present quadrennium, in respect to the growth of its circulation, the reorganization of its contents, its adaptation to the thinking of the age, its recognition of the necessities of the church, and its enlarged influence in the country, is indeed remarkable. The latest news concerning its progress is that for the first time since 1878 it has passed the line of self support and will return this year a surplus of more than one thousand dollars to the treasury of the church. So far as the books have been examined this has occurred but three times in the history of this periodical, and in each case the profits were but slight. The financial success this year is all the more gratifying since it has been a very expensive year, owing to increased compensation to contributors, an addition of about fifty pages to the volume, and the increase of general office expenses. There may be a limit to the success of the *Review*, and these surprises of growth may finally cease; but in the light of its recent history we are led to ask, What next?

PRESIDING Elders must bear in mind that lay delegates must be elected, in their fourth quarterly conferences this year, to attend the Lay Electoral conferences, to elect delegates to the next General Conference. It would be well too for them to begin at once to raise their apportionments for the entertainment of the next General Conference.

Political Review.

Political speculations continue as to what shall be the platforms and who the presidential candidates of the two great political parties.

The *Charleston News and Courier*, which expresses probably the general Democratic sentiment in the Southern States, says that "the next presidential fight must be by the Democratic party on the issue of tariff reform, or it will be a losing fight for that party. . . . If we make free silver the principal plank in our platform, we will be whipped in the fight, as we ought to be whipped." It holds, therefore, that Mr. Cleveland is the only Democrat who can lead the party to success. The expression of U. S. Senator Reagan, that Cleveland can only carry two States west of the Mississippi—Texas and Arkansas—is just so much nonsense. The Democratic party will count the Solid South for whoever may be the nominee of that party, whatever may be the platform adopted.

The People's Party, encouraged by the Democratic party of the South, in the West, is falling to pieces, and will not be the powerful disintegrator of Western Republicanism, as Southern Democrats hoped. Old-time Republicans have discovered the purpose of Farmers' Alliance Democrats to urge them on in their Third Party movement in the West, while they adhere strictly to the Democratic party, in the hope of throwing the election into the Democratic House of Representatives, which would insure the election of a Democratic President. They are not liable to thus be deluded.

Thus far, President Harrison's nomination seems quite probable; and his election almost certain.

The great event of the week was the Republican State Convention in Ohio, wherein Major McKinley was unanimously nominated for Governor by acclamation. Never was such enthusiasm aroused in a State Convention in Ohio since the lively war times. The indications are that the Republicans will sweep the State and that their whole ticket will be elected by a majority of 30,000. McKinley and the party is united as never before in years. The following is the ticket: Governor, Major McKinley; Lieutenant Governor, Andrew L. Harris; State Auditor, E. W. Poe; Treasurer, W. T. Cope; Attorney General, Gen. J. K. Richards; Supreme Judge, Marshall J. Williams; Board of Public Works, Charles E. Grace; School Commissioner, O. T. Carson; Dairy Commissioner F. B. McNeal. The candidate for Lieutenant Governor is a Farmers' Alliance man.

Among other things, the platform pronounced in favor of protection as against free trade and tariff reform heresies; in favor of gold and silver as the basis of all circulating mediums; opposes pauper and criminal immigration; favors liberal pensions to the defenders of the Union; indorses the administration of President Harrison; commends the faithful senatorial services of Hon. John Sherman; denounces the Democracy for its corrupt and incompetent administration of affairs, etc. On the right of franchise, it says: "We demand, and will continue to demand until finally and absolutely secured, the free exercise by every citizen of the supreme and sovereign right to cast one ballot at lawful elections and have it honestly counted." It is quite probable that Gov. Campbell, present incumbent, will be the Democratic nominee.

The Mississippi Democracy is all life with the present canvass for nominations for State offices and U. S. Senator.

In this State the Lottery and Anti-Lottery factions are quarreling over the question whether colored voters shall be permitted to vote on the lottery amendment or not. Neither faction is decided in its own ranks whether the Negro is to be permitted to take a hand in the fight. State Auditor O. B.

Steele, who was believed to be an Anti, is, if reports be true, to lead the Lotteryites in the fight for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Personal.

—D. B. Wilson, Esq., formerly of Shreveport, is now pursuing a law course in Washington, D. C., where he requests his correspondents to address him, at 818 Fourth street, N. W. He has been very sick, but is now getting better.

—Hon. Frederick Douglass, U. S. Minister to Hayti, is expected in Washington some time this month, on a sixty days leave of absence.

—Our types made us call Rev. Z. T. Gayden, Dr. Gayden, last week. The error was discovered too late for correction.

—Our friend and townsman, Major Andrew Hero, Assistant U. S. Treasurer, is to be congratulated upon the graduation of his son, Andrew Hero, Jr., from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. He graduated very near the head of a very large class.

—Rev. A. Gillespie, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, has returned from a ten days visit to St. Louis, Mo. He preached two edifying sermons for our people there. So says Bro. Sandy Morgan.

—An Omaha paper publishes the following: "Mrs. Newman will return to Omaha in the early autumn, where she is highly esteemed for her personal worth and Christian activity. She is at present at Round Lake, managing her Missionary Home for the summer guests. She is in excellent health and full of plans for future usefulness. Those newspaper reports as to her health were untrue and grieved her friends. She has been much engaged upon her books soon to be published, but since her return to the spring air and sunshine of Round Lake the bloom has come to her cheeks, and she telegraphs here that she is well and happy."

—A friend from Marshall, Tex., who signs himself "A Marshallite," has written us a letter full of the highest praise to the Rev. I. B. Scott, D.D., for his high Christian character and faithful and successful services. One hardly ever gets to read such an eulogy upon a living man; the like are generally reserved for the dead. In these days, when so many men are too jealous to accord to worthy men the honor due them, it is refreshing to get such a letter. Dr. Scott merits every word of praise which this appreciative young Marshallite accords him; and we heartily make his sentiments our own. Dr. Scott is indeed one of our grandest men.

—Mr. Edward Reed, representing the *American Catholic Tribune*, Cincinnati, Ohio, is on a visit to this city in the interest of that paper. He called last week. We regretted to learn that he was of Protestant parentage and raising, but had been inveigled into the Roman Church under the delusion that that church was less prejudiced against the colored people than other branches of the Christian church. The facts are just to the contrary; and will remain, so long as civilization can point to the fact that His Holiness, the Pope of Rome, was the only power that recognized the Southern Confederacy and slavery. In this connection too, it may well be remembered that Freetown with her massacre, Lafayette with her regicides, St. Martinsville and New Iberia, centres of terrorism against our people, are all centres of Romanism, in which scarcely a baker's dozen of white Protestants can be found. Our people must not be deluded by the occasional word of sympathy that now and then escapes from individual Roman Catholics, here and there, in the North. Slavery polluted the fountains of human equality and fraternity in all the churches in the South; and the Roman

Catholic is no exception. We assure our people they have nothing to hope for from Romanism, North or South.

In the North that church is composed of Negro-hating Irish, and in the South she has her full proportion in the rank of lawless regulators.

—Rev. J. F. Marshall, of the Baton Rouge district, was in last week, and reports gratifying progress at every point on his district.

—Rev. E. Ford will remain at Groesbeck, Texas, for five or six weeks, where he will be glad to hear from pastors in need of his help at camp meetings, protracted meetings, etc. After that he goes to Waco, Texas. Having no church nor members where he was sent from last conference, he is free to help any needing his services.

—Rev. H. B. Hart, of Vidalia, La., was in the city last Friday. He reports a very encouraging outlook for his work in Vidalia. We had nothing there as late as last February, but now Bro. Hart has a Sunday school of over 50, a membership of 18, and many friends. He reports a church lot bought and prospects of building soon. For the present, services are held in the colored school house.

—Rev. Geo. A. Payne has been transferred from the Little Rock to the Louisiana Conference. His present postoffice address is Baton Rouge, La.

—Rev. B. J. Reddix, of Campt, La., spent a few days here last week, and called to see us. He reports something paid on the church debt, and a successful revival, in which many were converted and reclaimed.

—Rev. J. O. Price, D.D., President of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., and Commissioner General in charge of the colored department at the Southern Interstate Exposition, to be held at Raleigh, N. C., this fall, reached this city last Monday, and addressed the colored citizens of New Orleans last Wednesday night, (last night), at Wesley Chapel, in the interest of the same. It is hoped that his visit will be quite successful in that direction, as it is proposed to transfer those exhibits to the World's Columbian Exposition, in Chicago, when that opens.

—Prof. S. R. Pinckney, class '84 Straight University, has just returned from Gonzales, Tex., where he has been teaching. He called and paid for two new subscribers, and for his own subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN. He says: "The SOUTHWESTERN grows more interesting the more I read it." He will be here for some weeks.

—The editor, in company with Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder of the Baton Rouge District, left last Monday evening for Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the Presiding Elders' Convention. They will probably return the last of this or the first of next week.

—Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin, A. M., S. T. B., Presiding Elder of the Mission District, Louisiana Conference, has been honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Nebraska Wesleyan University. An honor deservedly bestowed. The same University also conferred the degree upon Rev. Geo. S. Davis, superintendent Bulgaria Mission; Rev. P. S. Merrill, Omaha; and Rev. J. O. Hartsock, of the Baltimore Conference.

—Chadlock College has conferred the degree of D. D. upon Rev. Thos. J. Wheat, pastor of Trinity Church, Quincy, Ill.; Rev. Peter DeClark, of Oakland, Neb.; and Rev. Bernard Kelly, Topeka, Kans. It also conferred the degree of A. M. pro merito upon Rev. David F. Howe, of Jacksonville, Ills.

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DAILY BREAD.

That path with humble speed I'll seek,
In which my Saviour's footsteps shine,
Nor will I hear, nor will I speak,
Of any other love but Thine.
Nothing on earth do I desire
But Thy pure love within my breast;
This, only this, will I require,
And freely give up all the rest.
—Charles Wesley.

Make no engagements for those evenings when services are held in the church.

Be at church on time. Bow the head with reverence when you enter. Expect a blessing. Pray, meditate, consecrate for it.

Let nothing induce you to speak disparagingly of your church, your pastor, your family, your city, your leaders. Sustain them all.

The matter is short; all things in divine worship must be done decently and in order. Two must never pray at the same time, nor interrupt one another.—John Wesley.

My dear brother.—Always take advice or reproof as a favor; it is the surest mark of love.

I advised you once and you took it as an affront; nevertheless, I will do it once more.—John Wesley.

You do not understand my manner of life. Though I am always in haste, I am never in a hurry; because I never undertake any more than I can go through with perfect calmness of spirit.—John Wesley.

Taking opium is full as bad as taking drugs. It equally hurts the understanding, and is, if possible, more pernicious to health than even rum or brandy. None should touch it if they have the least regard either for their souls or bodies.—John Wesley.

O, ye lovers of money, hear the word of the Lord! Suppose ye, that money, though multiplied as the sands of the sea, can give you happiness? Then you are given up to a strong delusion, to believe a lie—a palpable lie—confuted daily by a thousand experiments.—John Wesley.

How happy a boy should be who finds a good habit of any kind growing stronger every day! It is easy for one to tell for himself just how he stands, if he will only look sharply at his goings and comings, and see with what feeling he goes about his daily duties. "He that hath clean hands shall be stronger." One cannot have his hands clean from sin unless the thoughts flow in the right channels. They do make channels for themselves in which they habitually flow just as surely the water courses.—Selected.

Bishop Weaver was the first one in a family of thirteen to seek Christ, but not finding peace he joined the church as a seeker. His father was at this time not a Christian, and he was not afraid to tell what he had done. As he himself tells the story: "One day we were in the barn together, and all of a sudden he said to me: 'Jonathan, I understand you joined the church.' It went through me like a knife, for I did not know what would come next. But to my surprise he said: 'Well, as you have started I want you to stick to it.' That gave me courage. I was at the mourners' bench seventeen times. It was six months after I started before I found peace. Sometimes I would get discouraged, but my father's words, 'Stick to it,' still rang in my ears. And I can still hear my father's words urging me to 'stick to it.'"—Selected.

The fabric of christian character has for its foundation-stones two great, living truths—holiness of heart and holiness of life. One can not exist without the other. There can be no shadow without the substance. Holiness of heart produces a holy living. The life is but the index of the heart. The world must judge the heart by the

life. It looks at the shadow, and conjectures as to the nature of the substance. If Christ lives in the heart, his Spirit must have a manifestation in the life. By their fruit ye shall know them. The greatness of your influence for God and the church will ever run parallel to the greatness of your purity and holiness of life. And therefore you should "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."—Selected.

Notice how many good things they have who believe in Jesus. They have everlasting life. The light of life. Hope toward God. A conscience void of offense. Peace with God. Access to this grace wherein they stand. Fruit unto holiness. The first fruits of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost within them. A building of God, a house not made with hands. All-sufficiency in all things. God's promises, exceeding great and precious. Redemption through Christ. Access by one Spirit unto the Father. A desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better than to stay here. They have the same love. The promise of the life that now is, and also of that to come. A great high priest that has passed into the heavens. Hope as an anchor of the soul. A strong consolation. Boldness to enter into the holiness. Fellowship with Jesus. An advocate with the Father. Boldness in the day of judgment.—Selected.

Homiletics.

Hymns 726, 733, 679.
Scripture Lesson, Hebrews 6.
Text, Heb. 6: 19: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.

Introduction.—The apostle who wrote the text had made many journeys by sea and land.

In his sea voyages he had seen many storms and tempests.

He had become familiar with the use of anchors. He knew that they were of great service when near the shore.

When the winds threatened to drive the ship upon the sand-bars, or upon the rocks it was always the anchor that the sailors depended upon to save them.

Now the apostle says, that the hope of the christian serves the same purpose as the anchor of the sailor.

It saves him from making shipwreck.

It keeps him from being driven upon the rocks of destruction.

Hope is made up of expectation and desire.

We may expect things we do not desire.

We may expect to lose property or friends or health but do not desire it.

We may expect trials and persecutions but do not desire them.

We may desire things that we do not expect. We may desire many earthly things that we do not expect.

When we desire certain things and when we have good reason to expect that we shall secure them, then it may be said that we hope for them.

Only the real christian can have the christian's hope spoken of in the text.

I. What then does the christian desire and expect, or in other words, what does he hope for?

(a) He hopes for the gracious help of God in all the experiences of life.

He is already a christian and knows God in the pardon of his sins.

Hence he does not hope that God will forgive him, for by faith he knows that he does. He has the witness in himself. But he hopes for the help of God, and the comforts of his love in his soul.

(b) In trials, in his business life, in his family life, in his personal life.

Which come from his own friends and associates. From Satan.

(c) In afflictions. When dear ones are taken from us.

When property is lost.

(d) In prosperity. It often takes more of God's help to keep us in prosperity than adversity.

(e) In sickness and death. God will never forsake us if we are true to him.

II. This hope of the christian is sure and steadfast.

(a) Sometimes the sailor's anchor does not hold. The anchor itself may break. The cables sometimes break.

The christian's hope will never fail so long as his faith continues.

The christian's hope is as sure as the promises of Almighty God.

The promises of God cover every hour of need, cover every hour of temptation, cover every hour of sorrow. We ought to commit these promises to memory, in that we may always have them at hand.

III. Without the christian's hope the soul will be lost forever.

(a) We may have knowledge and education, but they will not save us.

(b) We may have friends and wealth but they cannot save us.

(d) Neither good men nor holy angels can save us.

It is the christian's hope that will cheer and sustain the soul in life and in death.

Finally the poorest, and weakest, and most wicked may have this blessed hope if they will only turn from sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Marriages.

Woodville, Miss.—June 11, Mr. James Willis to Miss Mary Beverly. Rev. J. Benn officiated.

Helm, Miss.—May 2, Mr. Thomas Jackson to Miss Kitty Wells.

May 17, Mr. Martin Foley to Miss Amelia Floyd.

April 19, Mr. John Clark to Miss Molly Walker.

Rev. G. H. Harvey officiating.

Obituary.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Miss M. E. Tolbert was born in Mansfield, La., in 1849. She came with her mother, Mrs. Phillis Carolina, and settled near Rosedale, La., in 1870. She then became acquainted with Rev. G. W. Lacey. She was led by him to the altar May 23, 1873. She then traveled with him to all of his appointments in the State of Louisiana, and in 1888, when Rev. G. W. Lacey was transferred to the Little Rock Conference, she left her mother and friends and followed him to his new field of labor. She was confined to her bed six months, in the city of Pine Bluff. May 22, a. m., she fell asleep. Just before she died she shouted and said, "I am going home to rest from my labor." Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. John Qualls, assisted by Revs. C. H. Taylor, J. E. Toombs, G. N. Johnson, and A. J. Burrell of the A. M. E. Church.

J. Qualls.

John W. Stephenson, secretary, has furnished us with resolutions of condolence adopted by the Protective Association, expressive of their regret in their loss, by death, of their pastor and president, Rev. J. Thompson of Tennessee. Bro. Stephenson failed to state the name of the place from which he writes.

Gonzales, Tex.—Bro. Geo. Moore died May 23, aged 23 years. He leaves a wife, two children, mother, several sisters and brothers, and a host of friends to mourn. The funeral was attended by Rev. J. J. Collins.

Mrs. Collins.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Sister Mary Moore, a faithful and consistent Christian for 35 years, departed this life at the age of 59. Her last words were, "Don't grieve after me, but meet me in heaven." She leaves five children and a husband to mourn. Her funeral was attended by the writer.

A. Butler, P. C.

Alexandria, La.—Sister Georgia Garrett departed this life in full triumph May 12, after an illness of three weeks. She leaves a husband and many relatives to mourn her departure.

A. J. Ford, P. C.

Forest, Miss.—Sister Sophie Heslop departed this life April 24, in full triumph of faith, aged 70 years. She was a faithful servant of God.

P. R. Crump, P. C.

Little Beard, whose death was published as occurring at Lafayette, was at Camptie instead.

Oakland, Texas.—Sister Martha C. Cooper, wife of Rev. E. E. Cooper, was born near Memphis, Tenn., where she also professed religion and joined the C. M. E. Church. They were married Dec. 30, 1869. The moved to Texas in 1875, and joined the M. E. Church under the

pastorate of Rev. A. R. Norris, at La-Grange. For more than 21 years she was his faithful helpmeet. She departed this life in triumph June 3. She lived a true Christian. She leaves a husband and eleven children to mourn her departure. She prayed and worked for the education of her children. It was her cherished desire that they might be educated. She bade us good-by, but we expect to meet her again. Her funeral was attended by the writer, and Revs. E. Cogswell, W. H. Stevens and P. Johnson. A great procession followed her to her last resting place.

A. M. Mason, P. C.

Victoria, Texas.—Sister Kittie Andrews departed this life June 8, aged 47 years. In 1871 she was converted under Rev. Allen, and was baptized the following year by Rev. J. G. Webster. From that time until her death she was a devoted Christian and member of the Webster M. E. Church. Her last words were, "Jesus can make a dying bed feel soft as downy pillows are." Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. H. Swann, Presiding Elder of the San Antonio District. She leaves a husband, several children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

B. F. Smith, P. C.

Paulding, Miss.—Sister Amanda McCouliant departed this life May 30, in full triumph of faith.

Sister Louise Anna Cook, a member of Spring Hill Church, departed this life June 6.

M. Cooper, P. C.

Belton, Texas.—Sister Fannie Crawford, wife of Rev. P. V. Crawford, departed this life April 19, in full triumph of faith, aged 38 years. She was a member of the M. E. Church 19 years. She rendered valuable aid in founding Mt. Zion M. E. Church at Belton, Texas. Her last words were, "My time has come. Thank God, I must go." She leaves a dear husband, five children, a kind father and mother, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn, while angels rejoice at heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by the pastor.

J. H. Swann, P. C.

Green Hill, Miss.—Sister Polly Edwards departed this life June 3, in full triumph of faith. She lived a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 30 years. She leaves a husband, eight children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Sister Lue Jones died June 4, aged 27. She has been a faithful member for seven years. She leaves a husband, three children, brother, father, and many friends to mourn her loss.

S. J. Wood, P. C.

Shubuta, Miss.—Bro. Izell Dorty departed this life in full triumph of faith June 17. His last words were, "Jesus has come after me. Meet me in heaven. He leaves a wife, four children, and many relatives and friends to mourn.

Bro. Alex Bowen, one of Liberty Hill's oldest members, departed this life May 28. He was confined to his bed two years. A few days before he died I was with him, and he said he was waiting on the Lord. Part of the host have crossed the river, and part are crossing now.

A. J. McNair, P. C.

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City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

Last Monday night an entertainment was given at Union Chapel, for the purpose of raising money to pay their organist. Mrs. O. Oglevie favored us with complimentary tickets.

Rev. F. T. Chinn, although now serving his fifth year at Wesley Chapel, is so fertile and original in his plans to interest and edify his people, that he is quite as influential in that very important charge as ever. Bro. A. A. Goins writes us of how Bro. Chinn infused extraordinary interest in his class meeting last week, in the adoption of one such plan. He expounded II King 10, ch. 15. Then he had one of the sisters to give her views of the words, which was followed by the singing of a suitable hymn. The same process was carried out through all the classes. The result was a shower of spiritual power which all enjoyed. Bro. Chinn is determined that no service and no church shall die in his hands. Go thou and do likewise.

The committee appointed from First Street Church on the Old Folks' Home, have raised \$22.50, and paid it over to Rev. J. W. Hilton, President. T. G. Montgomery, P. C.

The second quarterly conference at First Street M. E. Church was held June 9. The Presiding Elder's address was very encouraging. Paid Presiding Elder, \$20. The superintendent reported a new Sunday school with 48 scholars. The steward reported \$450 collected this quarter. Paid the Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday School Agent, \$10 for his services. Having been appointed Missionary Agent on the South New Orleans District, I hope the brethren will have all of their mission money by the district conference.

T. G. MONTGOMERY.

The financial rally at LaHarpe Street Church, Rev. A. J. Pickett pastor, next Sunday, promises to be the grandest ever held there. The following ministers and congregations are expected to assist: Revs. M. Brown, D. Greggs, Thos. Columbus, Garrison, D. J. Price, J. H. Holmes, Gedridge, Frank Walker, Turner, W. Brown, J. W. Hudson, S. Davage, I. H. Hall, E. Clark, T. A. Wilson, Page, Dunningham, Eaton and R. B. Baily.

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Arkansas City, Ark.	27.60	32.40
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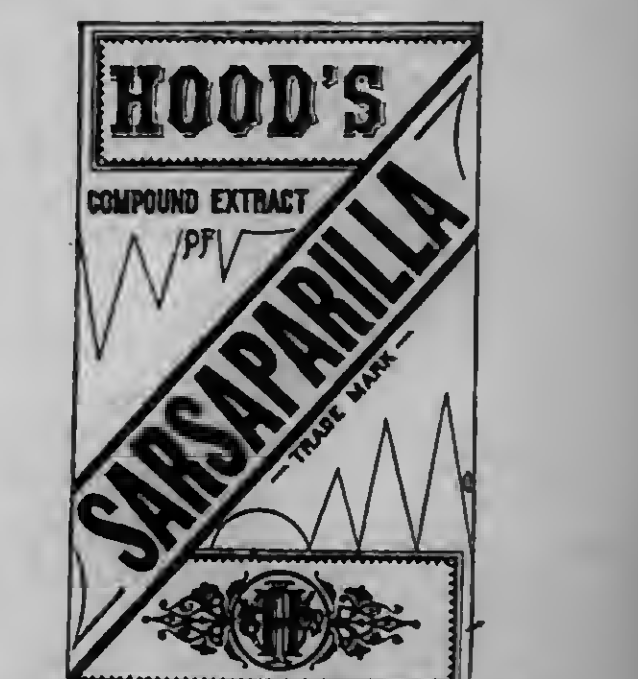
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a Presbyterian school for colored children, all the white professors, save one, have resigned, rather than serve under him. This is a most shameful spectacle. If able and cultured colored ladies and gentlemen can serve under white presidents, why can't white ones serve under, equally competent colored presidents? Shame upon such hateful personifications of wicked prejudices.

THE pseudo national convention of the American Citizen's Equal Rights Association at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 4th was anything but a success, and could lay no claim to a representative body. Very few, if any state organizations, participated in its deliberation. It is a great pity that such have been the facts in the case. And more than this it was a fatal blunder for the few accredited delegates who happened there to have added to their number every willing sojourner in Cincinnati into their convention (!) as a representative from his state; and with that unconstitutional quorum to proceed to onst all the national and state officials of the organization, and to substitute in their places, men that were not delegates to that body. Shame on such dishonest demagogery!

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and fears.
Rest from all possible sighing and
tears.
Rest through God's endless wonderful
years—
At home with the blest.

Beautiful spirit, free from all stain.
Ours the heartache, the sorrow and
pain.
Thine is the glory and infinite gain—
Thy slumber is sweet.
Peace on the brow and the eyelids so
calm.
Peace in the heart 'neath the white,
folded palms,
Peace dropping down like a wondrous
balm,
From the head to the feet.

"It was so sudden," our white lips
said,
"How we shall miss her, the beautiful
dead,
Who'll take the place of the precious
one fled?
But God knoweth best.
We know He watches the sparrows
that fall,
Hears the sad cry of the grieved hearts
that call,
Friends, husband, children. He loveth
them all—
We can trust for the rest."

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Drink.

Water was undoubtedly intended
by the Creator as the drink of man.
kind, but among the so-called civil-
ized races many people seem to
use as little of it as possible.

Notwithstanding the abundance
of water the absolutely pure article
is seldom seen outside of the
laboratory of the chemist, but we
can with a little care obtain that
which is sufficiently pure for prac-
tical purposes. We obtain it from
rivers, lakes, springs, wells, and
from snow and rain.

If rain water is used for drinking
or cooking purposes, cisterns that
contain it should be well ventilated
and thoroughly cleaned. River
water, especially after heavy rains,
contains a considerable amount of
earthy matter which should be al-
lowed to settle or the water filtered
before using.

Spring water in the neighbor-
hood of cities and villages, particu-
larly in limestone regions, though
attractive to the eye and taste
holds in solution organic impuri-
ties that are injurious to the health,
and water from such springs should
be boiled before drinking, in order
to destroy disease germs which it
may contain.

Water from wells located near
stables, vaults, barnyards or cem-
eteries, is liable to become contam-
inated and unfit for household use.
The bacteria that produces typhoid
fever frequently enters the system
by means of water taken from
these polluted wells.

Hard water, unless it contains
an excessive amount of mineral
matter, is not particularly unwhole-
some, and it is considered by some
writers more healthy than pure
water, as it contains materials need-
ed by the system, in building up
certain structures of the body.

The use of tea and coffee is almost
universal in this country. The
inhabitants of the United States
annually consume, over one pound
of tea and six pounds of coffee for
each person; in California, the
average amount of coffee is twenty
pounds.

Authorities are not yet agreed
as to the exact physiological influ-
ence and value of tea and coffee.
They are supposed by some to re-
tard excessive waste of tissue, while
others entertain an exactly opposite
opinion. If taken too often in ex-
cessive quantities, they have an
injurious effect on the nervous
system. Tea is said to act most
on the brain, while coffee stimulates
the spinal chord and nerve centers
of organic life.

Dr. Buck, in his work on hygiene
says: "That from their wide-spread
use, it might be inferred that they
supply some hidden want of our

nature, and experience and exper-
iments have confirmed such infer-
ence. The chief effects observed
are, a feeling of refreshment espe-
cially after fatigue, and a capacity
for further mental and physical
effort." Dr. Hayes testifies as to
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in arctic regions.

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Our Symposium.

New Orleans has been sowing to
the wind all these years. Upon the
merest pretext, inoffensive blacks
and distasteful whites have been
shot down or strung up, and the
citizens have openly or tacitly
approved. What was this but
advertising the city as a rendezvous
of assassins and inviting them
thither? Louisiana is inoculated
with the lottery virus; and through
long years has made the law con-
temptible in the eyes of the people.
It was just the place for private
detective agencies and "jury fixers."
The city was crucified between the
corruptionists and the mob. It
stands self confessed, impotent to
enforce law and to prevent outrage.
We are no longer an isolated
people. We are in the world-system
of international affairs. We can
not hide behind the unexploded
dogma of state's rights. The United
States must clothe itself with pow-
er sufficient to deal with nations as
a nation, and to enforce its treaty
obligations.—*Northwestern.*

The plot to Romanize this coun-
try goes bravely on. Having ex-
pelled the Bible from the public
schools, in order that there might
be a basis for the claim that those
schools are "godless," having is-
sued an order that Romanist par-
ents shall place their children in
parochial schools, and having se-
cured Romanist teachers in the
public schools to instruct Protest-
ant children who remain in those
schools, that church now proposes
to practically annex large portions
of the United States by colonization.—*N. W. Christian Advocate.*

The Supreme Court of the United
States, May 25, sustained unan-
imously the constitutionality of the
act of Congress passed last year to
do away with the consequences of
the decision of April, 1890, the
effect of which was to legalize the
sale of liquor manufactured in
another state and brought in the
original packages into a Prohibi-
tion state for sale.—*Christian Ad-
vocate.*

Young ministers must go to school.
Moaning, groaning and reading
about in spots in the Bible are not
an evidence of your fitness for the
ministry.—*Baptist Speaker.*

The Republican party have not
and could not have elected a single
President since Grant without the
colored vote, and unless they have
that vote next year they will enter
a hopeless contest. This may not
be a pleasant bit of information
for the white Republican bosses,
but it is amply backed up by facts
and figures, which some colored
men are able to understand and
analyze.—*American Baptist.*

Letters from the Laity.

P. H. Rembert, Brookhaven, Miss.

Sunday May 17th we had a grand
basket meeting for the purpose of
raising money to erect a shed for
camp meeting purposes. Our camp
meeting will convene here July 23.
We had a large attendance from
the friends and members of the
different churches, and Rev. A.
Davis, P. E., of our church at
Crystal Springs was with us. Col-
lection, \$41.10. God bless our
Sunday school for contributing
\$6.50 in this collection. I hope we
will be able to have our dear editor
Rev. A. E. P. Albert present dur-
ing our camp meeting in July.

A note from the trustees of our
church at Waycross, Ga., says:

The bishop sent us the proper
man this year in the person of Rev.
J. H. Smith. When he arrived
here things looked dark and gloomy.
Every time he preaches some soul
comes to Christ. This is also told
at Watertown. Both churches are
well pleased with their pastor.
Sixty days ago our pastor an-
nounced that he wanted to build a
new church at Waycross. He laid
out his plans and named the fourth
Sunday to raise the collection. We
are happy to say the result was
\$259.60 raised for the purposes on
that day. Many of our white friends
gave \$10 a piece. We were assisted
in the services by Prof. Snelson,
principal of the high school of this
place and his students.

The following each contributed
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Thomas, Mitchell Blackston,
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Mrs. John Ellis, John Numa, Susan
Smith, Anna Richardson, Chaney
Numor \$3, Lettie Richardson \$2,
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Laura H. Allen, Dallas, Texas.

Our quarterly conference convened
at St. Paul M. E. Church, Saturday
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Your Niece,
AGNES GADSON.

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Your Niece,
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Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 12 years old. Since I wrote to you last, mama has been sick with pneumonia, but she is up again. I have a very nice school teacher; her name is Mrs. A. M. Dunlop, also a nice Sunday school teacher; her name is Miss Malvina Parker. Mama takes the SOUTHWESTERN. It seems as if the boys and girls of our city are not brave enough to write. I like to see brave boys and girls.

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3. What does the prophet hold forth as the chief cause of crime and error? Wine and strong drink.

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5. What awful question does Paul ask concerning those who indulge in wrong habits? Golden Text. "Know ye not," etc.

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No one who reads the Michigan Christian Advocate week after week, can help from being impressed with the deep interest that it takes in the education of our people in the South. The result of Dr. Pott's visit to our section is shown in the deep interest that has been inspired in our behalf through his paper. Let others of our editors visit our Southern work. We are sure it will redound to the general good. Dr. Parkhurst's visit did worlds of good throughout New England, through Zions' Herald.

THE Sixth Annual Session of the Lone Star Medical Association will be held in the City of Victoria, Texas, July 1, and continue in session until the 3d. The program is very interesting, and the session promises to be an excellent one. Officers of the association: President, Dr. G. R. Townsend, Victoria. Vice-president, Dr. L. M. Wilkins, Galveston. Secretary, Dr. M. J. Snowden, Marshall. Treasurer, Dr. G. J. Starnes, San Antonio.

THE Presiding Elders' Convention is not a Colored Presiding Elders' Convention, but a convention of Presiding Elders of the colored work, and all others who may attend. I approve of it, for I think it will bring about a unification in our work and be productive of much good for Methodism. Success to the convention.—A. S. Amos, pastor of Friendship M. E. Church, Wattsville, Va., D. laware Annual Conference.

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Conference Notices.

Camp Meeting.

Our camp meeting on the Georgetown circuit, near Hazlehurst, Miss., will be held from August 1 to 9. All are invited. Presiding Elder Crump and many able ministers will assist.

S. McDAVIS, P. C.

Sunday School Institute.

The Sunday School Institute and District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Navasota District, Texas Conference, will convene at Hempstead, July 23-26. All pastors, superintendents, Sunday school teachers and local preachers, are members of the Institute. The presidents and members of the auxiliaries are members of the Association. It is hoped that there may be a large attendance at both assemblies.

W. H. LOGAN.

Reduced Rates.

Delegates to the Griffin district conference, to be held in Barnesville, Ga., July 22, will please take notice that arrangements have been made for reduced rates. Pay full fare coming and secure a certificate at the starting point from ticket agents. If you come over more than one road, secure a certificate of each, and you will be returned at one cent per mile.

G. W. LAMAR, Sec'y.

Navasota District, Texas Conference.

Third Round.

Wellborn—J. Gness.....June 27-28
Anderson—J. Gness.....July 11-12
Caldwell—H. W. Wilson.....11-12
Hempstead—C. E. Jefferson.....18-19
Millican—J. A. Featherstone.....18-19
Bryan—T. S. McMorris.....18-19
Yarborough—J. Gness.....18-19
Brenham—C. E. Jefferson.....18-19
Bryan.....Ang. 1-2
Navasota.....8-9
Navasota.....8-9
Hempstead.....15-16
Brenham.....22-23
Hookley—C. Jefferson.....22-23
San Felipe and Sealy—A. Gil-Im.....22-23
Belleville—E. Jefferson.....29-30
San Felipe.....29-30

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Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference.

Fourth Round.

Russellville.....July 11-12
Newport.....18-19
Oliver Springs.....25-26
Tazewell.....Ang. 1-2
Norristown.....8-9
Norristown.....15-16
Ebenezer.....22-23
Knoxville.....29-30
Mossy Creek.....Sept. 5-6
Knoxville.....12-13
Boys and Edwards.....19-20
Chilton and Coal Creek.....26-27

Dear brother pastors: Push all your benevolent collections, and try and raise all of your assessments. Remember, the district conference will hold its next session in Tazewell, Tenn. Pastors, try and have a full attendance in the quarterly conference, as delegates must be elected to attend the annual conference, to elect a delegate to attend the next General Conference. See that the trustees make an extended report for the quarterly conference.

E. PROVINCE, P. E.

Church Extension Board.

All who are interested will please take notice that the Louisiana Conference Board and Church Extension meets at this office on the second Wednesday in September at 1 p. m.

A. E. P. ALBERT, Sec'y.

The second district conference of the Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference, will convene at Gordonsville, Tenn., August 25, at 9 a. m. I expect every pastor, local preacher, exhorter, district steward, Sunday school superintendent and class leader to be present at roll call. Brethren, be prompt. I shall expect every brother to report his work in full. Our Sunday School Institute will be held in connection with the district conference. The program for religious and literary exercises will be published by the committee. Each pastor will be required to report all of his benevolent collections.

A. PHILLIPS, P. E.

Nashville, Tenn.

Indiana District, Lexington Conference.

Second Round.

N. Indianapolis.....June 20-21
Anderson.....22-24
New Albany.....27-28
N. H. Tolbert.....27-28
Shelbyville.....27-28
Green Castle.....July 4-5
Torre Hante.....4-5
Piusfield.....12-14
Lawrenceville—By Chas. Jones.....12-13
Cumberland.....18-19
Princeton—By G. McPhetee.....25-26
Indianapolis.....26-28
Connersville.....August 1-2
Bloomington.....1-2
Jeffersonville.....13-16
Watson—By T. M. Tompkins.....13-16
Cementville—M. Walton.....13-16
Cordova—F. M. Tompkins.....22-23
Rockport—Chas. Jones.....22-23
Evansville—M. McComer.....22-23
N. Vernon.....22-23
New Brk and Boonsville—H. Dnpee.....29-30
Madison—J. H. Jackson.....29-30
Cleveland and Rising Sun.....29-30

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Tennessee River District Conference.

Fourth Round.

Clifton.....July 11-12
Remar.....18-19
Adamsville.....21-22
Waynesboro.....25-26
Linden.....Ang. 1-2
Lawrenceburg.....8-9
Paris.....15-16
Dover.....22-23
Cumberland.....29-30
Dickson.....Sept. 5-6
Lewisburg.....12-13
Springhill.....19-20
Franklin.....26-27
Brentwood.....Oct. 3-4
Clark Chapel.....10-11
Beach Grove.....17-18

J. B. BRADFORD, P. E.

Reopening.

The Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, Honteston, Tex., will be formally opened on the first Sunday in July. All former pastors and ministers generally, are invited to be present. Our people have worked well and completed their church. Come, brethren, and encourage and help them with your presence.

E. LEE, P. C.
I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

Conference.

To the pastors of the Macon District Savannah Conference: Please write me at once giving me the names of all members who expect to attend the conference in Eastman, July 9. Attend to this at once, or hereafter forever hold your peace.

S. H. GAREY.

Eastman, Ga.

City M. E. Church Directory.

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Camp Meeting and District Conference.

There will be a grand camp meeting and district conference on the Marlins Circuit, Texas, at St. Paul M. E. Church, on Deer Creek. The camp meeting begins July 30, and the district conference August 4, at the same place. All the preachers of the district are invited to attend the camp meeting. Come to Waco and take the Arranhs Pass Railway, and that will bring you to the De-range crossing, one mile below the station of Chilton. This crossing is near the church where the meeting will be held. If any propose coming by the way of Marlin, they will please write in time, so that I may have conveyance there for them. Marlin is about ten miles from where the conference will be held, and all that come that way must be at Marlin on August 3 for that will be the day that I will send for them. Address me, 603 South 7th street, Waco, Texas.

G. NORMAN, P. C.

Camp Meeting.

There will be a grand camp meeting at Bolton, Miss., commencing July 16th and lasting to the 27th. Some able ministers will be with us. Revs. J. Campbell, J. M. Shumper, S. A. Bowman, P. L. Crump, etc. Dr. Albert is cordially requested to be present with us. Revs. J. C. Hibbler, L. J. S. Bell, S. J. Jossell, P. H. Davis, J. K. Comfort, W. H. Mimms, A. M. Trotter, R. McAlpin and others are expected. All are invited to attend. We will have a large tent. J. CAMPBELL, P. E.

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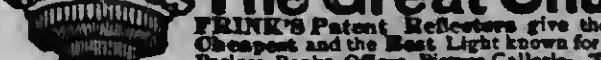
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District Conferences and Special Meetings.

Bowling Green district conference Princeton, Ky.....July 3-6
Meridian district conference, Stoneham, Miss....." 2
Camp meeting, Goliad, Texas....." 15
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Savannah district conference, Mt. Vernon, Ga.....Ang. 12
Forest City district conference, Oak Forest, Ark.....July 30 to Ang. 3
Macon district conference, Eastman, Ga.....July 9
Little Rock district conference, Morrilton, Ark.....July 9
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The Editor or Business Manager will attend as many of these district conferences and special meetings as possible, but whether they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, when we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circulation. It can be done. Will you do it?

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Editorial Notes.

That path with limbo speed I'll seek,
In which my Saviour's footsteps shine,
Nor will I hear, nor will I speak,
Of any other love but Thine.
Nothing on earth do I desire
But Thy pure love within my breast;
This, only this, will I require,
And freely give up all the rest.
—Charles Wesley.

THE dance, the theatre, the card table and the saloon, are among the devil's most effective weapons, for the destruction of vital religion and the church. No christian can countenance them without sin.

In his excellent article in *Zion's Herald*, on "The Reconstruction of Methodist Theology," Dr. Meuden hall advocates such reconstruction. Nevertheless, "Methodist theology needs less reconstruction than any other and is workable and preachable."

WE will send the SOUTHWESTERN to any address, the balance of the year for 75 cents. Now is the time for our pastors to make a special rally for six months subscribers. Come now, brethren, push your paper to the largest possible circulation on your charge

THERE is a Presiding Elder down South who brings to the attention of the quarterly conferences the *Advocate* and its circulation. Send that Elder up here. We will give him a district.—*Michigan Christian Advocate*.

That's the only kind we have down here; and we can't spare them either.

PRESIDING Elders must bear in mind that lay delegates must be elected, in their fourth quarterly conferences this year, to attend the Lay Electoral conferences, to elect delegates to the next General Conference. It would be well too for them to begin at once to raise their apportionments for the entertainment of the next General Conference.

QUOTING our article in which we criticized the action of nearly all the Southern States in refusing the Congressional appropriation for agricultural and mechanical colleges, rather than submit to let colored students share equally in the appropriation, Dr. Moore, in his paper, the *Western*, says:

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Children's Day Gleanings.

S. J. Robinson, Attalla, Ala.
Children's Day was observed the second Sunday in June. We used the regular program and had a grand time. Collection, \$5.

W. S. Shelby, Columbus, Sabine Parish, La.
Children's Day was observed. We had a grand time all day.

Fannie A. Clark, Bonchrest, La.
Our Children's Day was a success. Collection, \$1.15.

J. C. Gillespie, Toombs, Miss.
Children's Day was observed here on the 14th. The program was carried out nicely. Collection, \$3.00.

W. H. Higgins, Oak Forest, Charge.
Our Children's Day at Scrnggs Chapel was the best ever held at this church. The program issued this year is the best ever published. Collection, \$6.65. Six children were baptized on that day.

Moses Smith, Waco, Texas.
Children's Day was observed here with great success. The collection was sent to Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D., New York.

F. L. Teague, Marion, Ala.
Children's Day was observed. Collection for education, \$10. Money forwarded.

D. B. V. Walkhall, New Berne, Ala.
Children's Day was a glorious occasion. Collection, \$4.20.

Wm. S. Thompson, Piedmont, S. C.
The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The service was grand. Collection, \$10.01. The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition.

W. H. Lovelace, Griffin, Ga.
Children's Day was observed at Heck M. E. Church. We had a grand time. Collection, \$75.03.

Ida B. Evans, Franklin, Tenn.
Our pastor, Rev. S. B. Danley, and the Sunday school, labored hard to make the day one of profit and pleasure, and it was. Collection, \$2.50. Our former pastor, Rev. J. P. Gregg, had some repairs done which made the church more attractive and comfortable. Our present pastor and his estimable wife are earnest workers, and if untiring effort and upright christian living can be of any avail here, they will accomplish great good. He heartily endorses the sentiment of the SOUTHWESTERN on the subject of excursions.

M. V. Burgess, Millican, Texas.
Children's Day service was observed yesterday. We had a grand time. Collection, \$10.85.

L. Brandon, North Vernon, Ind.
We celebrated Children's Day June 21. We used the regular programs, which were the grandest ever published. Collection, \$3.32.

A. N. Jackson, Lafayette, Ala.
Children's Day was observed here June 21. The program, as issued by our Book Concern, was carried out to the letter, and was an occasion of much enjoyment. Collection was taken. The program was considered the best ever used here.

J. Jones, Anderson, Texas.
Children's Day was a grand one with us. Collection, \$11. Our rally the fifth Sunday in May resulted in \$34 to pay for a bell at Yarbrough Chapel.

O. Nelson, Selma, Ala.
Nothing like it before. The Sunday school, only three months old, raised \$3.05. The Pearl was grand.

P. M. Lashington, DeSard, La.
Children's Day was observed at Mt. Sinai M. E. Church. The two

schools of the charge met and had a grand time. Collection, \$6.10.

Thomas Steward, Marlin, Texas.
We had a grand time. Our Presiding Elder, Andrew Foster, was present and made a grand lecture. Our pastor, W. J. Mitchell, is a faithful worker and good man. Collection, \$2.40.

Schools and Colleges.

Anniversary of the Gammon Alumni Association.

The first regular reunion and banquet of the Gammon Alumni Association was held in the Butler Street C. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Tuesday, May 12, 8 o'clock p. m., President J. R. Howard in the chair.

Rev. R. E. Hart, '89, gave the address of welcome. He is pastor of the church in which the exercises were held. His theme was the "Macedonian Cry," and it was well handled. Rev. J. W. Walker, '90, read an original poem, "The Man of God." A beautiful solo, "Thou art so near and yet so far," was sung by Miss Mary E. Moore, of the choir.

The Alumni orator, Prof. J. D. Chavis, A. M., B. D., '89, of Bennett College, delivered an address on "The Gospel of the World's only Civilizing and Elevating Agency." He handled his subject in a masterly manner. At the close of his speech, remarks were made by the Rev. C. B. Wilson, B. D., of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and also by President Thirkield.

In the regular business meeting of the Association, the class of twelve just graduated was received into membership.

The newly elected officers are: President, R. E. Hart; vice-president, R. Graham; secretary, J. R. Howard; treasurer, M. O. B. Mason, B. D.

One of the most important features of the meeting was the organization of an Alumni Endowment Scholarship, the purpose of which is to create a fund to aid worthy students in school who are in need of it. It was agreed that every member be assessed one dollar, and as much more as he can give, for this purpose. Those who have not paid are requested to send it as soon as possible to Rev. M. C. B. Mason, 54 Rawson street, Atlanta, Ga. The importance of this was impressed upon all members present. Brethren of Gammon, stand by the Association and its worthy object. Any further information can be had by addressing the secretary at Stockbridge, Ga. The Association closed the best meeting ever held in its history.

J. R. HOWARD, Sec'y.
Good News to Teachers.

You can make money during vacation canvassing for the SOUTHWESTERN, "The House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." Write for terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

The Montegale Assembly opens June 23, 8 p. m., closes Sept. 10, 11 a. m. Schools begin July 2, close August 26

Important Notice.
Office Superintendent Public Schools, 142 Clio street, New Orleans, La., June 13, 1891.—A competitive examination of applicants (white and colored), for teachers' certificates for high, grammar and primary grades, will be held at Boys' High School, 158 Callopie street, beginning June 29 and continuing to July 3. Each applicant must file in the office of Superintendent of Schools on or before Friday, June 26, her application, giving name, residence, reference and previous qualifications.

WARREN EASTON, Supt.

Commencement at Central Tennessee College.

The commencement exercises of this institution began by the written examinations on May 18, and continued through the week.

On Sunday, the 24th, the annual college love feast took place at 9 o'clock, and was a season of very great spiritual profit; at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Prof. Sedgwick, from the text, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that sayest to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldst ask of him and he would give thee living water." The leading thought of the speaker was, that we are often ignorant of the Divine presence, just as this woman was ignorant of the presence of the Messiah.

In the afternoon the usual Sunday school was held.

At night, the annual sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Wilson, of Murfreesboro, from the text, "Why hast thou made me thus?" The leading thought was that God fits men for the places which they occupy, or which they should occupy, and was forcibly impressed upon the minds of the interested audience.

The public oral examinations took place Monday and Tuesday. On Monday night the Students' Endowment Association held its annual meeting, which was addressed by Rev. H. S. Berry, M. D., and H. Young, Esq.

On Tuesday night the graduating exercises of the law class took place. The addresses of the graduates, Mr. N. W. Parden and Mr. D. Gray, were quite superior, and were delivered in a style which indicated the ability of the speakers to command language. An address to the class was delivered by the Hon. S. A. McElwee, and was an excellent practical address. The degree of Bachelor of Law was conferred upon Mr. Parden. Mr. Gray not having completed the English studies, the degree was deferred.

On Wednesday night the addresses of the normal class were delivered, twelve in number: Lula E. Truman, Mattie Sharber, Sallie Rucker, James A. Price, Nannie E. Perkins, May Lizzie Green, William H. Cullum, Geo. W. Connel, Henry B. Oheairs, Sarah Butler, Wm. H. Buford, and Addie Bell.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, the College Chapel was crowded with a deeply interested audience, who listened to the addresses of Mr. J. C. Lyte of the senior normal class, Miss Ida B. Evans of the philosophical class, and Mr. J. F. K. Moreland of the classical course. The addresses of these graduates were all of a high order, and commanded the attention of the audience, and were indicative of the most thorough preparation for the exercises of the day.

The president presented the diplomas to the normal class and conferred the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy on Miss Ida B. Evans, Bachelor of Liberal Arts on Mr. Moreland, and the degree of Master of Arts, *pro merito*, was conferred upon R. F. Boyd, A. B., M. D. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Daniel Jones, of Lexington, Ky., and Rev. J. P. Hale, of Chicago, Ill.

The Alumni dinner in the afternoon was a most enjoyable occasion. There was a feast of good things, and after the repast there were speeches by the members of the Alumni Association and visitors, looking toward securing additional property for college purposes, and subscriptions amounting to several hundred dollars were secured. The Alumni Association met at night and was addressed by Rev. E. Tyree, Mr. G. T. Abbott of Nashville, and Rev. J. F. Moreland of Cincinnati.

The Committee on Memoirs reported the death of three of the members of the Association, Drs. E. M. Blakely, Daniel L. Gray, and Geo. Henderson. Appropriate remarks on the deceased members were made by a number of the members of the Association.

The exercises during commencement were attended by an audience that was packed into the chapel to an uncomfortable degree.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity. All departments have been well attended, and the enrollment is 613. At the close of the exercises on Thursday, the graduates, students and visitors paid their visits to the industrial department, and found on exhibition work in all the departments; the mechanical shop was the special point of attraction, where the work on the telescope and engine was specially attractive. The next session of the school opens September 21.

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Clark University Commencement, May 17-20, 1891.

On Friday, May 15, Mr. R. S. Lovinggood, of the class of '90, addressed the literary societies. The address was able and well received by all who heard it.

The baccalaureate sermon, by Dr. W. H. Hickman, president, was able and forcible.

Rev. George Standing delivered a very interesting and practical lecture to the Epworth League.

Rev. G. W. Arnold, of Savannah, delivered the annual address; subject, "The imperative necessity of the South." The address was thoughtful, practical, and well delivered.

Mr. A. A. Murphy delivered a very able address on Prohibition.

The Hickman Prize was contested for by Sarah A. Stark, Marion Gaither, Ida R. Marshall, Janice O. Crane, Darthula D. Lawson, Richard A. Crolley, and Edward L. Simon. The speakers all acquitted themselves well, but Mr. Richard A. Crolley and Miss Ida Marshall carried off the laurels.

The commencement exercises came off at Loyd Street Church. On the platform were Dr. W. H. Hickman, Prof. W. H. Orogman, Prof. J. O. Murray, Mr. J. W. Price, Dr. W. P. Thirkield, Dr. C. O. Fisher, Dr. E. L. Parks, Rev. G. W. Arnold, Rev. S. C. Upshaw, Dr. Holmes of Chicago, Rev. Geo. Standing, Rev. R. E. Hart, and Dr. James Mitchell.

The program was a rich one, and the speakers all did well. Miss Rosa Duncan and Mr. W. H. Brinson deserve special mention for the excellent manner in which they handled their subjects.

Prof. W. H. Orogman presented the first prize of \$10, in the declamation contest, to Mr. Richard Crolley, and the second of \$5 to Miss Ida Marshall.

A watch, from his friends and classes, was presented to Mr. E. L. Simon.

A prize, given by Rev. George Standing, was presented by Dr. Hickman to Miss Lillie Turner, for the best cooking.

The degree of A. M. was conferred upon Mr. John Leake, of Rome, Ga., and D. D. upon Rev. J. R. Oughton and Rev. D. W. Parr.

Certificates were awarded the following young men in the industrial department: blacksmith department, S. O. Conyers, W. A.

Spivia; wheelwright department, B. R. Wheat; harness department, L. T. Powers; paint department, J. C. Green.

After presenting diplomas, Dr. W. H. Hickman made some encouraging remarks relative to the success of the University.

The Alumni Association elected officers as follows: Rev. E. W. Lee, president; R. S. Lovinggood, secretary, and Miss Marie I. Hardwick, treasurer.

By a Savannah Conference visitor.

The Lake Mohonk Convention drew together a large number of prominent people who are interested in the intellectual and moral improvement of the colored people. We append below the nine recommendations which were adopted as expressive of the sense of the Convention.

1. The accomplishing of the education of the Negro by the States themselves and the further development of means and methods to this end until all Negroes are creditably trained in primary schools.

2. Largely increased support of schools, aided by private benevolence, which shall supply teachers and preachers for the Negro race.

3. The grounding of teachers and preachers in the common English studies and in the English Bible, with the further opportunity for any of them to carry on any of the studies as far as they may desire.

4. The greatest extension of industrial education for both men and women.

5. The encouragement of secondary schools established, maintained, and conducted by Negroes.

6. The purchase of homesteads by as many Negro householders as possible, with an increase in the number of decent houses to replace the old, one-room cabin.

7. The establishment by the government of postal savings banks, by which Negroes can be encouraged to save their earnings until they can purchase homes.

8. The aid of public education by the national government for the especial benefit of those sections in which illiteracy most prevailed.

9. The removal of all the disabilities under which Negroes labor by the sure forces of education, thrift and religion.

Howard University.

The graduation exercises of Howard University Law School were held Monday night last at the Congressional Church, 10th and G. streets. The following named gentlemen received the degree: Malachi Gibson of Md., M. H. Jones of Va., H. H. Farrell of Va., W. W. Johnson of Pa., W. H. Daniels of Md., John O. Dozier of Md., C. E. Jones of N. C., O. G. Williams N. C., R. G. Dickey, Ky., W. H. Arlington of N. C., S. J. Leftwich of Va., Jas. F. Pratt of Miss., Hon. Geo. W. Atkinson, M. C. from W. Va., also received the degree with this class. President Harrison delivered the diplomas and Col. A. S. Worthington delivered the address.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed in by pastors or laymen.)

Rev. J. W. Hilton, president of the Old Folk's Home acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts towards the payment of the note on the Old Folk's Home due June 7. From the Leading Light Circle of St. Paul M. E. Church, \$19, total from St. Paul Church, F. T. Chinn pastor \$30.25, Dr. Adkinson president of the New Orleans University \$5, Dr. A. E. P. Albert \$5, Mallalieu Chapel \$5.20, a committee of the Old Folk's Home \$22.50.

Letters from the Districts.

Jacksonville (Fla.) District Conference.

The thirteenth session of the Jacksonville District Conference of the M. E. Church assembled in Trinity M. E. Church, St. Augustine, Fla., May 28, 1891. Rev. J. P. Patterson, pastor.

The Presiding Elder, B. Dilworth, opened the session. J. M. Deas was elected secretary, and James J. Elliott assistant. Thirty-three members present.

Rev. J. Jenkins, fraternal delegate from the Gainesville District, was introduced.

Rev. J. B. L. Williams, formerly of the Savannah, Ga., Conference, now pastor of Ebenezer, at Jacksonville, was next introduced. The Presiding Elder in his report spoke very encouragingly of the spread and development of the work under his charge.

The reports of the pastors gave much delight to all. Cookman Institute was well represented by its worthy president, Rev. S. B. Darrell, with remarks that show that Cookman Institute is the leading school of the State and is thoroughly equipped with efficient and competent teachers.

Rev. Jeffrey Grant, fraternal delegate from the Palatka District, was introduced and ably represented the work. Amidst his remarks he informed the conference that over 100 members have been added, new fields have been opened, and many young men had consented to go into the work.

The reports of local preachers, exhorters and district stewards were received, after which remarks were made by Rev. C. C. Manigault. His subject was, "How to increase attendance in the Sunday school." Rev. J. P. Patterson spoke on "The duty of the Church to superannuated ministers." Rev. K. Drake spoke on "Punctuality." Rev. R. B. Pinckney preached the opening sermon on Thursday night. An essay was read by Miss Anita Reeves, "Woman a dress maker."

The character of each local preacher was examined and passed.

Rev. James F. Elliott, pastor in charge at Fernandina, preached on Sunday morning in Trinity M. E. Church. He was eloquent and to the point, and his thoughts showed that education is power.

Rev. J. B. L. Williams preached at night to a very large and interesting congregation. He made a favorable and lasting impression on the congregation.

J. W. Davis, Greenville, Miss.

Dear Brethren: Let us not rest satisfied until we shall have raised every cent of our apportionments for benevolent purposes. This is very important. I have arranged, as many of you requested, to hold in connection with each of your quarterly conferences a quarterly centennial jubilee service, which will be a source of strength to each charge, and you that failed to raise your full apportionment, will be helped greatly by these services in securing the amount. If you have raised your full apportionment for Freedmen's Aid, these services can be varied, and you can take a collection for other benevolent purposes. The topic for the services will be the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society:

1. Its organization.
2. Its purpose.
3. Its work among both races.
4. The result of its twenty-five years work.
5. The needs of the Society to carry on its glorious work.
6. A collection to supply the needs of the Society.

Revs. N. H. Williams, W. H. H. Gallion, E. D. Cameron, P. S. Bowie, and others, have kindly consented to give several lectures on the district. Let every pastor, local preacher, and layman, labor earnestly to make these services a success.

Austin District, West Texas Conference.

M. HENSON, P. E.

We began our first tour of the Austin District immediately after adjournment of the Annual Conference. Our first was held at West Point, Feb. 14, 15. Bro. N. W. Reed had returned to this charge, to the great satisfaction of his people, whom he had served faithfully two years.

We have held all the quarterly conferences in person, except two. On account of a misunderstanding we failed to reach Cedar Creek March 7, 8; however, the pastor, Bro. Joseph Harriford, held that conference, and reports the work as being in good condition, with bright prospects for the future.

On account of the serious illness of my father, whom I have not seen in thirty two years, Bro. P. M. Carmichael held the Simpson and Mt. Salem first quarterly conference, March 21, 22. He reported that Bro. B. F. Whitaker, the new pastor, was succeeding.

My dear old father went to his glorious reward March 23, 8:25 a. m., being 72 years old. Father was a Christian man as far back as I can remember. The big tears which I saw course down his face, were the first I ever noticed, while sitting on his knees in church, when I was about four years old. He was the first man I remember of ever seeing upon his knees with closed eyes, praying to our Father in heaven. I don't remember a single word he then said, except "O, Lord have mercy!" When I was in my 11th year I began my first prayer by using these same words, not knowing any other, until the Lord added a few more words to this first prayer. Mother is the first woman I ever saw shont, with her face bathed in tears, saying, as she would wring her hands, "Glory to God and the Lamb forever!" She still lives, at Troy, Pike county, Ala., in her 69th year. I am going to see her in June; the Lord willing. It was January 1, 1854, when the separation took place. There are three married brothers there, with increasing families. They were born since the separation. I have done something in the line of trying to discover their whereabouts for 26 years, and succeeded by offering a reward of \$25 and advertising in an Alliance paper. They being Missionary Baptists, may account for my not succeeding to find them through the grand old SOUTHWESTERN. My brother, next in age to me, has forwarded to me his church letter. I will find out what it means when I see him. As we intend to say more about our family in another form in future, I linger only to say that our friends, in all places where we are known, have greatly assuaged our grief, caused by the unexpected transplanting of one so dear, by their consoling words; and especially did Wesley Chapel do a great and noble part, being led by the most holy impulse. The pastor, Rev. P. M. Carmichael, will never know until he reaches the glory shores, how much comfort he rendered my grief stricken family.

After throwing in these sparks of divine and providential dealings, we conclude with the subsequent actions had on the district. The brethren on the Austin district are doing their best to win. The failures of the past seem to spur them to go forward with increased zeal, and perfect love for the Redeemer's kingdom, and to succeed this year.

We finished this tour at San Saba. Here we organized an M. E. Church, May 9, 10, with thirteen full members and twenty Sunday school scholars. The name of this new church will be Pickett Chapel—keeping fresh the name of Rev. James Pickett, a local preacher, through whose labor our success was made possible. The entire circuit is known as Brownwood and San Saba. It includes San Saba, Brown and Mills counties. Bro. Alfred Merida, an ordained local preacher, is used as a

supply on this lengthy circuit, and has visited and preached at every point of prominence within the bounds of this large new territory. His report shows the population of San Saba to be about 700; the colored are less than 100. At Williams Ranch, Mills county, there are only five colored families, and about thirty-three colored persons; and three denominations, only one a member of the M. E. Church. At Brownwood there are seven colored families and about twenty-five colored persons, and three denominations without us: A. M. E., C. M. E., and Baptist. Here we have one female member, a widow. The A. M. E. Church minister being a widower, he has succeeded in drawing away this woman by promising to marry her. This we fear is a decoy employed by that preacher occasionally. He used it on another charge and drew away three widows, by making the same promises to each respectively. We wonder if this zealous widower has read the 14th verse of the 23d chapter of St. Matthew. We leave the matter with him and the like minded, believing the Scripture declaration, that, "they that soweth to the flesh, shall reap corruption." But "he that soweth beside the still waters, going forth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come to Zion, bearing his sheaves, with rejoicing and everlasting blessing upon his head." How different the reward! The colored population is very sparse throughout these counties. The crops are abundant and looking splendid.

Nashville District Sunday School Institute.

The Sunday School District Institute will convene at Seay's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., July 29.

PROGRAM.

Words of Welcome, Allison Ridley.

Why should Sunday school superintendents attend the Sunday School Institute? J. F. R. Summerhill.

The model teacher, Josie Price. The successful teacher, Maggie Green.

The duty of a local preacher in the Sunday school, G. W. Blair.

The design of the Sunday School Institute, J. W. Richmond.

The benefit derived from singing in the Sunday school, M. L. Blair.

The relation of the Sunday school to the Church, W. H. Culum.

How to interest young men in the Sunday school, Jas. Price.

Why should parents attend the Sunday school? H. A. Blair.

How to organize and conduct a mission Sunday school, Jas. Allen.

The Bible in the Sunday school, A. D. Gregg.

How to make music a success in the Sunday school, M. E. Braden.

What is the relation of the pastor to the Sunday school? W. H. Vaughn.

How to conduct the Sunday school, J. C. Harden.

The design of the Sunday school lessons, A. A. McKissack.

The origin of the Sunday school, C. B. Wilson.

The teachers' and board meetings of the Sunday school, J. P. Price.

The present condition and future outlook of the Sunday schools in general, J. Braden.

All local preachers, Sunday school superintendents, and teachers of the district, are requested to be present and to be prepared on some subject.

Committee: W. A. McKissack, Presiding Elder J. P. Price, and J. F. R. Summerhill.

Yazoo River District Conference.

J. W. WINBUSH, SEC'Y.

Convened at Kosciusko, Miss., May 21, with Rev. W. McDonald, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

J. W. Winbush was elected secretary, with R. W. Jackson and D. Green assistants. S. H. Nevils was elected statistical secretary, with G. F. Leatherwood assistant.

Prof. A. B. Poston was introduced to the conference.

There were several candidates for license, but only one was licensed. We believe in an educated ministry.

Committee on the SOUTHWESTERN made an interesting report, which was indorsed by the whole conference.

The report of the Presiding Elder showed his district to be on the boom in every respect. Many precious souls have been converted and joined the church. The reports of the pastors showed progress.

The following brethren preached to very large congregations during conference: E. C. Cole, A. W. Wright, A. McBeth, R. W. Jackson, G. F. Leatherwood, F. G. Wilbon, D. L. Tibbs, W. T. Wright, and D. Green.

The following shows, as far as reported, the work done in the way of benevolences: for missions, \$60.75; Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Society, \$117.30; additional, 155; for building and improving, \$466.90.

Our conference was a season of great joy. Too much praise cannot be rendered to Bro. J. M. Nevils and his kind people for their generous entertainment. Our religious and literary program was a rare treat. Conference adjourned to meet at Crawford, Miss.

S. E. H. Morant, Alexandria, La.

Bro. H. W. Welsh has succeeded in establishing our church at Cottonport. He has erected with his own hands a nice temporary building, 20x30 feet. Bro. Abbott and myself spent the greater part of week helping Bro. Welsh. So count one new church for Alexandria district.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Names and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

T. F. Robinson, Osyka, Miss.

We have bought a lot in the most desirable part of the city, and paid for it, less \$15. The foundation of the church is laid, and the lumber on the ground. We are erecting a nice parsonage on a part of the ground. We have had no church here at all, but the good people of the city opened the court house doors to us and made us welcome, until we shall have built a house of our own. We have a nice Sabbath school, numbering forty. The corner stone of our church has not been laid. We want every member of this conference to be with us on that day, that the people may learn what Methodism means.

S. Green, Robeline, La.

On the 9th of April, the people of our town and members of the church gave me a surprise party. The party was composed of our best people. They brought many good things. May God bless the brothers and sisters of St. Paul Church, and the many friends.

D. Shelby, Shreveport, La.

We have closed our revival with seven converts and fifteen on probation; two from the Baptist and one from the C. M. E. Church. We are going to build a new church at Fairfield. Our Elder, Rev. S. Duncan, is a great credit to our work. We expect to organize a church on Red River soon.

J. J. Parker, Centerville, La.

We gave a basket picnic in Centerville, Sunday, May 10, and raised \$68. The young people in Verdenville are going to buy a lot to erect one of our churches. We had a meeting on Saturday night, and were addressed by Mr. Walker, a white gentleman. He will give \$5. Collected on the new church, \$13.25.

S. H. Nevils, Greenwood, Miss.

We are preparing to build a church where one has been so long needed. We hope to have the editor of our SOUTHWESTERN to help lay the corner stone. The persons that contributed are: L. Bradley, \$5; G. H. Hubbard, \$2; W. M. Butler, \$5; John McCane, \$2; J. W. Dunn, \$5; C. S. McCane, \$5; C. S. Jones, \$2; Fred Doby, \$1; Harry Harris, \$1; Ben Everett, \$2.50; Henry Moore, \$2; O. Everett, \$2; E. C. Clark, \$1; W. Nero, \$4; S. J. Leonard, \$2; E. B. Browlee, \$2; E. James, \$5; U. Jemison, \$1. Ladies: E. Holman, \$4; M. A. Nolley, \$2; Bell McCane, \$4; Martha Bradley, \$3; G. Roberts, \$1; Bettie Sykes, \$1.25; Nancy Davis, \$2; Catherine Hardeson, \$2; Ailsia Moore, \$1; Hettie Marshall, \$1.25; Perlina Staueel, \$1; Rachel Adams, \$2; Amanda Steel, \$1.50; E. Waits, \$5; R. Nero, \$1. Total, \$91.

L. D. Thompson, San Felipe, Texas.

Presiding Elder W. H. Logan held our conference April 25, 26. Received one in the church and administered the sacrament to 75 souls. Collection for the day, \$22.25. Paid Presiding Elder, \$20; pastor, \$2.25. The work is prospering and the cause of God is advancing. I am taking an active part in getting the members to take and read the SOUTHWESTERN.

T. S. McMorris, Bryan, Tex.

We had decided after Easter to preach the resurrection to the people. For four long weeks we kept the resurrection on the minds of the people, until the result was 55 added to the church, with 45 conversions. Many distinguished ministers assisted us in our revival.

Rev. J. W. Richmond, pastor at McMinville, sends a cash subscriber and says he is working religiously to circulate our paper among his people, and he knows that if he could get it taken in more families, it would help the church—the young people at any rate.

Rev. T. Larkins, Morgan City, La., will baptize 32 candidates on the first Sunday in July.

Alfred Gray, Lake Providence, La.

I am meeting with great success at this point. Our first quarter was a blessing to this work. I found everything in good trim. The high water has affected a small portion of my work, but has gone down, and we expect to have a new church for the conference. The Presiding Elder is with us for the second time to hold the quarterly conference, and helping to raise our apportionments for benevolent purposes. When we go to the district conference we will have our Freedmen's Aid money on hand. I am much pleased with the work, and am doing my best to make a good year's work.

P. S. Bowie, Clarksdale, Miss.

My first quarterly conference convened April 11, 12, Rev. J. W. Davis, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The Elder gave a grand lecture and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Eighteen came forward for prayer. Collection, \$7.50.

Charles Hart, Smithville, Tex.

My second quarterly conference was held May 9, 10. In the absence of the Presiding Elder, Rev. W. M. Reed presided. Had love feast Sunday morning, and at 11 he preached and administered the Lord's Supper to about 40 or 50. Collection for Elder, \$5.20. Several came forward for prayer.

F. J. Yeargin, Friendship, Tenn.

The quarterly conference convened at Hardou Grove, Friendship, Tenn., May 33. Elder B. F. Anderson preached a wonderful sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday. The Lord's Supper was administered to 60. Two received on probation and six received in full membership. Paid Presiding Elder, \$17, and \$1 to help him to the Elders' Convention at Chattanooga. Paid pastor, \$55.65. Total for benevolent purposes this quarter, \$14.10; for Sunday school, \$1.50; for repairs on church building, \$5.

A. Martin, Knoxville Circuit, Tenn.

My third quarterly conference was held May 23, 24, by Rev. E. Provine. The Elder preached at 11 o'clock Saturday; also Sunday. Paid pastor this quarter, \$29.22; Presiding Elder, \$10. Ten joined the church this quarter. Benevolent money raised, \$20.

G. W. White, Guntersville, Ala.

In consequence of the high water, we have not been able to do much, though we have succeeded in getting the church organized. Our people here are very poor, but the outlook is good. The second Sunday in May was observed for Freedmen's Aid. Collection, \$6, which was forwarded to Dr. Hartzell. I have not succeeded in getting any cash subscribers for the paper yet, but hope to get some soon.

A. D. Payne, Meridian, Miss.

May 23, 24, were the days of the second quarterly conference for Meridian charge. The reports of pastor and leaders showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Paid pastor, \$155; Presiding Elder, \$18.75. On Sunday, at 11 o'clock, we had the quarterly love feast, which was one of the most spiritual and enjoyable that it was ever our privilege to witness anywhere. At 3 o'clock the Presiding Elder preached with his usual power, to a large congregation, and at night the writer preached to a full house, some of whom were standing for want of seats; at which time the Presiding Elder administered the sacrament to 175 persons. The next session of the Mississippi Annual Conference meets here, and the people and pastor are preparing to make all things pleasant for the brethren, and to give them the best entertainment that they ever enjoyed.

G. A. Shanklin, Lampasas, Tex.

I was well received on my return to this charge. There have been many sinners converted, and some additions to the church. March 28, 29, our Presiding Elder held our first quarterly conference. We had a very nice time. The Elder preached to the delight of all that heard him. Collection for Elder, \$13; for pastor, \$29.

J. E. Bryant, Yarbrough, Tex.

The second quarterly conference of the Yarbrough circuit convened May 16, 17. On Sunday we enjoyed three noble sermons. At 11 a. m., Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder, preached a strengthening and eloquent sermon to a crowded house, after which he administered the Lord's Supper to 136. At 3 p. m. Prof. Robt. Smith delivered an intelligent and impressive sermon. At 8:30 p. m., the Presiding Elder preached the closing sermon for the day. Collection, \$34.50. On Monday night we closed our revival at the love feast with 38 conversions and 46 additions to the church this quarter. Myself and officers who subscribed for the SOUTHWESTERN, are much pleased with our grand church paper, the interesting and lovely weekly messenger to our homes. We wish it abundant success.

W. A. Fortson, San Augustine, Tex.

Our first quarterly conference was held at Shelby, May 16, 17. Our Presiding Elder did not get there. The pastor called the conference to order. He reported ten received into full membership, two baptized, one conversion, and \$3 raised for missions. The Lord blessed us in our love feast, and we enjoyed a day of soul feasting.

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Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,650
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Missionary Conventions.

Letter From Bishop Newman.

Bishop Newman has been holding missionary conventions since he came from his conference work in the South. He writes a letter to the Missionary Office which is too good to keep. We hope everybody will read it.

"To the Missionary Secretaries: I have just attended six missionary conventions in six days on six districts in the Des Moines Conference. They have been to me occasions of immense profit and enjoyment. I have met the preachers face to face, and mingled with the people as a friend with friends. At these gatherings I spoke twice each day from an hour to an hour and a half at each session. The great theme was the conversion of the world. In the afternoon I held conversations with the ministry and the laity, asking and answering questions; stimulating inquiries on all aspects of the great work; explaining this, defending that; resolving doubts, sweeping away objections, and suggesting methods to arouse the inactive, to corner the stings, to silence the critic, cheer the loyal, and strengthen the hopeful. Sometimes I had to put a question and then answered it; but more frequently the questions came thick and fast. By this method I came near the heart of our people—why they did so little, why they did not do more, and how more could be done. I met few cranks. Occasionally I met a hobbyist, some man who constituted a Missionary Society of one, who struck a tangent. Such cases gave me a chance to plead for the regular channel. But I found the great mass of the people sound to the core, alert, intelligent, full of hope.

"In the evening I gave the formal address, and to avoid speaking my little piece night after night, I found it best for myself to speak on these topics severally:

"1. The uplifting power of a great thought—the conversion of the world.

"2. Why does the missionary cause move so tardily?

"3. Why send the Gospel to the heathen?

"4. The entire sanctification of the believer the sure guarantee of the world's speedy conversion.

"5. Goodness, intellect, and wealth, the three elements of conquest; but the greatest of these is goodness.

"6. Indications of progress in a hundred years.

"7. Christ the great need of humanity, and the only remedy for our world's sin and misery.

"And now that these gatherings have passed into history, let me give you my conclusions:

"1. If missionary conventions were held in each district in every conference, we would get this year \$2,000,000 for missions.

"2. We need a simple, all-pervading financial system, whereby every member will lay aside two cents upon the first day of the week for the conversion of the world, and call upon 20,000 holy women to consecrate themselves to the cause of missions, to collect these funds, and remit through the pastor to the treasurer quarterly. On every charge in the connection there is some holy woman who would thus gladly join the ranks of the Missionaries of the Cross. Let the rich continue to give their

thousands; let us have the monthly concert of prayer and the grand missionary Sabbath; but let us see to it that each member of the church makes annual contribution. I know one Presiding Elder who is asking from each church member a postage-stamp a week for Christ. Wesley looked after an English penny; we have neglected the dimes that make the dollar. The givers are too few. If a father with ten in his family can give only a dollar, let him have the generous humility to allow each one to give a dime.

"3. We must deluge the church with missionary intelligence. Let in the light, give the people pictures and figures and facts. There is no reading more thrillingly interesting than intelligence about the customs, habits, and countries where our missionaries are living. Rely upon it, you can stir the great church of our choice by these missives from afar.

"4. Presiding Elders should be chosen with special reference to their fitness to stimulate preachers and people to give to all the benevolences of the church. They are not to be collectors, but they are to devise methods to excite in all a lively zeal for the world's salvation. Happily, the six Presiding Elders in Des Moines Conference are the men for the times, and they represent hundreds of others who are just as active. Let us have more of the right stamp. We have the men; let us appoint them to the districts.

"5. The preacher in charge who gets the most money for all the authorized collections is the best paid man in the connection; while he who worries about his salary and fears that he will fall short if he is active for missions does fall short, and he should. Look at the facts. Study the statistics. He who looks after God's cause God looks after him. O, for faith, for trust, for courage! 'Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.' I sympathize with a preacher who has a family to provide for and educate in his solicitude for his salary; but his solicitude may be his poverty, while interest, burning, shining interest, for the universal cause of God will be riches to him. Our weakness is, we have no financial system. As a church, we are thrifty. Many of our people are rich. We have the means to take the world for Christ. Were each pastor, at the beginning of each conference year, to estimate how much is needed for all objects, and apportion the sum, according to ability, among all the members of the church and congregation, and then assign to each official member persons from whom the apportionment is to be collected, two results would follow: the official members would have a chance to do something officially for the church, and there would be no lack for any lawful object. Activity in our official boards would be an increase in the revenues of the church. Our people are willing to give, and will give largely, when invited in the name of Christ. O for a divine baptism of sympathy with Jesus for the conquest of this world in his glorious name!"

General Church News.

The recent death of Rev. George Osborn, D.D., aged 83, puts Wesleyan Methodism in mourning. He knew John Wesley, and was the most powerful link between the past and the present.

Rev. Thos. T. Gailor, chancellor of the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn., has declined the Protestant Episcopal bishopric of Georgia, to which he was recently elected.

At a recent meeting held in Prohibition Hall, Atlanta, Ga., a new daily for that city was decided upon. It will favor prohibition and will be conducted on a high moral plane. Twenty-eight thousand dollars were raised in a short time. And a great deal of the amount in small subscriptions.

The Home secretary for England, replying to question in the House of Commons, said it was correct that the number of apprehensions for drunkenness in London had risen from 20,658 in 1887 to 57,358 in 1889, while the average number of summons against drink sellers in the same period did not exceed 146.

There are forty five Annual Conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

One hundred and seventy-seven new parsonages built last year by the Church South.

The Church South gained in membership last year 41,411, giving it a total membership now of 1,218,561.

Speaking of St. Cyprian's P. E. Church at Key West, Fla., the *Churchman* says: "This is probably the most unique congregation in the United States, as it is mostly composed of native Africans who were slaves in Cuba. The service was in Spanish."

Mr. C. P. Huntington, the great railroad magnate, has sent the Colored Young Men's Association, of this city, a check for one thousand dollars. He promised that amount providing they would raise the remainder due on their \$6,000 piece of property. With the exception of incidental expenses, the organization is now out of debt. Rev. Scott C. Burrell is now the secretary.—*Richmond Planet*.

General News Items.

Troop K, Ninth U. S. Cavalry, has arrived and is now quartered at Fort Meyer, Washington, D. C. These soldiers will be remembered as the Afro-Americans who fought so well during the recent Indian troubles. As a reward of their bravery, they now occupy the best post in the United States.—*N. Y. Age*.

Prof. W. S. Scarborough, professor in Wilberforce College and contributor to the *North American*, *Harper's*, the *Century*, and other magazines, was black-balled when he applied for admission to the Western Authors and Artists' Club that has just adjourned its convention in Kansas City. Why? Because he is a Negro. That club is a disgrace to the guild.—*Waterbury American*.

Thaddens Stevens, the staunch friend of the Negro, the Charles Sumner of Pennsylvania, left a will providing that when his estate shall amount to \$50,000, the trustees are to establish in Lancaster, Pa., a home for the relief of homeless and indigent orphans, and no preference on account of race or color is to be shown to inmates.

Madame Selika, the colored prima donna is now in Europe with a theatrical company on a salary of \$7,000.

The President has appointed Hale Parker, colored, an alternate Commissioner to the World's Fair.

One effect of the McKinley Tariff law is that sugar is cheaper to-day than ever; and with the bounty paid to home producers by the Government, its culture promises to pay better than ever.

A fine statue of General Grant was recently unveiled in Galena, Ill., his former home.

General Armstrong, the founder of the great Hampton, Va., school for Indians, has gone on a visit to Hawaii, where he was born.

Mr. Rufus L. Perry, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., son of Rev. Rufus L. Perry, was recently admitted to the bar. In his examination for admittance he made 100, which is hardly ever made. The next highest candidate a white man made 90. He graduated from the University of New York; and was class orator. He is 22 years old.

Catarrh Cured.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease Catarrh, and vainly trying every known remedy, at last found a prescription which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren street, New York, will receive the receipt free of charge.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire about my brother Simon Cole. He went away about August 15th '63. He was owned by Dr. John R. Clark of Shiloh, Union parish, La. My oldest brother's name was David Cole, mother and father Mary and Thomas Cole. Any information respecting him will be gladly received and highly appreciated. Address J. C. Cole, 519 Land street, Shreveport, La.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my husband John Parker. He left here on account of some difficulties some time ago. The parties with whom he had the trouble told me they are sorry for the trouble, and that he need not fear to return home. Any information will be gladly received. Address Mrs. Caroline Parker, Gloster, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my sisters. The oldest one is named Elizabeth and the youngest Minerva Benton. My mother's name was Judy, she lived in Sabine parish, La. We belonged to a man named Wright. The last time I heard from them they were in Western Texas. Any information of them please address Jane Wright, Columbus, La.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my father, mother, and two brother's which I left in Burkinham county, Va. Brother Nelson went by the name of Pools. Brother Charley Abbit belonged to Mr. George Abbit who lived in Alamader county, Va. Anyone knowing his whereabouts will do a favor by writing to me at Jacksonville, Cherokee county, Texas. Thomas Scott.

Letters from the Laity.

G. C. Bryant, Thibodaux, La.

Our church is in a good spiritual condition. Several have joined the church since conference. We have a large attendance each Sabbath. We have the best Sabbath school of any previous year. Our pastor Rev. Wm. Smith found our church largely encumbered with debt, but by his heroic efforts is doing much towards raising it. He is making monthly payments on the church debt. We had a grand rally on second Sunday and raised \$85.50 which has been paid out on church debt. We raised our collection \$12, for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Our pastor is a christian gentleman and is beloved by all. And the best of all he has no pets in his church. This is the first time for years that we can boast of such a state of affairs. Bro. Smith and his amiable and accomplished wife were tendered a surprise by the members and friends of his church recently.

J. G. Walker, Wabbasecka, Ark.

The members of Walker's M. E. Church had a grand basket meeting May 17. Rev. John Qualls of Pine Bluff, Ark., Rev. Turner of the Baptist Church, Rev. B. Jarriet of the A. M. E. Church, and Rev. Young of the C. M. E. Church were with us. Our pastor Rev. W. Brooks came from the Louisiana Conference. May the Lord send over from Louisiana more men like Bro. Brooks. Collection \$27.70.

A correspondent from Grenada, Miss., who does not sign his name has written us words of commendation in reference to Rev. Parks and his work. We ask that the brother will give us his name in the future.

J. B. Lane, Memphis, Tennessee.

Our pastor Rev. C. L. Fields is doing a great work this year. We had a grand rally May 10, for the benefit of erecting a parsonage. Collection \$215. We have a fine Sabbath school under superintendent Dr. D. W. Fields. Membership 70. The choir gave a grand musical concert on the 18th for the benefit of the parsonage, \$20 was raised. Jubilee day was celebrated.

F. M. Spicer, Sharke, Fla.

The Gainesville district Confer-

ence convened at Sharke, Fla., May 7. Reports showed a decided progress all along the line. Rev. A. Debose our Presiding Elder reported very encouragingly the work of the district. Rev. Peter Swearingen ex Presiding Elder of the Palatka district added much to the working force of this district. Rev. J. Grant pastor at Ocala, Palatka district and Rev. W. J. Salmond ex-Presiding Elder of Gainesville district was with us, and the sessions was with much spiritual interest.

F. M. Standford, Paris, Texas.

Rev. P. Morgan, P. E., held the second quarterly conference for Mt. Zion M. E. Church May 17, 18. It was a grand session. Reports showed success. The pastors report showed \$66 for benevolence, \$64.80 for pastor, \$20 for Presiding Elder, and \$245 for other purposes. Sunday was a grand day, the P. E., and H. O. Griffin of Rockston, Tex., lectured to the Sunday school. Collection for Sunday school during the quarter \$42. This Sunday school pays \$44.80 per year for literature. Numbers 300 scholars, average attendance 180. On last Sunday 103 communed. Collection \$32.90. The Presiding Elder preached two soul-stirring sermons.

D. H. Young, Alexandria, La.

The Lord has blessed us spiritually and financially. We are going forward in the work of the Lord. Quite a number of souls have been added to the church. We are making preparations for Children's Day. A grand time is anticipated. Our worthy P. E., Rev. S. E. H. Morant, held the second quarterly conference May 17th. We had a pleasant session. The Blue Ribbon Church under the leadership of Rev. A. J. Ford has taken the wings of the morning.

B. J. Jackson, Schnever, La.

The church here is spiritually alive under Rev. C. Monroe. The second quarterly conference convened on the 14th of May. Thirteen back sliders and 11 converts joined the church. Collection for missions \$10. Paid the pastor \$92, Presiding Elder \$19.10. Total \$150.

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Let every district conference be a jubilee celebration of the quarter-centennial of success of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. This Society is the mightiest home missionary agency operating in the South for the common good of humanity; and deserves the most faithful support of all our people. The Society never collected so much money in the prosecution of its work, and never needed so much money as to-day. The continual prosperity of the work and the providential openings that God presents to it make it imperative that more money be devoted to this cause. In order to assist our pastors and presiding elders in presenting the facts to our people on this important subject, we propose to issue a special jubilee edition of the SOUTHWESTERN early in July, which will be full to the brim with just the kind of information our people need on the subject. Let every church order extra copies for general distribution. Send your orders at once, or you will not be able to get them at all. \$3 per hundred; smaller or larger orders in proportion. Order with the cash, to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans.

We have had some shocking revelations in the courts lately of rascality and stupidity among families of the *ancien regime* in this city. These Godless, Christless homes, what skeletons in their closets!

WHENEVER you notice a long string of names published in the SOUTHWESTERN with the amounts they contributed to the church, you can take it for granted that those names went in as regularly paid advertisement. They are never admitted otherwise. We cannot afford it. Neither can we publish statistics and apportionments, unless paid for as advertisement.

WHY do you persist in writing on both sides of a sheet paper, and with lead pencil, when writing for publication. Is it because paper and ink are so dear in your neighborhood? Why not follow our directions, and write on only one side? Unless you follow our advice, in this matter, we will have to decline to give any notice to your contributions.

THE Epworth Hymnal has been of great value to the church. It contained a large number of excellent hymns, and has been very generally used. We are glad to note that another number is soon to be issued—early in June the agents say. It will be No. 2. This is the wise policy. Our people can thus have in convenient form new and suitable music whenever needed.

"THE meanest man that I know of, is the man that would pull his brother down, in order to elevate himself. Don't you know that when you throw a man down, and get on top of him you have raised yourself only six inches, and on a very poor foundation at that. (?) The true way to get up higher yourself is to push forward the man that is just ahead of you."—Bishop Wiley, to the Mississippi Conference.

Some of our impatient upstarts would do well to read, reflect upon, and inwardly digest these words of inspiration from our sainted bishop.

The Presiding Elders' Convention

which convened at Chattanooga, Tenn., June 23 25 was a grand success. Bishop Joyce, whose intense interest in every department of our work, is proverbial, was president ex-officio, and gave inspiration, and a mighty uplift to the convention. Every colored conference in this country was represented, by one or more Presiding Elders, except the Little Rock. It was a season of special blessing, to meet those leaders of our host from every part of this work. Every interest of the church was carefully considered and given a powerful stimulus upon the most approved lines. The different conferences were represented as follows:

Central Alabama—W. F. Smith, Wesley Prettyman.
Central Missouri—J. W. Brown.
Delaware—W. H. Coffee, I. H. White, T. H. Johnson, L. M. Cox.
East Tennessee—E. Province, D. W. Hays.
Florida—J. D. Dilworth.
Lexington—E. W. S. Hammond, L. M. Hagood.
Louisiana—J. F. Marshall.
Mississippi—J. M. Shumpert.
North Carolina—L. M. Collett.
Savannah—A. P. Melton, M. M. Allston, E. L. Hammitt, H. R. Allen.

South Carolina—J. E. Wilson, D. M. Minus, E. C. Brown, I. E. Lowry.
Tennessee—J. P. Price.
Texas—W. H. Logan, Peter Morgan, Wade Hamilton.
Upper Mississippi—H. R. Revels, W. McDonald, J. W. Davis, J. C. Eckles.

Washington—W. P. Ryder.
West Texas—Mack Henson.

By a vote of the conference all the members of our church present were constituted members of the body. This included both white and colored and entitled the following to membership: F. M. Gordon, M. C. B. Mason, S. O. Upshaw, Savannah Conference; J. G. Dinsmore, East Tennessee Conference; J. F. Moreland, Lexington; A. E. P. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, J. W. Eckles, Des Moines Conference; A. B. Riker, L. E. Prentiss and T. C. Carter, Holston Conference; C. B. Wilson, J. Braden, president Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn.; J. C. Hartzell, corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, A. W. McKinney, Central Alabama Conference, W. H. Hickman, president Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., and W. W. Hooper, of U. S. Grant University.

The conference organized with Bishop I. W. Joyce, D.D., president ex-officio, D. W. Hays, president, W. H. Logan, vice-president, I. E. Lowry, secretary, and E. W. S. Hammond, assistant secretary.

Important papers were read by Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D., D. M. Minus, A.M., J. P. Price, W. H. Hickman, D.D., J. F. Marshall, John Braden, D.D., J. H. White, E. Province, I. E. Lowry, A.M., A. P. Melton, J. M. Shumpert, Mack Henson, J. C. Eckles, E. W. S. Hammond, D.D., L. M. Hagood, M.D., Wesley Prettyman, D.D., E. C. Brown, and others. Doctrinal preaching, our colored work in the South, self-support, our white work, and colored work in the North, Presiding Elders' work, Africa as a mission field, Christian education, the circulation of our publications in general and of the SOUTHWESTERN in particular were among some of the topics that elicited the most interesting discussion.

Rev. J. F. Marshall made a strong and manly plea in behalf of the SOUTHWESTERN, and was supplemented with impressive addresses by Revs. J. M. Shumpert, Mack Henson, W. McDonald, F. M. Gordon, L. M. Hagood, M.D., J. C. Hartzell, D.D., A. E. P. Albert, D.D., editor, M. C. B. Mason, B.D., and others. On Bro. Mason's motion the convention in a rising vote, unanimously and with remarkable enthusiasm, resolved to push the paper as never before, and to see to it that the paper

passes away beyond a cash circulation of 10,000 before the General Conference of next year.

Dr. Prentiss addressed the Convention in behalf of the Epworth League.

Addresses were delivered upon several important topics by Revs. W. H. Ryder, T. C. Carter, D. D., D. O. Phillips, and others.

On Tuesday night a reception was tendered the Convention at Wiley Memorial Church, where the Convention held its session.

A large congregation of both colored and white people were present, among them Mayor Merriam, Col. Fort, Major Shipp, of Chattanooga; Messrs. White, president, and Willis, cashier, of the Penny Savings Bank.

Rev. S. J. Harris, pastor of the church, introduced Mayor Merriam, who delivered a short address of welcome to the visiting delegates. Bishop Joyce and the above named gentlemen made appropriate speeches, after which the ladies treated the Convention to a very elaborate and inviting luncheon.

The educational address by Dr. Hartzell inspired every one in that direction. Dr. L. M. Hagood furnished the following important facts and figures in his excellent address. They cover the entire number of colored conferences.

Total number members, preachers, officers and teachers.....	500,000
Number of churches.....	2,786
Number of parsonages.....	647
Children baptized.....	15,603
Adults baptized.....	13,345

The following statistics in regard to the amount of money raised during the year were given:

On old indebtedness.....	\$ 93,448
On new church and improvements.....	204,739
Raised for missions.....	17,090
Raised for church extension.....	3,753
Raised for Freedmen's Aid Society.....	8,744
Raised for Educational Society.....	2,382
Paid for pastors' salary.....	492,105
Paid conference claimants.....	2,449
Current expenses.....	60,424

Total during year.....\$835,943
The value of the churches now standing is estimated at \$1,103,348, and the value of parsonages at \$647,000.

The Penny Saving Bank, an institution operated by our people in Chattanooga, and of which we will have more to say hereafter, treated the Convention to an excursion to Lookout Mountain, where an enjoyable picnic and an edifying session of the Convention was held, on historic grounds.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., J. F. Marshall, D. W. Hays, D.D., and the secretaries were appointed to publish the proceedings in pamphlet form. The next session will be held in 1893.

Among resolutions passed, was one against the outrageous separate car laws of the South. It denounces especially the fact that the colored coach is also the smoker and bar room for white men, while colored ladies dare not enter the white coach.

After passing appropriate resolutions of thanks and otherwise, especially to Bishop Joyce for his fatherly interest, and to the good people of Chattanooga for generous entertainment, the Convention, a complete success in every way, closed with a glorious love feast.

Christianity and Women.

CARDINAL Gibbons preached a sermon on marriage and divorce in Baltimore recently in which he gave utterance to the following Evangelical truths:

Christian wives and mothers, what an immense debt of gratitude you owe to Christ and his church for your emancipation. If you are no longer the slave of man's passion, like the women of Asia, but his peer and his equal; if you are no longer a tenant at will, like the wives of pagan Greece and Rome, but the mistress of your household; if you are no longer confronted by uprisings rivals, like Mohammedan and Mormon wives, but if you are the queen of the domestic kingdom, you are indebted for this position to the church.

After paying a tribute to the popes, he says:

I said, you are the queen of the domestic kingdom. If you would retain that empire, shun the political arena, avoid the rostrum. If you become embroiled in political agitation, the queenly aureole that encircles your brow will fade away, and the reverence that is paid to you will disappear. If you have the vain ambition of reigning in public life, your domestic empire will be at an end.

This we believe to be truth of solemn import. We do not generally consult the Cardinal as an oracle, but when he gives us such sublime truths, we cheerfully accept and commend them.

Political Review.

The national political managers overcome by the heat and perplexed with the political outlook, have hied to the mountain, seaside, or across the waters; consequently there is very little political news, to record. The Democrats in Mississippi, regardless of the intense heat are pushing a vigorous campaign for party nominations. That is the real campaign as who ever gets the Democratic nominations are counted in at the general farce, outrageously called election.

The lottery and anti-lottery folks in this State continue to growl at each other. Dr. Palmer flaunted the red flag of "revolution" in the face of the lottery bull last week, and now he is making the dust fly from its subsidized press all over this State. The Doctor says that the monster must not be permitted to fasten itself in our constitution for the next quarter century, even if resort must be had to revolution. This declaration finds echo from the friends of honesty and morality throughout this State. With the spirit of mutual antagonism even now apparent it is hard to conjecture what the outcome of this campaign will be. There is certainly, "blood on the moon" in this connection. The election comes off next April.

Personal.

Birthday Greeting of Bishop Taylor, from Dondo, on the Leonax River, Angola, Africa.

This is the memorial of my birth, on May 23, 1821, so to-day I finish my "three score and ten." One score more, by the will of my gracious God and Father, will round out my term of service in this world nicely. His will not mine, be done. He hath said in my hearing, "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." Possibly that may carry me twenty years and save a hundred thousand souls in Africa.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

God bless Bishop Taylor, and grant him the realization of his highest ambition in his missionary zeal; and may his zeal multiply many workers for the same work.

A note from Presiding Elder Stephen Priestly, Monroe Dist., in which he expresses regret that he could not attend the Presiding Elder's Convention, tells us that he is busy in the midst of his work, and meeting with gratifying success.

—Rev. H. S. Hilton, of the Iowa Conference, has withdrawn from the Methodist Advocate, Chattanooga, Tenn., and is now residing at Minden, Nebraska.

—Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing, sister of Bishop Fowler, will conduct a convention of women evangelists at Mountain Lake Park, July 13th and 14th.

—The Judicial Conference, which recently met at Kansas City, Bishop Nindé presiding, reversed the finding of the Missouri Conference in the case of Rev. P. H. Cox, and remanded for a new trial the case of Rev. John W. Thomas, of the Central Missouri Conference.

—Prof. R. R. Wright, A. M., editor of the Weekly Sentinel, having accepted the Presidency of the Colored State Normal School, at Athens, Ga., has resigned the editorship of that paper and the principality of the Ware High School, Augusta, Ga. Rev. E. K. Love and Mr. S. X. Floyd, succeeded him. We welcome the new editors and bespeak for the retiring editor the success which his eminent qualification entitle him in his new and important station.

THE former students and friends of Atlanta, (Ga.) University are soliciting subscriptions to erect a monument to the precious memory of the late president Edmund Asa Ware, the father and first president of that institution. Prof. S. B. Morse, of the class of '76, in a circular letter soliciting subscriptions says:

Of that army of teachers, in those trying times, defying the contempt and scorn of their own race that Promethens-like he might give light, hope and intelligence to the Negro staggering under the burden of ignorance of centuries, Edmund Asa Ware stands, *facile princeps*. In the empire state of the South, and indeed the South, he is recognized by all as the father of higher education for the Negro. Atlanta University was his plant, and with more than a father's affection he tenderly watched his nursing, and finally upon its campus returned that well spent life to the God who gave it.

Edmund Asa Ware, lives in every hamlet, every town, and every county of Georgia. He lives in the Carolinas, in Alabama, in Florida, in Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, at the bar in Boston, in the departments in Washington, in the colleges, in the learned professions—in truth, in all this Southland Edmund A. Ware lives and is known.

But living as he ever will, in the hearts of his contemporaries and friends, we ought not only to know the value of his work for us, and to admire the man and his legacy—Atlanta University, but we should at once mark, by a fitting testimonial of stone or of bronze, the spot where love and affection performed for him their last earthly duty. It seems that no one has been deputized to do this work, and so nothing has been done.

At the last Alumni meeting of Atlanta University, I was appointed to solicit funds for the erection of a suitable monument. I accordingly ask that you and your friends, as God has prospered you, will contribute something to this fund to which we are all indebted. We shall refuse no amount, that is given freely and with love. We want to begin the work at once. Send donations to me, or to Prof. C. W. Francis, at Atlanta, Ga. S. B. MORSE, of the class of '76." Savannah, Ga.

REV. J. H. Pierre, of Martha-ville, La., has written us a splendid letter, in which he says: "As pastors have a more intimate and perfect knowledge of the needs of the work, I would suggest that the delegates be selected from among the pastors themselves. Now, brethren, let us weigh the matter well, not only in this conference, but in all our conferences." Bro. Pierre seems to forget that every one who has made his way to the presiding eldership, or to any other station in our ministry, has had to first show his royal mettle in the pastorate. We should not array one class in our ministry against the other. Such a course is in keeping with the same spirit which says: that the Negro must not be treated as a man and an equal, not because he is unworthy, but because he is a Negro. That is wrong, and we always condemn it in the white people. Clear the track, and let the best man succeed, whatever may be the work the church has given him to do. To encourage class distinction is always wrong, and we should not indulge in it. Send the best men, whether they are pastors, presiding elders, college presidents, professors, or General Conference officers. It is "wicked, and desperately wicked," to do otherwise.

I WANT to commend your article in the SOUTHWESTERN of June 3, on the General Conference delegates. It is just the thing. I am sure that you described the character of the men that should be the delegates to the General Conference. I hope that all the brethren will read, cut out, and adopt it as their sentiment.—Rev. S. B. Danley, Franklin, Tenn.

I NOTICE that you have made three very helpful additions to the SOUTHWESTERN recently, "Homiletics," "Hygiene," and "Daily Bread." Your "Homiletics" will give the young preacher an idea of systematic sermonizing. The study and practice of the hygienic laws, as given weekly, will save many from premature death. Your "Daily Bread," it well digested, will fatten thousands. I am so profoundly impressed with the importance of this paper and its adaptedness to the needs, not only of our people, but to all people, until I would if possible put it into the hands of every American. Send me a few sample copies of this or last week's issue, and let me see if I can't raise my list of subscribers.—J. C. Honston, Yazoo City, Miss.

THE heartless brutalities visited upon the Russian Jews, should make the Jews of this country the most sympathetic race towards the persecuted negroes in this country.

No BISHOP in our church is more careful and exact in his statements of facts and observance of details than is Bishop Walden. He believes in the absolute accuracy of history.

WHAT a commentary on riches is now presented to us in the case of a recently deceased milkman of New Orleans. His estate is now about to be used up in litigation. Had he administered on it in his lifetime as the Master's steward for God and for humanity how his own name and soul would have been forever glorified. How pitiable the actual spectacle that now presents itself.

THE most tragical Sunday explosion of recent times has just occurred in Switzerland. A great train loaded with the leading citizens of Bale was on its way to a musical festival in the neighboring town of Moenchenstein. Suddenly an iron bridge over a swift river gave way and the load of humanity was hurled headlong into the awful gulf. We shall not moralize upon the Sunday tragedy, but we are certain that thousands in our own country are being hurled down to the gulf of eternal death by their profanation and blasphemous desecration of the Lord's day.

A TERRIBLE railroad disaster on the I. C. R. R., occurred within five miles of this city Friday week ago; whereby six men lost their lives, and several others were more or less seriously wounded. An open switch tells the story.

PENSACOLA, Fla., and Jackson, Miss., have recently unveiled Confederate monuments. A concerted plan has been adopted throughout the South to erect a monument to Jefferson Davis. Harper's Weekly and other loyal papers say that while such a monument goes up, the proper thing to do will be to demolish the Washington, Lincoln and Grant monuments. That's so.

REV. C. D. Shallowhorne, of Shreveport, La., has issued a call for a convention of preachers in charge of the Louisiana Conference, to meet at Baton Rouge, La., July 15, 16 and 17, at Wesley Chapel, M. E. Church, at 9 o'clock a. m. He has addressed a circular letter to every pastor setting forth the purpose of the call.

THE Epworth League of the St. Louis district, Central Missouri Conference, will hold its first annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Crystal City, Mo., July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1891. The following brethren will take part in the exercises: Revs. W. H. Smith, B. McCain, D. J. Kenoly, J. W. Brown, Presiding Elder of the St. Louis district, J. W. Hill, pastor Elliott Avenue Church, St. Louis; Miss Mary Hill, of Farmington, Miss; Ora Hannah, of Springfield, Miss; Emma Cloddy, of Fredericktown, J. M. Arbuckle of St. Louis, and Revs. W. H. Whitmore, H. H. Mo-Alister, and Rev. F. H. Small. Every charge in that district is requested to send two delegates; all pastors are welcome.

DAILY BREAD.

Happy they whose joys abound
Like Jordan's swelling stream;
Who their heaven in Christ have found,
And give the praise to Him.
Meanest follower of the Lamb,
His steps I at a distance see;
I the chief of sinners am,
But Jesus died for me.

—Charles Wesley.

Temporal business need not interrupt your communion with God, though it varies the manner of it. —John Wesley.

Repentance is a state, and not a transient act; and this state begins in a change of the whole mind from evil to good, and contains in one sense all the parts of a holy life. —John Wesley.

How shall we expect that a man shall be able to comprehend the ways of God? Can a worm comprehend a worm? How much less may it be supposed that a man can comprehend God! —John Wesley.

Be exceedingly wary in your conversation, that it may be worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Let not the liveliness of your spirit lead you into levity; cheerful seriousness is the point you are to aim at. —John Wesley.

I would not advise to preach the law without the Gospel, any more than the Gospel without the law. Undoubtedly, both should be preached in their turn; yea, both at once or both in one. All the conditional promises are instances of this. They are law and Gospel mixed together. —John Wesley.

Have those the largest share of content who have the largest possessions? Is not the very reverse true? If you are increased in goods, are you proportionately increased in happiness? You know the contrary. You know that in seeking happiness from riches you are only striving to drink out of empty cups. And let them be painted and gilded ever so finely, they are empty still. —John Wesley.

Beware of things that put you on the defensive and explanatory side. Are you reverent in the pulpit and the reverse outside of it? Is there just a little fear sometimes that your good cheer has degenerated into levity? Do your jokes correspond with your most serious services and sermons? Are you "all of a piece" on duty and off? Do you sometimes meet a sad and surprised eye watching your movements? Does your conscience ever check you just a little? Are you too much attracted and influenced by certain pet persons? These are merely suggestive questions. Perhaps the Holy Ghost will go on and put a few more to you while you are in a thoughtful and tender mood. —Christian Standard.

Lift up. "No man knows the worth of a soul till he knows the worth of his own soul, and no man knows the worth of his own soul until the Holy Ghost has entered him. And even if a man could know how immensely worth saving souls are, without this inward experience of his own, what courage would he have to work for their salvation? A man not saved himself work for the salvation of others with any zest and push! Is that likely? How does he know that they can be saved? He has had some hearsay upon the point, but he cannot feel it in a way to make him take hold and work. No one was ever effectually notified of the salvability of men, or of any man, except by the kingdom of God being set up in his own heart. When we are ourselves most saved, are in our highest state of grace, are most conscious of God's victory in us, everything seems possible in the way of conversion and salvation for others." —Burton.

Your conversation in the home. What is its tone? Do you give quarter to criticism and censoriousness? Do you say harsh things about people? Do you impa-

themotives and discount the doings of the prominent an active people in your community? Have you unkind things to say of the minister, the doctor, the teacher, the judge, the grocer, the next-door neighbor? Look out. The measure of injustice and real cruelty which enters into the conversation in some homes is verily astonishing. The habit grows insidiously, and does not willingly loosen its hold. What an atmosphere in which to live! What chance is there for the growth of respect and confidence toward society and the church. That boy has wide open eyes and ears. That girl is amazingly susceptible to impressions just now. You do not want them to grow up to distrust everybody and everything, and to look upon the world as a hollow, painted mockery. There is much goodness, realness, grandness all about you. Talk about that. Quote the good words people speak, the good deeds they perform. Let the conversation of the home inspire confidence in virtue, manliness, righteousness, and all things that are of good report. —Selected.

"Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," was one breathing of the Saviour's prayer for his disciples. Biblical piety makes strong character. It is not a piety, though, that touches the rock in points, making a contact with it in isolated places. It is not Sunday piety, or week of prayer piety, or watch night piety. It is piety where the truths of the Bible are taken up into the soul, received thoughtfully, sincerely, appreciatively, and then embodied in character. It is piety in which there is the closest union with the word all through the length and breadth of its obligations and resources. Years ago, at Minot's Ledge, off Boston harbor, was a lighthouse resting on iron piles driven into the rock. A storm hurled its billows at that pipe-stem foundation, snapping it off and sweeping everything down into the sea. Then they went to work again, and slowly, solidly, patiently covering all the bed of the foundation, they built up a strong mass of rock. That stood. It stands to-day, a tower defying all the Atlantic waves. It is a like work we want in establishing character on the word of God; character coming close down to the rock, joined to it in most intimate, broad, far-reaching, enduring union. The storms of earth, the assaults of hell, will break upon such character in vain. —Selected.

Homiletics.

Hymns 83, 279, 347.
Scripture Lesson, John 15.
Text, Eph. 4:30: And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Introduction.—The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equally, harmoniously, and eternally interested in the salvation of human souls.

God the Father so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.

God the Son, came into the world not to condemn the world but to save the world. By the grace of God he tasted death for every man.

God the Holy Spirit, makes effectual the compassion, love and work of the Father and Son in the redemption and salvation of the human race.

I. Let us consider the office work of the Holy Spirit.

(a) He enlightens. The Holy Spirit shows every soul the difference between right and wrong. He shows the paths of duty.

(b) He convicts or convicts of sin, Jesus said: He will reprove the world of sin. He troubles the soul of the sinner.

(c) He witnesses to the conversion of the soul. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. He tells us when our peace is made with God.

(d) He is the helper and comforter. Jesus said, I shall pray the Father and he shall give you another comforter. It is the Holy Ghost.

(e) He is the divine teacher.

He leads us into all truth. If we do not listen to his voice we shall go astray.

(f) He testifies concerning Christ. Concerning his divinity, concerning his redemptive work, concerning his resurrection, concerning his ascension and mediation.

II. It is possible for any soul to grieve the Holy Spirit and so to hinder him in his work, and it may be drive him forever away.

The Spirit is grieved.

(a) When the soul rejects his light.

(b) When the soul refuses to yield to conviction.

(c) When the soul rejects the invitation and pleadings of the Spirit.

Again the Spirit is grieved.

(a) When the Christian indulges in wrong thoughts and tempers.

(b) When he indulges in wrong words.

(c) When he commits wrong actions.

III. Consequences of grieving the Holy Spirit.

(a) It will bring darkness upon the soul.

(b) It will result in the loss of the favor of God, and the separation of the soul from God.

(c) If persisted in, the Spirit will take his departure, God will turn away his face in wrath, and the sinner left to himself will go down to death and be lost forever.

Marriages.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Mr. A. H. Allen to Miss L. V. Patillo, June 10, in St. James M. E. Church.

Rev. John Qualls officiating.

Clarksville, Tex.—June 14, Mr. Walter McCulloch to Miss Hannitt Washington, at the M. E. Church.

D. Frierson officiating.

Franklin, Tenn.—Mr. Boman Ray to Miss Annie Johnson, June 11. Their future home will be Nashville, Tenn.

S. B. Danley officiating.

Brandon, Miss.—Miss E. Jackson to Mr. J. Loftin, June 11.

Rev. J. K. Comfort officiating.

Obituary.

New Orleans, La.—Sarah Ann Lewis, born in Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 14, 1849, came to New Orleans in the spring of 1870, and was married to Rev. J. W. Lewis, by Rev. W. P. Forrest, the pastor of Williams Chapel, June 19, 1876. She was received as a member of Williams Chapel by the Rev. Stephen Duncan in 1878. She accompanied her husband in the ministry to the following charges: Thompson Chapel in New Orleans, Pearl River circuit three years, Woodlawn, Centerville, Dulac, and Beattieville. She leaves a husband, three children, four sisters and four brothers. The oldest sister is Mrs. Dicy Freeman, of Carrollton. The youngest is Mrs. Matilda Porter, wife of F. N. Porter, postmaster at Pearl River. Two sisters and four brothers still live in Kentucky. On her death bed she said to her husband, "Continue to be a Christian; and to her daughter, "Dora, you must get religion and be a good girl."

J. W. L.

Gertrude Taylor, sister of Rev. Henry Taylor, passed from labor to rest in this city, May 23, aged 22 years. She gave herself to God when only 12 years old, and lived a faithful and consistent Christian until her death. Many appreciative friends of the family accompanied her mortal remains to their last resting place in the Carrollton Cemetery, New Orleans, La.

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Jeanerette, La.—Miss Carrie Carr, the daughter of Rev. W. Carr, departed this life in full triumph of faith. She was 12 years old. The funeral was conducted by Revs. M. J. Dyer and E. D. Banks, of the Baptist Church, and the writer.

J. A. Vincent.

Livingston, Miss.—Bro. Alford Harrington, a member and local preacher of Mt. Aram M. E. Church, died June 1, in full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife, three children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

A. W. Wright, P. C.

Philadelphia, Miss.—Sister Julia Meredith, a faithful and devoted member of the M. E. Church, after suffering several months, died April 21, in full triumph of faith, aged 36 years. She joined the M. E. Church at the age of 18. She leaves a mother, husband, two children, one brother and sister, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

W. H. Smith, P. C.

Greenwood, Miss.—Sister Rachel Butler died May 23, aged 25 years. She died a Christian. She was sick three years or more. She leaves a husband, two children and a brother to mourn her departure.

S. H. Nevils.

Oak Forest, Ark.—Bro. J. L. Lambert, a member of Scruggs Chapel M. E. Church, fell with an epileptic stroke May 18, and died on the 26th, in full triumph of faith. His wife died three years ago. He leaves eight little children to mourn his loss.

W. H. Higgins, P. C.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall, wife of James H. Hall, was born in New Orleans, Dec. 25, 1831, and died at her home in this city, 430 Laurel street, at the age of 60 years. Converted at First Street Church during the pastorate of Rev. James Hayward, in 1870. During all these years she continued a faithful, enthusiastic, consistent Christian. Sister Hall removed her membership to Mt. Zion, and she, with mothers Susan Carter, Ramsey and others, became the early support of that growing church. Mrs. Hall was also connected with our educational work in this city, and matron at New Orleans University during the presidency of Isaac S. Leavitt and Dr. W. D. Godman. While in this capacity her Christian influence was very manifest on the lives of those she came in constant contact with. Mrs. Hall adopted George W. Wells, an orphan boy, in 1866, and through much sacrifice, toil, and privation, educated him in our New Orleans University. A husband, brother, adopted son, and a host of warm friends mourn her departure.

Franklin, Tenn.—Rev. Moses Young, of the A. M. E. Church, who was converted while attending Central Tennessee College in 1871, died in New York May 18. He was found dead in bed with his Bible in his hand. Age, 39 years. His body was forwarded to Franklin for interment. A host of friends followed him to his last resting place.

S. B. Danley, P. C.

Herbert, Miss.—Mr. Henry Talby departed this life May 30, aged 21. He was not a member of the church. His funeral was conducted by the writer. He leaves a wife, mother, father, sisters and brothers to mourn.

W. H. Smith, P. C.

Shubuta, Miss.—Sister Lucenia Dace departed this life May 31, aged 21 years. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church and secretary of the Sunday school.

A. B. Logan, P. C.

Bro. Samuel Williams died Sunday, May 31, 4 p. m., aged 79 years. He belonged to the M. E. Church, Donaldsonville, eight years. His wife, Sister Charlotte, is one of those old-time Methodists. She and the old man lived together 40 years. He died in full triumph of Christian faith, and desired no black to adorn his form in death, but all white. His funeral was attended from his church. A large crowd followed him to the final resting place. He leaves children and grand-children to mourn his loss, along with his dear wife. The funeral was attended by his pastor.

H. J. Wright.

Dover, Tenn.—Eleanor Wright, a member of the M. E. Church, died May 12. She asked her friends to meet her in heaven. Aged 25 years. The funeral was preached by the pastor.

Rev. H. Robinson.

Brandon, Miss.—Sister Rachel Burrell passed out of this life May 26. She was one of the founders of the M. E. Church at Brandon, and lived a faithful Christian for many years, dying at the age of 46, in full triumph of faith. She leaves a husband, three children and a host of friends.

J. K. Comfort, P. C.

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Lake, Miss.—Sister Ella Blalock departed this life May 23. She leaves a husband, two children, a mother, three brothers and sisters, and many friends to mourn.

I. D. Walden, P. C.

Conway, Ark.—Sister Lucy Lemonds, daughter of Rev. June Lemonds, departed this life June 14. She was ready to die. Bro. Lemonds was not present, but was telegraphed for. He received the telegram while preaching on his charge, at 10 o'clock Sunday night, and arrived in time for the burial.

Bro. Dunlap, a member of the M. E. Church, departed this life June 13, aged 49. His last words were, "I am going home," and he then fell asleep in Jesus. He came here from Mississippi about seven months ago. He leaves a wife and grand-daughter.

W. J. Cunningham, P. C.

Rosemeath, Miss.—On the 29th of May Sister Lillie Cole departed this life. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church for several years. She was ready and willing to die. She leaves a husband and son to mourn.

P. H. Hill.

June 5, little Willie Linsey, 9 years of age, departed this life. She was the daughter of William and Lucy Linsey, and a member of the Sunday school at Wesley Chapel.

P. H. Hill.

WHEN I began using Ely's Cream Balm my catarrh was so bad I had headache the whole time and discharged a large amount of filthy matter. That has almost entirely disappeared and I have not had headache since.—J. H. Sommers, Stephney, Conn.

How to Help Your Pastor

It is probable that our pastors do not all possess a good family sewing machine, but all should and can, and here is our plan for giving them one: For only 25 new subscribers from any one charge or circuit, with \$37.50, (the prepaid cash rate), we will present one of the Premium Singer Machines to the pastor of that charge or circuit, or to any one getting up the club. This offer is open to all denominations, and is very liberal. This does not hinder any member of the club from getting one under our regular offer. Any of them paying \$14 gets the paper and the machine, and will count one in the club if so stated.

As our object in making this offer is to increase the list, we stipulate that they shall be new subscribers. Old subscribers still have the privilege of the standing offer as heretofore published. If they have already paid for their paper they can send \$12.50 and get the machine.

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CHICAGO, May 28, 1891.
The "Southwestern Christian Advocate," New Orleans, La.

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Bravely, then, the plowshare driving,
Faint not, nor withdraw thy hand;
Duties done by earnest striving
Leave their traces o'er the land.
Hard the labor, but the pleasures,
Dull the task no others share;
But each step that duty measures
Leadeth up a golden stair.

Sing, then, in the early morning,
Going forth to work alone;
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Duty's worn and dusty ways;
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If it is true that "not one American in a hundred knows how to take a vacation," the July number of the Ladies' Home Journal has a distinct educational value, for it quite overflows with new and good counsel for summerings. One dollar a year; ten cents a copy; is issued by the Curtis Publishing Co., 433, 435 Arch St., Philadelphia.

The June number of Guide to Holiness contains Golden Lessons from the Great Teacher; A Sermon, "Refined by Fire," by Rev. G. C. Wells; and articles by a number of distinguished writers. The magazine, containing thirty-two pages, is published monthly at one dollar per year, postage included.

The Chautauquan for July has the following in its table of contents: Symposium—Where Should a College be Located? by Prof. Julius H. Seelye, D.D., LL.D.; Henry Wade Rogers, LL.D., Pres. James B. Angell, LL.D., Prof. Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, Pres. W. R. Harper, Ph.D., Prof. Herbert B. Adams, Ph.D.; Sunday Readings, selected by Bishop Vincent. The Disagreeable Truth About Politics, by George Hepworth; Horace Greeley's Boyhood, by Theodore Temple; The Spanish Creole, by Annie R. King; besides the usual editorial departments.

How the moon looks when viewed through the great telescope of the Lick Observatory (the largest in the world) will be shown by reproductions of photographs in the July Century. Prof. Edward S. Holden, chief astronomer of the Observatory, has prepared a brief paper describing the principal features exhibited in these views. By the aid of a series of lunar photographs now being taken, it is expected to settle definitely the vexed question of changes on the moon's surface.

The advance number of the Chautauqua Assembly Daily Herald, for the season of 1891, has reached us. It contains a full program for every day in the season of 1891. This is the sixteenth volume. Price \$1 each; in clubs of 5 or more, to one postoffice address, 90c. each. Thirty issues from July 22 to August 25, Sundays excepted. Address Dr. T. L. Flood, editor and proprietor, Meadville, Pa.

The House of Bondage, or Charlotte Brooks and Other Slaves, by Mrs. Octavia V. Rogers Albert, a neat volume of nearly 200 pages, is upon our desk. The Test, in order to do fullest justice to the authoress, will lend this volume to any cultured lady who will promise to furnish us for these columns a review of it. We never read white man books upon aspects of the Negro question, for they are written for speculative purposes, but we want to do the most for Negro authorship in these lines. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe. Weekly Test.

The Book News for May is devoted to the University Extension idea, and is full of contributions from eminent sources in advocacy of the same. It shows how university education may be obtained by whoever wishes to obtain it. It proposes practically to bring university education to the homes of the people, who may have the ambition, but lack the means of attending such institutions. John Wanamaker, publisher, Philadelphia. 5c a number, 50c a year.

We have received the catalogue of the Central Alabama Academy, Huntsville, Ala.

Our Symposium.

We notice with regret that the daily papers of New York show a disposition to magnify unduly these Haytian emeutes and to insist that the Haytian blacks are incapable of self government; while as a matter of current history there is hardly a month in the year in which there is not a revolution of some sort in progress in some one of the South American Republics, which these papers dignify by the respectable designation of "war." A republican form of government is the very hardest sort to maintain, because it must be built upon the patriotism and the general intelligence of the masses. Even France is not regarded as a stable Republic, because the people have not been educated in the forms of self government.

Let us be charitable to Hayti. It must have time and opportunity to work out its destiny as a Republic.—N. Y. Age.

You can't draw a boundary line around a moral evil and say to it, "You may continue, but you must keep within these particular limits." The only way to keep it from aggressive warfare is to keep it fighting for its very existence.—The Voice.

The essential truths are those which Christ by his teaching and living and dying has shown to be essential.—Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, D.D.

Let us always remember that holiness does not consist in doing uncommon things, but with doing everything with purity of heart.—H. E. Manning.

It is an old story—the failure of "good men." They did not mean to, but they slid down the declivity by carelessness, by grasping for more, by speculating with other people's money. They awoke some fine morning to find the sun shining on the ruins of their fortunes and their reputations. It is wretched, dismal, cruel, disheartening business. The cruel Christian honesty. There is no other honesty. This alone is honest to the core of the spine of a man. Preach it. Practice it. In all its length and breadth. It is dishonest to be carelessly indulgent to your friends with that property. It is dishonest to take risks with your own goods which may endanger the goods of others. It is dishonest to go in the way of temptation. The abuse of trust funds by honest men! The thing is impossible.—Western Advocate.

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M. John 1:1-9. Th. John 1:10-18. W. Isa. 42:1-7. Th. Luke 2:8-17. F. Phil 2:5-11. S. 1 John 1:1-12.

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The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (John 1:14.)

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QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Word Was God, v. 1, 5. What three things are here said about the Word?

With whom did the Word at first dwell?

What is said about his power? What does Paul say was made by him? (Col. 1:16.)

Where did the light shine? How well was it understood?

2. The Word became Man, v. 6, 13.

What messenger is here spoken of? For what purpose was John sent?

To whom was he to bear witness? Who is the true Light of the world?

On whom does the true light shine?

What three things does verse 10 say about the Light?

To whom did the Light come and was rejected?

What blessing came to all who received it?

How were these born?

3. The Word Reveals the Father, v. 14, 18.

What glory was thereby revealed? What was John's testimony to the Word?

What did he say about fulness and grace?

What about Moses and Jesus? Who has ever seen God?

Who only has revealed him?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught

1. That Jesus was God?

2. That Jesus was a man?

3. The only way to the Father?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG MEMBERS.

Find to whom the coming of John was foretold?

What disciples of John left him to follow Jesus?

Who beheaded John?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

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1. What name does the apostle give to the eternal Son of God? The Word.

2. What was the Word? The Word was God.

3. What did the Word become? The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

4. What came by Jesus Christ? Grace and truth.

5. Who came for a witness of the Light? A man sent from God, whose name was John.

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Conference Notices.

Camp Meeting.
The camp meeting of the Brookhaven and Chagres charge will begin July 29, and continue 12 days. The traveling preachers of the Brookhaven district will be present. The meeting will be conducted by a committee of preachers in concurrence with the trustees. Committee: J. H. Cook, H. May, A. Davis, A. Haedy, and Presiding Elder B. L. Crump. We will have reduced rates on the I. C. R. R. during the meeting, from Jackson and New Orleans to Brookhaven.

D. RAY, P. C.

Camp Meeting.
The Huntsville district camp meeting will take place near Phelps, Texas, August 10th to 24th. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. W. Hamilton, Presiding Elder of the Marshall district. Persons from abroad wishing to attend these series of meetings by railway can do so by buying a ticket over the International & Great Northern Railway and changing cars at Phelps station, thence to the camp ground. Excursion rates have been secured over the Great Northern and International Railroad. Everything will be done for the good and comfort of all. In addition to the camp houses already on the grounds you are kindly requested to build others, and second tents and live in them during the whole two weeks. Besides all the ministers of the Huntsville district, other eminent ones are expected. Special attention will be given to entertaining all ministers who may visit us. Brethren, come fully consecrated to God.

REV. F. PARKER, Pres.
L. J. HOGAN, Secretary.

Gainesville District, Savannah Conference.

Third Round.

Union Grove..... July 18-19

Oxford and Covington..... " 18-19

Lithonia..... " 25-26

Deatur..... " 25-26

East Atlanta..... " 24-25

North Atlanta..... July 31, Aug. 2

Roswell..... Aug. 1-2

Duluth..... " 8-9

Elberton..... " 15-16

Lawrence..... " 22-23

Barnesville..... " 22-23

Harmony Grove..... " 29-30

Atlanta..... " 29-30

White..... Sept. 5-6

Gilleville..... " 12-13

Lavonia..... " 19-20

Gainesville—W. H. Brown..... " 26-27

Hoselton..... " 26-27

Dear Brothers: Let each one labor to make this the grandest year's work in the history of the Gainesville District. The district conference will meet at Elberton, Aug. 12, at 3 p. m. Let each brother be on hand with written reports. Opening sermon preached by E. Bridges. Reduced rates will be given over all roads.

M. M. ALSTON, P. E.

District Conferences and Special Meetings.

Bowling Green district conference, Princeton, Ky..... July 3-6

Meridian district conference, Stoneham, Miss..... " 2

Camp meeting, Goliad, Texas..... " 15

Houston district Sunday School Institute, Beaumont, Tex..... " 16-19

Jackson district conference, Canton, Miss..... July 29

Savannah district conference, Mt. Vernon, Ga..... Aug. 12

Forest City district conference, Oak Forest, Ark..... July 30 to Aug. 3

Macon district conference, Eastman, Ga..... July 9

Little Rock district conference, Meridian, Ark..... July 9

Camp meeting, Bolton, Miss..... July 16-27

Huntsville district conference, Courtland, Ala..... Aug. 31

Marshall district conference, Queen City, Tex..... Aug. 26

Baton Rouge district conference, Baton Rouge, La..... Aug. 5-9

Huntsville district Sunday School Inst., Huntsville, Tex..... " 5

Anstin district conference, Bolton, Tex..... " 6

Shreveport district conference, Natchitoches, La..... " 13

Camp meeting, Shuhanta, Miss., San Antonio district conference, Canero, Texas..... " 12

Alexandria district conference, Washington, La..... " 12

Dadeville district conference, Monroe district conference, Bastrop, La..... " 21

Cumberland River district conference, Gordonsville..... " 25

The Editor or Business Manager will attend as many of these district conferences and special meetings as possible, but whether they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, when we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circulation. It can be done. Will you do it?

A Correction

The notice of the camp meeting to be held at Bolton, published in the "Southwestern" last week with my name attached to it, was without my authority. I did not write the notice, in fact I knew nothing of any camp meeting to be held in the Jackson district until the public were being notified by printed bills. Therefore I take this method to make correction.

J. CAMPBELL, P. E.

District Conference Postponed.

The brethren of the Greenville district are hereby notified that the district conference is changed from July 29 to Wednesday, August 6, 1891.

J. W. DAVIS, P. E.

Home Without a Mother.

The room's in disorder,
The cat's on the table,
The flower-stand upset, and the mischief to pay,
And Johnny is screaming
As loud as he's able,
For nothing goes right when mamma's away.

What a scene of discomfort and confusion home would be if mamma did not return. If your wife is slowly breaking down, from a combination of domestic cares and female disorders, make it your first business to restore her health. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is without a peer as a remedy for feeble and debilitated women, and is the only medicine for the class of maladies known as female diseases which is sold under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers that it will give satisfaction, or the money will be refunded. It is a positive cure for the most complicated cases of womb troubles.

ONE of the jury bribers charged with tampering with the Hennessey Jury, and the criminal courts in this city generally, has been convicted, and sent to the penitentiary.

HALF RATE via the Mississippi Valley Route, to Minneapolis, Minn., and return, account Convention Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Tickets sold July 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Also to Toronto, Ont., and return, account National Education Association Meeting. Tickets sold July 8 to 15, inclusive. For tickets, time tables, etc., call on or address ticket agent.

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Above rates to Toronto and return include \$2 membership fee.

P. R. ROGERS, Gen'l Pass. Agt.

R. F. REYNOLDS, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agt.

A COLD of unusual severity developed into a difficulty decidedly catarrhal in all its characteristics, threatening a return of my old chronic malady, catarrh. One bottle of Ely's Cream Balm completely eradicated every symptom of that painful and prevailing disorder.—E. W. Warner, Rochester, N. Y.

BRETHREN ought to understand

by this time that we do not and cannot publish in our columns the proceedings, the minutes of their board meetings, quarterly and district conferences, their statistical reports, assessments, apportionments, etc. Consult our columns and see how we arrange our matter from the laity, pastors, districts, etc., and govern yourself accordingly. No paper in creation could attempt to publish "every word of it," all the matter sent us. Who cares where the bar was fixed, whether before or behind the stove; or whether the roll was called or not; and who sang and prayed, and a thousand and one such matters of detail. Send us pointed facts such as will be of general interest. How many churches built; how many conversions; how many Sunday schools organized, how much money raised, without stringing out a hundred names who happened to have given a few cents more than the average. Send us such short crisp notes and we will gladly publish them as soon as we can reach them.

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The Baptist Church is considerably stirred over the question of allowing women to preach.

Plan. of Episcopal Visitation, Fall Conferences, 1891.

[CHRONOLOGICAL.]

Conferences in the United States.

Conference. Place. Time. Bishop.

Utah Mission..... Ogden, Utah..... June 3..... Andrew

Colorado..... Denver, Colo..... " 10..... Andrews

Wyoming..... Cheyenne, Wyo..... " 18..... Andrews

Nevada..... Reno, Nev..... July 22..... Bowman

Montana..... Great Falls, Mont..... " 30..... Bowman

Idaho..... Boise City, Idaho..... Aug. 12..... Bowman

Oregon..... Salem, Ore..... " 19..... Fitzgerald

Puget Sound..... Aberdeen, Wash..... " 26..... Fitzgerald

Black Hills Mts. Spearfish, S. Dak..... " 27..... Merrill

Cincinnati..... Urbana, O..... Sept. 2..... Foster

Iowa..... Muscatine, Ia..... " 2..... Foster

N. W. Nor. & Dan. Miss. Seattle, Wash..... " 2..... Fitzgerald

Chicago German Church, Ill..... " 2..... Newman

West German St. Joseph, Mo..... " 2..... Goodell

St. Louis German St. Louis, Mo..... " 9..... Bowman

Norwegian & Dan. Church, Ill..... " 9..... Merrill

California..... Pacific Grove, Cal..... " 9..... Merrill

Illinois..... Macleod, Ill..... " 16..... Warren

Des Moines..... Des Moines, Ia..... " 16..... Warren

Cal. Germ. Miss. San Jose, Cal..... " 16..... Mallalieu

Northwest Iowa..... Ft. Dodge, Ia..... " 16..... Nindie

East Ohio..... Akron, Ohio..... " 16..... Fowler

W. Wisconsin..... Chippewa Falls, Wis..... " 16..... Fowler

Columbia R. v. Spokane Falls, Wash..... " 16..... Fitzgerald

Detroit..... Detroit, Mich..... " 16..... Newman

Indianapolis..... Indianapolis, Ind..... " 16..... Goodell

North Nebraska..... Omaha, Neb..... " 16..... Goodell

Southwest Indian..... Aurora, Ind..... " 21..... Foster

Minnesota..... Red Wing, Minn..... " 21..... Foster

Southwest German Church, Ill..... " 21..... Warren

Rock River..... Joliet, Ill..... " 21..... Nindie

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Editorial Notes.

Happy they whose joys abound
Like Jordan's swelling stream;
Who their heaven in Christ have found,
And give the praise to Him.
Mearest follower of the Lamb,
His steps I at a distance see;
I the chief of sinners am,
But Jesus died for me.

AFTER several weeks absence, the *Christian Herald*, of this city, found its way to our sanctum.

THE anniversary edition of the *Atlanta Times*, is highly creditable to all concerned. We congratulate Editor Lovingsgood on his marked success.

LAST Saturday, July 4, the citizens of this city celebrated with unusual ceremony the 115th Anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence.

EMPEROR William of Germany, Queen Victoria's grandson, has gone on a visit to England. He was received with royal grandeur in Holland, in England, and wherever he tarried. The world wonders what will be the outcome to the peace of Europe from this visit.

THE Editor, Rev. J. F. Marshall of Louisiana, M. C. B. Mason of Savannah, L. M. Hagood, M. D., of Lexington and W. P. Ryder, of Washington Conferences, found pleasant homes in the hospitable home of Bro. and Sister T. A. Howard, devoted members of Wiley Memorial Church during the Presiding Elder's Convention at Chattanooga.

LAST Monday morning a terrible cyclone visited Baton Rouge. It blew down part of the penitentiary and killed ten and wounded thirty of its inmates; destroyed the Governor's mansion; demolished and unroofed houses in all directions, especially in the southern portion of the city. We go to press too early to get the details, but the indications are that many lives and much property will be found to have been destroyed by the terrible storm that is sweeping from Galveston through Baton Rouge and intervening sections.

WE most heartily commend Bishop Mallalien to all our friends in the North who take an interest in the real welfare of all our colored people. His heart is set on building up a strong, first-class Medical School, on principles as broad and beneficent as the Gospel. To do this it will need two hundred thousand dollars. Already the Bishop has nearly fifty thousand. Our people are praying that he may soon secure the balance.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Homiletical Department of the Southwestern.

REV. E. M. JONES.

The writer has watched the Homiletical column of the SOUTHWESTERN with peculiar interest since its introduction as a part of the paper. And have been anxious to see it succeed and come up to all expectation. This anxiety has been gratified and this department of the paper intensifies the preachers interest.

This feature of the SOUTHWESTERN adds another good quality to the many which the paper possesses.

The SOUTHWESTERN already takes the front rank of news papers edited by colored men, and such prudent and helpful steps as the column of homiletics, is destined to keep it in the lead and add to its already well won and honored record and unspeakable usefulness, and profitable career.

The SOUTHWESTERN is a necessity, and this is saying a good deal. For when anything grows to be a necessity then all must and will have it.

Our preachers and others cannot and will not do without the SOUTHWESTERN. They hail its weekly visits with increased joy and delight. They read its pages with an interest akin to that of their Bibles. For it brings them fresh and wholesome news of the Old Church and her matchless enterprises, that we so much love, and in whose successes and victories we take special delight. It enables us to hear from our brethren and their work, in whom we are deeply interested, and keeps us informed as to what is happening in the world. It ably defends our cause against misrepresentation, it uproots evil seed which has been sown, informs and trains our people in the principles and doctrines of Methodism.

But the ministers are the special class interested in the homiletics of the SOUTHWESTERN, as they are engaged weekly, and almost daily, in sermonizing. They are on the alert for new ideas and suggestions in making sermons, that they may preach effective sermons which will result in the edification of Christians and the conversion of sinners.

1. This homiletic column is SUGGESTIVE in sermon making. It is not always an easy task to find suitable themes for sermons. And some of our ablest and best preachers, who devote nearly all of their time in reading and studying, are glad of suggestions which lead them to appropriate subjects for pulpit use. And how much more so is this when preachers are necessitated to divide their time in other lines of work, but must preach two or three times on the Sabbath. They may be over-crowded with work, weary and worn out, still necessity is laid upon them and they must preach. And if the SOUTHWESTERN can give suggestions which will lead to suitable texts and themes, it must be helpful.

2. Doubtless these sermon outlines of the SOUTHWESTERN are not intended to encourage idleness or to make plagiarists, but to aid the industrious and to afford passages of Scripture for study and investigation. With this object in view, they must be beneficial, and especially to some of our brethren who have not had the advantage of a theological training.

3. In the third place, these outlines start us to thinking. As we read division after division, and subdivision, they set us to thinking along certain lines which will develop into sermons. Just as we

pour a little water into the pump to start it to flowing, so are these outlines and suggestions.

It is always best it possible to select our texts and themes upon our knees, but some time God answers our prayers through our brother's suggestion—since he must work through instruments. Some time the most original and jealous for the success of the cause of God and the up-building of the church, and those who are least helped, are the first to acknowledge the sources of help. These outlines will be most helpful to those who can think for themselves and can't do more than aid in preparation. A preacher would be as unnatural and awkward in using these outlines, as they are, as if he would appear in another man's clothes. To use material well and successful it must be our own, and then this material must be the outgrowth of our convictions and experience. And the class most benefited will use them as they were intended.

4. These are Gospel outlines. This is a good feature in cultivating the habit of preaching the Gospel, and not taking the pulpit on Sundays to deliver historical and scientific addresses. Some are inclined to make the pulpit the medium for all kinds of communication. The more of the Gospel we put into our sermons, the better they are and the more good we can hope to accomplish.

This is an age when Gospel sermons are much needed, and there ought and must be a returning to the preaching of the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel, if Christianity would keep pace with the increase of population and the growth of wickedness in the world and church.

And if the wise and sagacious editor of the SOUTHWESTERN succeeds in keeping this idea before the readers of this column, he will accomplish much for the cause he labors to promote.
Montgomery, Ala.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

What Will Cure.

REV. STEPHEN PRIESTLEY.

Mr. Editor: I would like to get some information through your valuable paper of the cause of the letters addressed to the Louisiana Conference, and the circulars calling for a convention of preachers. Why this wide-spread soreness throughout this broad land; charging the Louisiana Conference with corruption, and even calling in question the administration of our bishops? Is this right?

First. Has the Discipline of our Church been set aside? Or have we no Discipline to guide us as ministers?

Second. Who and what are the names of these men and corporations?

Third. What brethren have wronged or taken another brother's charge, congregation or appointment from him?

Fourth. What young men have been pressed or driven from our church? Only those men who by their own deeds and their own actions leave us.

Have these brethren been false to themselves—false to the Old Church—these many years in making their reports? The best cure for a toothache is to go to the dentist and have it pulled out.

REVS. J. E. Lowery, A. M., of the South Carolina, and E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., of the Lexington Conference, were the co-ordinate secretaries of the Presiding Elder's Convention at Chattanooga. We inadvertently called them secretary and assistant secretary respectively, in last week's paper.

Schools and Colleges.

Mr. F. S. Thomas and Mrs. Tillie Jones Thomas, managers of the Glee Club, which we published as a frand some weeks ago, because it assumed the name "New Orleans University Glee Club," explain their connection with that name as follows: "We are managers of a company known as the New Orleans University Singers, and travelling on our own merits, since we finished our mission in the interest of LaTéche Seminary, under Dr. Godman, ex-president of New Orleans University. We finished our work with him in 1881, and have been travelling since upon our own merits." We would not do Mr. Thomas and his troupe any injustice, but it is but just to the University and its friends that the fact be known that the New Orleans University has no troupe giving concerts for its benefit in the North.

Good News to Teachers.

You can make money during vacation canvassing for the SOUTHWESTERN, "The House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." Write for terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

Teachers desiring schools to teach; and communities in need of teachers can find no better means of securing what they want than by advertising their wants through the SOUTHWESTERN. Forty thousand people read our paper every week. Write for terms.

The Colored Teachers' State Association of Mississippi held a very well attended and profitable session at Jackson, Miss., July 4. The following officers were selected: President, Prof. J. H. Bnrrus, of Rodney; Prof. E. H. Triplett, of Meridian, vice-president; Prof. W. H. Reynolds, of Vicksburg, secretary; Miss M. J. Spellman, of Jackson, assistant secretary; Prof. J. D. Tuston, of Canton, corresponding secretary. Next meeting July 4, 1892.

Why not enter the New Orleans University Medical School next October? You can go through a whole year and pay off all expenses with \$90.

Get ready to send your boys and girls to one of our schools. As loyal Methodists, we should support our own institutions.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

Children's Day at First Street Church was grand. Collection, \$10. Misses Florida Flemming, Emma Anderson, Elizabeth Cochran, Ezrenia Shepard, M. Johnson, Griffin, Slede, Maria Bell, Carrie Jackson, Emma Smith, and Minnie Griffin performed their parts in a most creditable manner. The school is getting on nicely; 125 new scholars reported this quarter. Bro. J. Gordon Taylor is superintendent, and Rev. T. G. Montgomery pastor.

Presiding Elder Williams held his second quarterly conference at Pleasant Plains on the 18th. He was full of good advice, Bible comment, and church polity. "Twenty years a Presiding Elder" speaks for him. Reports were as good as ever. Paid pastor, Presiding Elder, and Sunday School Agent their quarterly apportionments.

Boynton Chapel, Gretna, La., Rev. H. C. Wilson pastor, will have a grand financial rally on the third Sunday in July. The Christian workers organized since the storm will turn out. President, Eliza Rose. Revs. Emperor Wil-

liams, Frank Walker, I. H. Williams of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Samuel Bell of Kennerville, and several societies, will be in attendance.

The Excelsior Bell Circle of Wesley Chapel celebrated the 4th of July with a picnic at Loeper's Park.

The sacramental services last Sunday, at Pleasant Plains, Rev. D. J. Price pastor, were highly edifying. A large number partook of the elements.

Personal.

—Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the authoress, quietly passed her eightieth birthday in Hartford, Conn., recently. Mrs. Stowe is but a shadow of her former self mentally; she talks in broken sentences like a child. The least company makes her nervous and excitable.

—Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *New York Christian Advocate*, delivered the commencement sermon at Vanderbilt University recently.

—In the one hundred and seven years since Mr. Wesley ordained Thomas Coke a bishop and sent him to America to ordain one assistant bishop and organize Methodism, there have been forty-two bishops and four missionary bishops, three of them for Africa and one for India. Bishop Coke and James were each thirty-seven years of age at their election, and Bishops Roberts and Fitzgerald were each thirty-eight years; Asbury was thirty-nine; Whatcoat was sixty-four; Newman, sixty-two; Peck, sixty-one; and E. O. Haven was sixty. Taylor, the missionary bishop for Africa, was sixty-three. Twelve were fifty-two and over, up to fifty-nine. The average age of all the bishops at election was forty-eight and three-fourths years. Twenty of these bishops were elected from the pastorate or presiding eldership, eight from the educational work, six had been secretaries of great benevolences, and six editors, while four had been book agents. Wilbur Fisk was elected from the educational work, but he was never ordained; and of the twenty elected from the pastorate, Joshua Sonle had been a book agent for four years, but at the time of his election and consecration he was taken from the pastorate.—*Western Advocate*.

—Bishop Mallalien has left for the North. He will be hard at work during the summer trying to raise two hundred thousand dollars to establish and endow our medical college. This is a department of the New Orleans University, and it is of the greatest importance that the bishop should succeed in his undertaking.

—Rev. B. L. Orump, Presiding Elder of Brookhaven district, and Rev. H. May, pastor at Pass Christian, paid us an enjoyable visit last Monday.

—The Venerable Hannibal Hamlin, Vice-President with Mr. Lincoln 1860-64 and U. S. Senator for many years, died at his home in Maine last week. "Our friends are passing over."

—Hon. Fred Douglass, U. S. Minister to Hayti, is now in Washington on his annual vacation.

—Prof. Harvey J. Clement of New Orleans University is enjoying his vacation at his home in Washington, Ind., where "The SOUTHWESTERN" keeps him posted every week with news from the South. His alma mater, Moore's Hill College, has conferred upon him in *cursu* the degree of Master of Science. His many friends will be glad to welcome him at his accustomed place in New Orleans University next fall.

—Prof. Alex. P. Camphor, A. B., of New Orleans University, has gone to Chantanooga, N. Y., where he will spend his vacation and take advantage of the many intellectual bounties that are daily spread before the visitors that gather there every summer, from all parts of the world.

—Rev. H. C. Armston, Algiers, informs us that Rev. Nelson Burton of Waxla, La., reached this city June 28 very sick with fever and is now at his home in this city sick. We hope he will soon be convalescent.

—Rev. W. P. Ryder, P. E., of the Washington, (D. C.) district, returning from the Presiding Elder's Convention spent Sunday, June 28, in Montgomery, Ala., and preached an able sermon at the St. Paul M. E. Church, of which the Rev. E. M. Jones is pastor.

—Rev. S. B. Darnell, B. D., president of Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla., is enjoying his well-earned vacation at Ocean Grove, N. J. In a personal note he says: "Our institution has had such a marvelous growth that I have had my time and energy fully taxed to keep it in trim."

—Rev. Mack Henson, Presiding Elder of Anstin district, West Texas Conference, passed through this city on his return from the Presiding Elder's Convention, and gave us a pleasant visit. He dined with the editor at his home, visited New Orleans University and made arrangements to send one of his sons to school there next fall, and preached at La Harpe and Wesley Chapel on the Sabbath.

—Presiding Elder W. H. Logan of the Navasota district, Texas Conference, passed through on Wednesday, having stopped over a day or two in Atlanta, Ga. He too remembered us with a call.

—We regret not to have met Rev. Geo. A. Payne, when he called last week.

—Bro. Joseph Kellar of Waxla, La., is very sick.

—U. S. Minister Clark, accredited from our government to Liberia, is dead.

—Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., was appointed a member of the committee of the Southern Interstate Immigration Bureau to wait upon the President and Cabinet and to invite them to the Exposition at Raleigh, N. C., at such time during the months of October and November as might suit their convenience, but could not accompany the delegation, because his other engagements prevented him.

General Conference Delegates.

Colorado. Ministerial: Earl Oranston, N. A. Chamberlin, S. W. Thornton. Alternates: J. H. Merritt, T. O. Kliff. Lay: Hon. John Evans, Denver; Horace T. DeLong, Grand Junction. Alternates: J. A. Clough, Denver; J. E. Downey, Pueblo.

Italy. Ministerial: Wm. Burt. Alternate: Paolo Gay. Lay: Maredo Luigi. Alternate: Caporri Gaetano.

Important Notice.

All pastors, presiding elders and other members of our church who attended the Presiding Elder's Convention at Chattanooga, are requested to send their names and postoffice addresses at once to Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., 805 Russell street, Covington, Ky., also, all who delivered addresses, or in anywise partook in the deliberations of the convention are requested to redue to writing whatever they delivered to that body and forward it at once to Dr. Hammond.

Letters from the Districts.

Austin District, West Texas Conference.

M. HENSON, P. E.

Dear Dr. Albert: At the close of the published exercises for Austin District Conference, you asked a very important question: "What about the SOUTHWESTERN; did Bro. Mason and his committee forget it?"

Being very busy and away on the extreme southern portion of the district, and in order to refresh the memory of the brethren relative to the work to be done at the next session, I wrote a note requesting Bro. Carmichael to prepare and send the programme which was adopted before adjournment of the last session for this district conference, and I believe he performed that duty fairly well.

Being so crowded in my work, I did not chance to see the manuscript after he prepared it, before it was sent to press. Which may partly account for the non mention of the SOUTHWESTERN.

Though he failed to say a word for our faithful old friend, the SOUTHWESTERN, in that brief notice, its great worth and just claims were clearly set forth and favorably discussed at our last session, and commendatory resolutions were adopted. And the good results are shown by an increased list of subscribers on the district for 1891.

Its high claims are urged upon merit, and sound basis, at every quarterly conference, and next to the necessity of procuring the prescribed course of books for local preachers and exhorters, they are vigorously urged to subscribe for and read the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

And among the younger and better qualified, we recommend to stewards, class leaders and trustees the important duty of taking the SOUTHWESTERN, the official journal for our territory. It is made the test of our Christian fealty and qualification for official position in the church. And we trust this slip of a secretary in the performance of his unsaid duty will not lead to the conclusion that we are negligent to perform a plain duty.

The paper has, under its wise management, and its bold defense of the rights of our people everywhere, as well as the doctrine and policy of a great church, gained for itself a deservedly wide reputation. It is regarded as a true guide to cleanliness and holiness and a safe monitor.

Bro. Simon S. Brewer, who came to us from the Missionary Baptist Church, after staying with us a short while, returned from whence he came, without doing us any harm.

Brethren applying for license to preach must know something about English grammar, geography, Ridpath's History, and arithmetic to common fractions.

Forrest City District Conference.

PROGRAM:

Introductory sermon—Seth Neal.
"How to Promote Class Meetings"—S. M. Stokes.

"The Need of Sunday Schools"—H. W. Walton.

"Was the Bible Inspired?"—D. B. Harston.

"How to Make Easter Sunday a Success"—H. P. Strong.

"The Use of Prayer Meeting"—D. H. E. Harris.

"Relation of Baptized Children to the Church"—M. N. Langston.

"Why Baptize Infants?"—H. M. Renfro.

"Atonement"—W. H. Higgins.

"Pastoral Visiting"—G. W. Taylor.

"Women's Home Mission"—Mrs. Rev. G. N. Johnson.

An address "On the Colored Man in the M. E. Church"—W. R. R. Duncan.

All local preachers will make their own selections.

W. R. R. DUNCAN, P. E.

Bowling Green District, Lexington Conference.

L. M. HAGOOD, M. D.

I have just completed the first round of visits. Most of the brethren entered their work with a determination to make the charge better for their baying been sent there. Most of the appointments have moderately good churches, while several have buildings beyond the ordinary. There has been no discord so far, aside from some who are desirous to have everything go in accordance with our excellent book of discipline.

I found an established rule to pay no class dues, but to pay twenty-five cents per month to the pastor, and the same every three months to the Presiding Elder, and then declare, "I have done my duty."

Where pastors try to discipline our people the friction arising is hardly worthy being called discord.

All the pastors are faithfully working to make full proof of their ministry.

Rev. Isaac Horton, one of the fathers at Sonora, had a very severe attack of "la grippe" immediately after conference, when his life was all but despaired of, but is well and at it again.

Rev. A. Posey, of Hardinsburg, who came to us many years ago from the Washington conference, also had a very dangerous attack of sickness, but is now well. He is a man of sterling qualities, and, like Bro. Horton, one of the veterans of our Methodism.

The younger brethren of the district will compare favorably with any other class of Methodist preachers whose chances have been similar. So far as I know, each and every one of them is striving for the mastery along the line of religious, moral and intellectual stamina. In the community where they are they are respected and revered.

The laity is fast coming to the plane of the ministry intellectually, and, indeed, some of them are already there.

A mistaken idea prevails on this district that the estimating committee is to decide what the church they represent can pay the pastor as salary. They usually estimate this without regard to the number or condition of the pastor's family, but base it upon how well the pastor pleases the committee. We have been (and intend to keep at it) trying to teach that it is their duty not to estimate what they can pay, nor what they intend to pay, but "to estimate the amount necessary to furnish a comfortable support." Because of this mistake the wives and children of some of the pastors have had to hire out in order to have sufficient clothes to attend church.

But few, if any, of our schools on this district have been made auxiliary to the Sunday School Union of our church. No school is a Methodist school because taught in one of our churches, unless they have adopted the constitution for Sunday schools laid down in our discipline. I have succeeded in organizing every Sunday school on this district, this quarter, into a missionary society, and hope, by conference, to see some happy results. On the second visit I hope to be able to organize an Epworth League in every appointment; have regular class meetings where Christians can meet to tell their experiences and pay their class dues.

The pastors have striven to have every official make a written report to the quarterly conference. They have, without a single exception, vied with each other to make me feel welcome and comfortable, and they have succeeded admirably. Several of the charges held what they denominated the "P. E.'s receptions." I called them ovations.

At Morgantown the white people absolutely crowded the church to such an extent that our people had

to go to the neighbors' houses and get chairs for themselves.

On Monday night, by invitation, I preached for the whites, in their church, to an overflowing mixed audience. The blessed Holy Spirit attended the effort. The same is true of Hall's Creek, Sonora, Eddyville and Vine Grove. I do not mention these things for personal laudation, but to exhibit the kindly feelings existing between all classes of religious people. While thus engaged, who could blame me for shouting the midst:

"One family we dwell in Him;
One Church above, beneath."

It is too early to prophesy. And yet I have succeeded in raising the estimate for every pastor's salary on this district from 10 to 100 per cent above last year's.

At each quarterly service, I rejoice to say, the glad shouts of the faithful, the fervent prayers of the righteous, the reclamation of backsliders, the cries of poor sinners, and the "God bless you" from aged servants of the Lord, and the glad acclaims of the young people have made me buckle the armor tighter, grasp the sword of the spirit firmer and shout, "If God be for us who can be against us."

Texarkana District, Arkansas.

A. J. PHILLIPS, P. E.

I began my first round Feb. 12, and finished May 4. My first point was at Locksburg. Bro. H. C. Dunlap has been appointed to this. The people purchased a house for him. I spent one week there.

At Center Point, Bro. B. H. Johnson, a transfer from the Texas conference, does good work. We had a grand quarter.

My next point was at Clow. Bro. T. Thompson is a young man, and the people love him. He is doing good work in repairing the churches on the circuit.

My next point at Hope and Washington. Bro. W. H. Moore deserved the work. I supplied it by giving it to Bro. M. H. Foster, in connection with the Gordon work. Bro. Foster had been sick and had not been able to do anything.

My next point was at Hot Springs. Bro. W. O. Emory is in the hearts of his people, and is doing a good work. A grand quarter here. I was sick, so that I could not work while here.

My next point was at Texarkana, Ark. We have two charges. Bros. Calvin and Babers were appointed here. I found all the Methodist churches had united against sin and for the salvation of sinners. All the churches were enjoying a season of revival. Both churches on the Arkansas side had been greatly blessed.

My next point was at Lewisville. Bro. McDonald, a transfer from Louisiana, was having some success. He has the deeds for a lot in New Lewisville and will build there this year. I had a man for Canfield, but he failed to go there, and I gave Bro. D. McDonald charge of that also.

My next point was at Magnolia. Bro. C. W. Thompson had a set back, but he was pulling things through all right. Bro. Thompson is in the confidence of all the people.

At Camden we have no work organized. Bro. J. M. Airhart is here. On the account of sickness he was delayed in getting to his charge, but has rented a hall and is holding services. If we can keep him here a while we will succeed. At Camden the people want our church. Bro. Airhart is trying to purchase a lot for a church. We want to find 100 friends who will give us \$1 each to help us buy a lot.

My next point was at Fulton. Bro. A. Spears, a transfer from the Louisiana conference was appointed. Bro. Spears is a good man and the people love him, and will do a grand work. Bro. Spears thinks of having the district conference at Fulton.

The Texarkana district con-

ference convenes the 27th of August at Fulton, Ark.

P. R. Woodson, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and G. C. Harden, Nolenville, Tenn. The Local Preachers' Theological Institute of the Nashville district, Tennessee conference, convened in Scott chapel, M. E. Church, at Shelbyville, Tenn., April 29th, with Rev. J. P. Price, president; Rev. G. C. Harden, secretary; W. Ellison, assistant.

Many of the pastors and local preachers were present. The session was quite a success.

Holly Springs District Conference.

B. F. WOOLFOLK.

The first district conference of the Holly Springs district, Upper Mississippi conference, convened in Sewell's chapel, M. E. church, at 9 o'clock a. m., at Oxford, Miss., June 5, Rev. H. R. Revels, D. D., presiding. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Coggin with great power.

The Presiding Elder's report showed the district to be in a prosperous condition. All of the different enterprises of the church are being looked after, especially the SOUTHWESTERN. The well prepared reports from pastors showed an increase of 278 members, probationers 185, and benevolent money \$135. The local preachers, exhorters, class leaders, S. S. superintendents, and stewards' reports show success on all lines. J. A. Slate, C. Weatherow and W. A. Dawson were licensed to preach. Rev. C. W. Whitehead preached an acceptable sermon.

Messrs. T. A. Green, of Rust University, and H. C. Walton addressed the Sabbath school. Love feast was conducted by Revs. J. W. Parks and L. C. McClellan.

At 11 a. m. edifying sermons were preached by Revs. C. W. Butler, D. P. Shaw and J. W. Parks. Collections during the conference, \$60. Resolutions of thanks were adopted to the good people of Oxford for their hospitality.

A resolution was passed requesting each pastor to pay \$2 for the Presiding Elder's traveling expenses to the Presiding Elder's Convention that met in Chattanooga, Tenn., June 23. Vaiden circuit was chosen for the seat of the next district conference. Monday night Rev. S. D. Troup preached the closing sermon.

Gainesville district S. S. convention met at Harmony Grove, Ga., May 29, Rev. M. M. Alston, P. E., in the chair. Thomas Riggins, Sunday school superintendent from Seneca, S. C., was introduced and made an instructive address. The convention was in every way a success. All reports showed improvement on all lines. Our young people were instructed to read books, papers, and especially the SOUTHWESTERN. Saturday evening was devoted to children. The Sunday school was ably addressed by M. M. Alston and others. One of the young ladies in our Sunday school procession was unfortunately struck on the back of her head by lightning. Rev. E. Kirby deserves much credit for the way he provided for the comforts of the delegates. Collection, \$45. M. M. Alston, president; E. Kirby, vice president; P. H. Travis, secretary and treasurer.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

C. T. Roberts, Troup Factory, Ga.

Our second quarterly conference was held May 9, 10, and was a great success spiritually and financially. As the Presiding Elder, Rev. E. L. Hammett, could not be present, the Rev. V. D. Jenkins, of Greenville, presided. The reports showed marvelous progress on all lines. Paid the pastor this quarter, \$73; Presiding Elder, \$17.90; education, \$7.78. Rev. Jenkins preached two able sermons and

assisted the pastor in administering the sacrament to 150 persons. We have one of the largest and best Sunday schools in the district.

F. Frazier, Sandy Creek, Ala.

My first quarterly conference was held at Plyan Hill May 16, 17, with Rev. W. F. Smith in the chair. We had a lovely time. The Elder preached an able sermon on Sunday, and administered the Lord's Supper to 65. Collection, \$7.60.

J. C. Owens, Marshall, Tex.

Our quarterly conference was held May 16. We had a grand time. Elder Hamilton preached a soul-reviving sermon on Sunday. Five joined the church and many came forward for prayer. The Lord's Supper was administered to 50.

W. S. Leake, Shuqualak, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference convened May 16, 17, with Rev. W. McDonald in the chair. Reports showed general prosperity. Paid Presiding Elder, \$16.10; pastor, \$72.65. Received 33 persons in full membership. The Elder preached one of his soul-stirring sermons. The Lord's Supper was administered to 125 persons.

A. M. Mason, Oakland, Texas.

My first quarterly conference was held April 11, by Presiding Elder C. L. Madison. He preached two soul-stirring sermons. Also, Rev. E. Cogswell, one of the former pastors, preached a fine sermon in the evening to a crowded house. One hundred and thirty-nine partook of the sacrament. Collection, \$22.75. Easter was a big day for Oakland and Brown Chapel. Collection, \$8.55.

A. Quinn, Derola, Miss.

Bro. Smith and A. B. Critin gave a pond party at Silver Springs. We had a grand time. One hundred and fifty pounds were given.

J. A. Tircuit, Jackson, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 13 and 14 by Rev. J. F. Marshall, P. E. The classes reported \$42.50 collected this quarter, as against \$22.05 the first quarter. Stewards' report showed \$133.20 collected for all purposes. The conference was a grand one, showing vast improvement and unprecedented success in every line of church work.

The several committees reported all monies for conference purposes raised.

My advice to the brethren is, never defer this important question till the last of the year, as then there are so very many disadvantages against which to labor. It is always better to raise every assessment on or before the second quarter.

We have built a new fence in front of the church and parsonage, repaired the side and back fences, built a flue in the church and are now planning for general improvement.

The church and Sunday school are alive and are marching Zionward. However, a visit from our Sunday school agent would greatly stir up the latter institution. Come, brother, our Sunday school wishes to see you.

Brother Marshall is very acceptable to these people, and they always look with much joy to the time of his coming. His sermons are always instructive, edifying and full of good things to believers and full of uncomfortable dynamites to church drones and the unregenerate.

May God multiply the Marshalls a hundredfold.

At our rally, May 10th, we raised \$76.20.

William Perry, New Berne, Ala.

Our second quarterly conference convened at Walthal, circuit May 16 and 17, with Rev. H. N. Brown, our beloved Presiding Elder, in the chair. The conference was a lovely one. The SOUTHWESTERN was brought before the conference and a good many promised to take it.

Sunday was a lovely day with us. We enjoyed two noble sermons from our Presiding Elder—at 11

a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Raised for Presiding Elder \$20; for pastor \$49.75. Total amount raised this quarter for all causes \$75.19.

There were seventy-five communicants at the Lord's table. Eight children were baptized.

Tenola Edwards, Sloan Street, Houston. Presiding Elder Scott, D. D., held our second quarter March 9 and 10. Reports showed the work in growing condition. Some improvement has been made on the church. His sermon on getting gold left a lasting impression on the minds of the people. Forty-four communed at the Lord's table. Twenty-nine have been added to the church this quarter. Collections this quarter: For pastor, \$53.25; Presiding Elder, \$9.30; benevolence, \$40.30.

L. J. S. Bell, Edwards, Miss.

We had a grand rally on May the 10th to raise money to remodel our church. It was a success. We raised \$126.35.

John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Our first quarterly conference convened in St. James M. E. Church May 9th and 10th. Rev. G. W. Lacy, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Rev. A. J. Phillips, Presiding Elder of the Texarkana district, being in our conference, was cordially invited by Rev. G. W. Lacy to preside. His ability to preside is grand, and the work was carried out with pleasure. We have raised during this quarter \$337.75. The Presiding Elder gave a short talk concerning our paper and its editor, but he found the writer working along this line. Sunday was a grand rally day, beginning with a love feast and ending with sacrament.

F. L. Teague, P. C., Marion County, Ala.

Our second quarterly conference was held May 9 and 10. It was a success. One hundred and four communed; 34 conversions. The church is spiritually alive. Paid Presiding Elder \$28.50. We want to raise for all benevolences, this year, \$100. Pray for us.

WHEN I began using Ely's Cream Balm my catarrh was so bad I had headache the whole time and discharged a large amount of filthy matter. That has almost entirely disappeared and I have not had headache since.—J. H. Sommers, Stephney, Conn.

Books and Current Literature.

Ritualism and Dogmatic Theology. A series of essays on the causes of declension in the Society of Friends, by Thos. H. Spearman, is before us. While ostensibly published in the interest of the Society of Friends, the essays will be read with profit and interest by any one reading them. Philadelphia, Friends Book Association, Southwest corner 15th and Race streets.

Rev. J. B. Middleton, the popular secretary of the South Carolina conference, has kindly furnished us with copies of the minutes of the last session of his conference, for which we return thanks. It is quite neatly gotten up.

The address of the representatives of the Religious Society of Friends to their fellow-citizens in behalf of the Indians, is just such a document as might have been expected from that source. It pleads for justice in their behalf from the American people. Friends Book Store, 304 Arch street, Philadelphia.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Indian Rights Association shows that there are humanitarians in this country who are still interested in this neglected and cruelly wronged people. A careful reading of this report would make many converts to the cause of that unfortunate and much abused people. Philadelphia, Indian Rights Association, 1305 Arch street.

The Miracle of the Nineteenth Century, Do Missions Pay? by B. R. Cowen, furnishes the very kind of argument necessary to a forcible presentation of the cause of missions. Send for a copy. Price, 15 cents. Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe, New York: Hunt & Eaton.

The eighty-third volume of Harper's Magazine began with the number for June.

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THE Afro-American League meets at Knoxville, Tenn., July 14.

DR. Kynett, wants a political party to suppress the saloon. There is no doubt that the saloon is the greatest curse of our civilization, and should be suppressed. Our faith and fervent hope is that God will raise up a party that will finally destroy it.

NOTWITHSTANDING the efforts of our minister to Chili, to reconcile the belligerents in that country, the civil war between the Congressional, and President Balmaceda's party continue. The terribly destructive war continues with no indications as to its termination.

WE have received a number of very emphatic protests against the proposed convention of presbyters in charge of the Louisiana Conference, to meet at Baton Rouge next week. It is urged that the call is inspired by a spirit of insubordination and rebellion to the Discipline and the constituted authorities of the Church, and should not be attended by any loyal minister in the Louisiana Conference. Better be careful, brethren, and follow the Discipline, for the cure of every and all grievances.

HAVE you ordered extra copies of our Jubilee number of the SOUTHWESTERN to be published next month? Only a few days remain wherein you can order. We ought to get 20,000 copies of that very valuable issue out among our people. The smallest charge ought to order at least a dozen or more copies. In no way can a quarter, half a dollar or a dollar be more profitably spent. Rally brethren; rally. The paper is not Dr. Albert's, but yours.

BISHOP Merrill's article on the secular press and the church, in the *Northwestern* of June 24 shows the reckless presumption with which the editors of the secular press discuss current theological and ecclesiastical controversies of which they are so often unpardonably ignorant. They pronounce their verdicts upon the action of the church, upon given cases of heresies or ecclesiastical discipline as if they were inferring oracles, when they know absolutely nothing of the principles involved. The article is timely, and demolishes the presumptuous assumption.

THE magnificent statue of Henry Ward Beecher recently unveiled in Brooklyn, N. Y., is pronounced to be a master piece. Accessory figures which serve to give expression to Mr. Beecher's pre-eminent character, are those of a Negro slave girl, reaching up palm leaves to him, and children with their tributary wreaths. It was in the feeling for the slave that animated so much of what may be called his political career, and in the love of little children that abode with him all his life long, that these sympathies were most conspicuously shown.

Our Colored Membership and the "New Bishops."

Whenever reference is made to the election of a man of African descent to the episcopacy in the Methodist Episcopal Church, there are persons who are ever apprehensive of some terrible consequences.

With full knowledge of everything involved in the premises, we desire here and now to warrant all whom it may concern that the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church are as instinctively and perfectly loyal to the church as the day is long, and that all fears in this connection are absolutely groundless, in so far as our people are concerned.

It may be that there are some people in our church who, if a colored man were elected to that office, whether thoroughly qualified or not, would scatter out of the church, "as rats from a sinking ship." But our people, thank God, haven't that kind of religion, neither is their loyalty and devotion to our Methodism based upon the election or non-election of a man of this or that race to the episcopacy. They are in the old church because they believe in her doctrines and polity, in her cosmopolitan and universal character, in her history and traditions, and for her very work's sake. They believe in her because she is the church of Bishops Simpson, Wiley, Haven and Mallalien; of Doctors Rust, Hatfield, Ried and Braden, and the host of humanitarians and patriots, men and women, whose devotion to the cause of Christ, justice and human rights will emblazon their names and memory among the best men and women of all the ages. They love and believe in her for what she has and is doing for them, and for her mission in the elevation and unity of our triune humanity. They believe in her for the prophecy of what she will yet do for them in the future. This faith is immovably grounded upon her faithfulness to them, and in the life and sacrifices of many of her choicest exponents, whose blood drenched our Southern soil, and whose scattered dust sleeps under our Southern skies.

They know, too, that in such an extensive organization there are men and women whose prejudiced souls look upon the devotion of the old church to them with indifference, and in some quarters with a spirit of dormant or active antagonism; but they know that these do not represent the heart, but rather the effete accumulation that hang on to the grand old church. They are the historical successors of the mixed multitude that followed Israel out of Egypt, but who were not Israelites indeed. They are of the number that sympathized with the secessionists of 1844, but were not sufficiently manly to have joined them. They belong to the race of Northern copperheads that sympathized with the South in the rebellion, and declared the war a failure, but were too cowardly to openly favor secession, and to take the field and fight for it.

The greatest danger is that this class in our church may hinder and retard some of her best intentions and purposes toward our people, as their predecessors, the mixed multitude caused Israel to sin, and thereby delayed their entrance into the goodly land, and the copperheads who protracted the war. But salvation and victory, although considerably delayed by such influences, finally came to Israel and to the Union. So in the mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church toward this and every question, involving the recognition of human equality and fraternity, she may be delayed in the accomplishment of her divine world-wide mission, but she cannot, and the faith of the million and a half of our colored members and adherents is that she will not be permanently hindered. This, we repeat, as we said in an editorial on this same subject some

weeks ago, "is the rock on which we immovably stand;" and what is more to the point, our people intend to stay in the old church until they come to the full realization of their faith. They intend to stay there until the last member of the mixed multitude and copperheads is either swung into line or crushed under the wheels of the car of progress.

There is absolutely no room for fear touching the attitude of our people in connection with the subject of the election of a colored bishop, in so far as they are concerned, from any quarters.

Dr. Potts, in the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, says:

"If we could be assured that our colored brethren really had the 'material,' we would heartily advocate its utilization. But we are not so assured. If a colored man is elected bishop at all it should be on account of his manhood, scholarship and other accomplishments, and not on account of the accident to his skin."

This is exactly where our people stand. They would rather wait the next quarter of a century for the "proper material" than to have a makeshift of a bishop of their race. They do not want one that would "do pretty well for a colored man," but one who, in his manhood, scholarship and other accomplishments, would be the peer of any other bishop on the bench. Again the Doctor says:

"Dr. Albert should make haste very slowly in creating any expectation along this line."

Dr. Albert has not, and is not "creating any expectation along this line," slowly nor otherwise.

Whatever expectation has been created "along this line," has been created by our General Conference secretaries, bishops, and other representatives that have been visiting our annual conferences during the past twenty-seven years. They have been telling our people, all these years, that whenever the race, in our church, could present such a well rounded man, as we have just described, that his merit would not be overlooked, and that they would not need fear that his color would serve as a bar to his selection as a bishop.

Our people entertain no "expectation along this line," neither is Dr. Albert creating such expectation that is not qualified by the conditions above set forth.

We thoroughly agree with Dr. Potts that, "to elect a Negro to this high office simply to gratify race clamor," without the necessary qualifications, "would be supreme folly."

We disagree with him, however, when he says that, "the suggestion, the nomination and the responsible share of the election should come from the white race." It is true, that the less one has to do with a man the more he knows of him, then Dr. Potts would be right; but because exactly the reverse is true, he is a very unwise guide when he gives it as his philosophy that, "the suggestion, the nomination and the responsible share of the election of a colored bishop should come from the white race." This is equal to saying that to secure the best possible delegation in the next General Conference, from the Detroit Conference, is to request the Louisiana Conference to suggest, nominate and elect the delegation. That idea, if not grounded in race prejudice, is illogical and perfectly absurd.

That the Doctor entertains "no prepossession in favor" of the election of a colored bishop, is not at all surprising to our readers. They will rejoice to learn, however, that he believes that, "it will come when our brethren in black develop the man. And it ought not to come one hour before." Neither do our people expect or desire it an hour before. The difference between Dr. Potts, and men who believe like him, and our people, is that our people believe all the Fred Douglasses, Brnces, Lynches, Greeners, Strakers, Langstons, etc., are not in politics, and law, but that some of them, doubtless, have developed in the church during the last quarter of a century or

more. With this faith, they ask that in the election of bishops, at the next General Conference, that such material, if anywhere to be found in the church, as they believe it can be found, should not be overlooked. This they ask in consideration of their number, loyalty and devotion to the church; and because of the "expectation along this line" that has been created by our bishops and others, when the proper material might be found. If the material really has not developed, no one need be apprehensive; for our people are thoroughly loyal and devoted, and will remain so until the material does develop, and makes itself evident to the most obtuse, but unprejudiced observer. We are free to say in this connection that we know of no one in the ranks of our colored ministry that is actuated by any selfish motives in this matter. They are actuated entirely by the overwhelming power for good which such a consummation would enable them to accomplish among the millions of our people whom we cannot now reach, but who could then be readily reached. We warn the Protestant churches against the insidious invasions of infidelity, ruin and Rome among the colored people; and we plead with them to bury all their prejudices, "prepossessions, etc." against that people, which prevent them in any wise from sheltering all of them under the aegis of our holy religion!

They should remember too, that the Negro is a man, with all the aspirations and possibilities common to human nature, and is susceptible to all the influences that control human actions. To imagine the contrary is to gratuitously assume that the Negro is a machine, a thing, and not a man.

Not as Inconsistent as You Thought.

The *Crusader* charges us with inconsistency, in that it says that we condemn the color line in other people, while we supported a call for, and attended "A conference of colored presiding elders of the M. E. Church at Chattanooga." Our confere is in error. We advocated no such a call and attended no such a conference. What we did was to advocate and attend the convention of the Presiding Elders (white and colored) of the colored conferences of the M. E. Church. The conference was composed of at least a half-dozen or more white men. The Methodist Episcopal Church is a cosmopolitan and world-wide organization. In its folds are people of all races, tongues and nationalities. It is fashioned after our American Union, *E Pluribus Unum*. We have our German, French, Italian, Swedish, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Colored and other Annual Conferences and missions, just as we have our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in contradistinction to the other general societies of the church. But all these are equal, united and inseparable in our federal autonomy. These local divisions exist by the voluntary action of those concerned, to meet local needs. The German, French, Italian, Swede, Indian, Chinese, and Japanese when available prefer pastors of their own kith and kin. The colored people are no exception. They have white missionaries among them, who labor in different capacities. They help proper pastors and leaders for the people among whom they labor. When these are prepared for the work, they fill the places formerly filled by such missionaries. To meet the demands in the annual appointment of pastors, it becomes necessary to segregate into such conferences the men who are to supply the pulpits of those conferences. Only that, and nothing more. We have Annual Conferences of each of the several races and languages, whenever and wherever their number warrants the establishment of such distinctive conferences, to meet the conditions to which we have here referred. This

serves to facilitate the "transfer system" among us.

We have isolated colored churches and pastors in a number of the white conferences, which would be greatly inconvenienced if they were in conferences from which they might get pastors of their own preference, without having to have them transferred from distant conferences. The recent Chattanooga convention was not a colored convention, but a convention of all the Presiding Elders, white and colored, engaged in this special work. Our work is divided into many sections, but it forms only one comprehensive whole, every part of which is equal.

The several departments of our work have conditions surrounding them which are peculiar to them; hence the propriety of calling the men engaged in any one of them to discuss those conditions as is often done. When our humanity shall have grown in grace to the degree where race, and national instinct no longer influence preferences for pastor's of its own over that of another race, and when "blood" ceases to be "thicker than water," there will no longer be any necessity for German, French, Italian, Swede, Indian, Chinese, Japanese and Colored Annual Conferences, just as there is now no necessity for separate General Conferences among us. Our Annual Conferences are to the General Conference, what the states are to the National Government with a capital N.

Mob Law in Terrebonne.

A reign of terror is reported from Beattieville, near Terrebonne Station, or Gibson, in the parish of Terrebonne. An eye witness says: "All our hopes for this place have been blighted. July 2 was a day of horror and massacre. About three weeks ago a colored man by the name of Charles Campbell was whipped nearly to death, at about midnight, by twenty-five men. This caused other colored men to prepare to protect themselves in their homes. Some of the planters had Campbell to make a charge against the men that whipped him. They were taken to Houma, the parish seat, and given the form of a trial and turned loose. As soon as the judge dismissed the court, they commenced whipping, beating and shooting the colored men who were in any way connected with the case, and many others. They whipped them all along the road from Houma to Beattieville, nine miles. About 4 o'clock in the evening, some forty or fifty white men, armed with rifles, shot guns, bull whips and clubs, ransacked and searched every house, and clubbed and horse-whipped every colored man they caught, and shot at some. This was an awful scene. It was pitiful indeed to see our poor women and children. Mr. Willis Smith and Mr. Cozen, colored justice of the peace and constable, were both made to resign their offices. The people are all leaving here. Such is our condition."

Only a few days before, the same kind of treatment was visited upon colored citizens of Lafayette. A week or two before, a colored man was actually roasted alive at the stake, in North Louisiana. All this, and much more of the same kind of outrages, are almost daily visited upon colored citizens of this State, and nothing, absolutely nothing is said or done by the authorities or the good people of this State to bring the guilty parties to justice. Is it possible that such things are to continue indefinitely, without anything being said or done from any quarter to put down such blood-curdling inhumanities? Has the Nation lost its conscience, its sense of sympathy and justice? Have we run out of the seeds of Garrisons, Wendell Phillips, Calvin Fairbanks, Gerritt Smiths, Lucretia Mott, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Charles Sumners, John Brown, Benj. F. Butlers, and the race of humanitarians who used to plead for justice to the despised races in America? Where is Gov.

Nicholls, President Harrison and his diplomatic Secretary of State and other advisers? Are we a nation of blood-thirsty, pale-faced savages, or a civilized and christian people? We are ready for a revolution to defeat the Lottery, but we can look on with perfect indifference the whipping, massacre, and roasting alive of our fellow-citizens, whose blood was spilled to save this nation. What hypocrites! Straining at gnats and swallowing camels!

Special to Teachers?

In accordance with the notice which appeared in the SOUTHWESTERN some weeks ago, a number of teachers have written us for the important information we desired to impart to them, but many have thus far failed to do so. Again we would urge every teacher reading this paper, to send his address to the editor of this paper at once; and he will learn something greatly to his advantage. Only a few more weeks remain, wherein you may answer this request to your advantage. Address Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

AMONG the ministers attending the Presiding Elder's Convention whose names we inadvertently omitted were those of Presiding Elder A. Phillips, Tennessee Conference; and Rev. T. C. Warner and W. W. Hooper, D.D., of Chattanooga.

Political Review.

The President has gone to Cape May to spend his vacation.

Among appointments made by the President, is that of Henry Kearnegan, of Mississippi, to be register of the land office at Jackson, Miss.

Many of the best element among Pennsylvania Republicans demand the retirement of Mr. Quay from the chairmanship of the National Republican Committee. The New York Press demands it in the interest of the party.

The Republican State Convention in Iowa last week was the most enthusiastic, and the party so thoroughly united as it has not been in many years. The following were nominated: for Governor, Hon. Hiram C. Wheeler; Lieutenant-Governor, Geo. Van Houten, who is a Farmers' Alliance man; Supreme Judge, S. M. Weaver; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Henry Sabin; railroad commissioner, Frank T. Campbell. The platform indorses the McKinley tariff law in the warmest terms, and particularly commends the reciprocity provisions, and its interpretation and observation by President Harrison and Secretary of State Blaine. Liberal pensions to disabled soldiers and their widows are urged. The prohibition plank of the platform of last year is reaffirmed, and the Democratic party and Democratic officials are arraigned for conspiring with the law-breaking element for the violation and non-observance of the prohibitory law.

The Democrats of Iowa have renominated Governor Boies on a platform declaring for free silver, a revenue tariff, government control of railroads, and repeal of prohibition.

The Democratic state Executive Committee of Mississippi will meet in Jackson next Saturday.

The Legislature of Maine has submitted to the people of that state an amendment to the Constitution providing that no one shall be allowed to vote or hold office who cannot read the Constitution in English and write his name.

The report that the colored Republicans of the South are opposed to the renomination of President Harrison and in favor of Mr. Blaine, is the silliest bosh. Outside of a few political soreheads, we do not know of a dozen Negroes in a dozen states that desire the nomination of Mr. Blaine. They do not particularly worship at that shrine.

DAILY BREAD.

Thou on the Lord rely,
So, safe shalt thou go on;
Fix on His work thy steadfast eye.
So shall thy work be done.
No profit canst thou gain
By self-consuming care;
To Him commend thy cause; His ear
Attends the softest prayer.
—Tr. by John Wesley.

Your concern is with the present moment; your business is to live to-day. In every sense let to-morrow take thoughts for the things of itself.—John Wesley.

My brother and I set out on two principles: (1) None go to heaven without holiness of heart and life; (2) whoever follows after this, whatever his opinions may be, is my brother; and we have not swerved a hair-breadth from either the one or the other to this day.—John Wesley.

Tempted you are, and will be; otherwise, you could not know your own weakness and the strength of your Master. But all temptations will "work together for good," all are for your profit that you may be partakers of his holiness.—John Wesley.

There is danger of every believer mistaking the voice of the enemy, or of their own imagination for the voice of God. And you can only distinguish the one from the other, not by any written rule, but by the motion of the Holy One.—John Wesley.

You will have no reward in heaven for what you lay up; you will for what you lay out; every pound you put into the earthly bank is sunk; it brings no interest above. But every pound you give to the poor you put into the bank of heaven. And it will bring glorious interest.—John Wesley.

It is certain every promise has a condition; yet that does not make the promise of more effect; but by the promise you are encouraged to fulfill its condition. You might like it better were there no condition; but that would not answer the design of him that makes it.—John Wesley.

Whatever you do, make it short. Some man's dying boast was, "I've done many a wrong thing, but I never did a long thing."

If you are going to buy anything, find out what you want, and buy it. Do not haggle. Make it short.

Write short. If you must rush into print, cultivate the laconic style.

Sing short. Ten verses have asphyxiated many a congregation. Pray short. Don't pray for anything but what you want. Nobody really ever wanted more than two or three things at one time. When you get through with these, stop. Upon the tombstone of many a once prosperous prayer meeting might be written the epitaph: "Killed by long prayers."

Speak short. In the class meeting, the Epworth League, or any testimony meeting, say a few words that are real. Whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. These are no places for ancient history.—Selected.

When one reaches a point in christian life where he thinks it safe for him to neglect the means of grace, it is almost certain that he has but little grace to cultivate. Such persons, however, often think themselves most amply furnished with grace. There are some who say that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the prayer-meeting, and the preaching of the Gospel are outward forms which they no longer need. An old story is told of a sea captain who left a man at the helm while he went below to sleep. "You see that star?" said the captain to the helmsman; "steer for that star till I return." The captain had not slept an hour when the helmsman called him saying: "Come up and give me another star." "Steer by the star I give you," replied the captain.

"O, I have passed that long ago, and left it far in the rear," was the confident response. The ignorant helmsman had gone so far out of his way that his vessel was turned completely around, and the star which had been before was now far in the rear. Many christians who imagine that they have left behind them the means of grace which God appointed for our spiritual improvement have only gone out of the way. And in some cases turned completely around.—Selected.

He was such a little fellow that when he wanted to see the basket of fine, ripe pears which mama had left on the table, he had to bring his little stool and climb upon it to reach high enough.

O my! how nice they did look! And what a delicious smell! They must taste very good; how could he help taking one? Surely it would not be missed, the basket was so full; and nobody was by to see if he did it, so what was to hinder.

For a moment, Teddy almost put his hand upon the nicest one in the lot. But I am glad to say the little hand was drawn away, and the bright-eyed little man said firmly, "No, I won't! Mama told me not to touch them, and I won't do it. I promised her I wouldn't; and if I do it would be telling a story. No, Mister Pear, you must stay right there in the basket, and I'll run away for fear I might do it if I looked too long."

Down hopped Teddy, and off he went. Mama smiled to find him busy with his red horse-lines when she came back, and found the fruit undisturbed.

I think Teddy was a brave little boy, even if he did run away from temptation. It is braver to run than to stay sometimes, and Teddy was a better boy for having gained that small victory over his appetite.—Selected.

Homiletics.

Hymns 304, 350, 393.
Scripture Lesson, Hebrews 2.
Text, Matt. 6:33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Introduction.—These words of the text were taken from the Lord's sermon on the mount.

This sermon was the most wonderful sermon that was ever preached.

This sermon shows that Jesus spoke as never any other man had spoken.

It contains all necessary instruction for a perfect christian life.

It all men would observe the teachings of this sermon the world would be filled with joy and gladness, and all hearts and homes would be happy and full of peace.

I. The text corrects a universal mistake.

Men generally seek for earthly and temporal things before they seek Christ and his great salvation.

(a) Multitudes seek first of all for pleasure, in amusements, in sinful indulgence.

(b) Multitudes seek for earthly honors—the praise of men. They are very anxious that everybody may speak well of them; They want to be put into some official position.

They are very unhappy if they fail to secure these things.

(c) Multitudes seek for wealth. They work day and night and wear themselves out trying to be rich.

They resort to unlawful means to secure money—stealing, gambling, buying lottery tickets, refusing to pay honest debts, mean stinginess. But they take no comfort in money thus obtained.

II. It is the highest wisdom to seek for the most important things first.

(a) There is only a little while to do this for life is very short, and if we fail of getting the greatest good in this life it is lost forever.

(b) There are many things in this world we do not need at all. If we spend time in seeking them and miss the great thing we can never repair our loss.

(c) In all worldly affairs we al-

ways attend to the most important things first, why should we not in eternal things? Why not treat our souls as well as we do our bodies? III. If we seek God and his righteousness all earthly blessing will be added.

(a) This does not mean that all who thus seek will be rich. Great riches might be the ruin of our souls.

(b) Nor live in palaces. Some of the most unhappy people in the world live in palaces. Some of the happiest people live in very humble homes.

(c) Nor be clothed in purple and fine linen. Dives was thus clothed and when he died he went to hell, but Lazarus who was clothed in rags went to heaven. Fine clothes do not satisfy the needs of the soul.

(d) But it does mean that in some way God will care for his own children.

It means that what he does for them will be for the best. Poverty may be the best for some, and the only way God has of weaning them from this world. Sickness and pain may be made great spiritual blessings.

Some practical lessons.
(a) It may be that in seeking God we may be called to endure pain and persecution.

(b) Whatever we lose in this world God will have all eternity to make it up to us again.

(c) It is of the greatest importance that all young people make the wise choice and seek God to day.

(d) If we fail or neglect to seek God, no matter what we gain of this earth, when death comes we shall be stripped of all earthly things and we shall be lost and wretched forever. We must be driven away from heaven and banished with the rich man to hell.

Marriages.

Rev. E. A. White, of the Lexington Conference, to Miss A. E. Cox, at Covington, Ky., June 10. His church gave him a large reception June 11. Presiding Elder Rev. W. S. Rollins, of Indianapolis, also tendered the bride and groom a grand reception.

Darrow, La.—Rev. Milton Morris to Mrs. Asha Carter, May 24.
Rev. Alfred Vincent officiating.
[Rec'd July 1.—Ed.]

Jackson, Miss.—June 16, Miss Mariah Smith and Mr. Dave Anderson.
Rev. G. W. Beaman officiating.

Lewisburg, Tenn.—Rev. Wm. M. Stephenson and Sister Josephine Reynolds, June 16. Both are members of our church. Long live the happy pair, and may God bless them.

Rev. C. E. Alexander, P. C., officiating.

Waynesboro, Miss.—June 25, Mr. Henry Williams to Miss Melvina Horne.
Rev. A. Butler officiating.

Greenwood, Miss.—Mr. Thomas Mutes to Mrs. Galoney Collins, June 18.
Rev. S. H. Nevils officiating.

Obituary.

Darrow, La.—June 18, Sister Henney Corniat, aged 52, was struck by lightning, returning to her home after visiting her mother, and was found dead at the gate. She was a faithful member of the Hope M. E. Church. She had joined the M. E. Church in her early days. We hope to meet her again. She leaves a mother, three sons and one daughter to mourn her loss.

Also, June 20, Mr. George Cohen departed this life, aged 75. He leaves a wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss.

June 5, Little Redix, the son of Bro. Jos. Redix.
Alfred Vincent, P. C.

Hazen, Ark.—Sister Emma J. Nelson, wife of Rev. D. W. Nelson, passed from labor to reward, May 21. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church for eleven years and was a great helpmate to her husband. She was of that noble christian family, Jacob McDonald, of Lynchburg, South Carolina, and the second daughter of Rev. John Morris McDonald. Age, 26 years, 8 months and 3 days. Her last words were, "Tell all of my people to meet me in heaven, for I am going home to die no more." She said to her husband, "Husband, the Lord has blessed us by keeping us together nine years. Now he is going to take me home to rest, in that bright world above where we shall meet to part no more. Her death was a translation to mansions in the skies. She leaves a husband, three little children, a mother, other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Rev. W.

McIntosh attended the funeral services. Rachel Owen.

Spring Hill, Tenn.—The resolutions of condolence concerning the death of Rev. J. Thompson, which appeared some weeks ago, were written from Spring Hill, Tenn. Respectfully,
J. W. STEPHENSON.

Aberfoil, Ala.—Sister Candies Homfres departed this life June 13. She joined the church in 1874, and lived a faithful Christian until death. She leaves a husband, five children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.
J. B. Webb, P. C.

Fleming Chapel, Tensas, Ala.—Sister Cathan Wetherford died June 14. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church. She leaves a husband, three children, a mother, other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Sister Sallie Williams, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, was drowned April 19; also, little Laura and little Judie Wetherford.
A. C. Carter, P. C.

Willis, Tex.—June 25, the little son of Bro. Nick Lewis, member of the M. E. Church here, was drowned in a tank while bathing. Johnnie was a lively member of the Sunday school and a good boy. Age, 13 years.

Sister Margaret Tolbert died suddenly at her home. She was a member of the Church for several years.
C. G. Curtis, P. C.

Jeannerette, La.—The church mourns the loss of Bro. Geaster Feast. He died June 8, in full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife and three children.
M. J. Dyer, P. C.

Lewisburg, Tenn.—Sister Lee Patterson's infant died April 7.
Anna Atkins, April 27.

Frances Jenkins, May 10.
George Jenkins, May 26.
Jane Neil, June 17.

These all died in full triumph of faith, showing that it is worth more than all the world to live for Christ, that we may have Him with us in death and eternity.
C. E. Alexander, P. C.

Clinton, La.—June 20, Sister Mary Matthew, after eight months' illness, died in full triumph of faith. She was a probationer of Macedonia M. E. Church. Her last words were, that she was only waiting for the hour to come, for she had made her peace with God. She asked her husband to meet her in heaven. She leaves her husband and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Age, 58 years.
D. M. Seals, P. C.

Oak Forest, Ark.—Rev. W. H. Higgins, pastor, and wife, are left to mourn the death of their babe, born Sept. 7, 1890, died June 15, 1891.
G. F. Scruggs.

The brother of the writer departed this life in the 24th year of his age, in Magnolia, S. C., June 14, after three months' illness. He bore his affliction with patience. He was converted one year ago, and we have every reason to believe that he is at rest with Jesus.
W. McIntosh, Little Rock, Ark.

Sister Martha Shelly, a motherly, settled woman of kindly disposition, whose health will not permit her to do anything else, is anxious to get employment as a nurse for one or more children. Her charges are very reasonable. Any one in need of such help would confer a favor by calling on or addressing her at No. 10 L'Abadie street, Third District, this city.



MUSICAL.

There seems to be little going on in musical circles of late, but there is much talk, among musical people, of the marvelous cure of Miss B., the high contralto singer, who has long suffered from a severe throat or bronchial affection, superinduced by Catarrh in the Head, and who has been perfectly cured by the use of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, coupled with the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. For all bronchial, throat and lung affections, and lingering coughs, the "Discovery" is an unequalled remedy. When complicated with Chronic Nasal Catarrh, its use should be coupled with the use of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. Of all druggists.

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In our reference to the Penny Savings Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn., last week, our types made us refer to it as "An institution overrated by our people in Chattanooga," what was intended was an institution operated by our people there. The institution cannot be over-rated. It is a marvel of success and justly deserves the confidence of our people everywhere; and should be duplicated by our people in every city in the South. And it can be done. The plan is simple, the advantages immense and should be carefully studied and utilized.

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The bank receives deposits as small as 2 cents, and gives a liberal rate of interest. Not only does it furnish a safe depository for those desirous of saving, but it affords a profitable investment to its stockholders. The capital stock of \$50,000 is divided into 2,000 shares of \$25 each, and the assessment upon the same is 50 cents per month per share. The Penny Savings Bank of Chattanooga is now no longer an idle project, but its existence is an assured fact.

Many of the most substantial white citizens of Chattanooga and nearly all the delegates to the Presiding Elder's Convention have signified their confidence in the bank and its excellent management by subscribing liberally to its capital stock.

M. J. W. Wright is president and H. N. Willis, cashier. Address either of these gentlemen and they will furnish you all necessary information if you desire to avail yourself of the advantages which the bank offers, or if you would profit from their experience in the organization of a similar project.

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In buying Hood's Sarsaparilla, for it is everywhere recognized as the standard building-up medicine and blood purifier. It has won its way to the front by its own intrinsic merit, and has the largest sale of any preparation of its kind. Any honest druggist will confirm this statement. If you decide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, do not be induced to buy anything else instead. Be sure to get Hood's.

REV. E. W. S. Hammond, D.D., of the Lexington Conference has a strong and timely article in the Pacific Christian Advocate of June 24, in which he pleads in favor of training schools for lay deacons. Through such a movement he sees the solution of the great problem, "How to reach the masses in our great cities."

How to Make Money.

DEAR SIR:—Having read Mr. Sargent's experience in plating with gold, silver and nickel, I am tempted to write of my success. I sent H. C. Delno & Co., of Columbus, O., for a \$5 plater. I have had more tableware and jewelry than I could plate ever since. I cleared \$27 the first week and in three weeks \$97. Any one can do plating and make money in any locality the year round. You can get circulars by addressing the above firm.

WILLIAM GRAY.

OUR people at Jackson, Miss., entered their beautiful new brick church last Sunday, with shouting and great joy. It is valued at \$10,000, and is completed in the most approved modern style of church architecture. It is a credit to our people and to the capital city of the great State of Mississippi. The first subscription to ward the erection of this splendid edifice was collected less than a year ago. To the indomitable courage and progressive spirit of the Rev. A. M. Trotter, pastor, and his faithful officers, the success of this enterprise is largely

"Seeing is Believing."

Some folks get cheated in buying a lamp. Nobody ever gets cheated that buys the lamp with this stamp,—"The Rochester." It is not one lamp, it is one burner on 2,000 different kinds of lamps. And a wonderful burner it is indeed! Insist upon seeing the stamp of the genuine,—"The Rochester," and ask for the written guarantee. If the lamp-dealer has not the genuine Rochester and the style you want, send to us for illustrated price list, and we will send you (boxed) any lamp safely by express.

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due. Because they were deserving, they enjoyed the co-operation and help of all classes of the citizens of that city. The pastor preached the first sermon at 11 a. m., Dr. Albert, of the SOUTHWESTERN, the entrance sermon at 3 p. m., and Rev. J. C. Hibbler at night. Fully a thousand people packed in and about the church at 3 p. m. Among many of the first citizens of both races that were present, were the Rev. Dr. Hunter, of the Presbyterian Church, who was accompanied by many of his members; Col. W. L. Nugent, a prominent lawyer; Major R. W. Milsap, benefactor of Milsap College; Col. J. L. Powers, proprietor Clarion Ledger; Judge Horton, Messrs. J. J. Spellman and H. McLeod of Jackson, Postmaster James Hill of Vicksburg, and others. The music was most charming. Miss Sallie N. Rother, of the State Normal School, at Holly Springs, presided at the organ. Collection, \$230.

It is important to trustees and building committees that we should say, "Do not fail to consult Mr. Frink before you decide on the question of lighting your church." His last beautiful design recently suspended in Sands Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, and one recently put in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, will give you all you need as an evidence of his skill.—N. Y. Christian Advocate, January 16, 1891.

HAVE you sent for a copy of the House of Bondage? Price 75 cts. For sale at this office.

Dyspepsia

Makes the lives of many people miserable, and often leads to self-destruction. Distress after eating, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn, loss of appetite, faint, "all gone" feeling, bad taste, coated tongue, and irregularity of the bowels, are some of the more common symptoms. Dyspepsia does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent attention, and a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet surely and efficiently. It tones the stomach and other organs, regulates the digestion, creates a good appetite, and by thus overcoming the local symptoms removes the sympathetic effects of the disease, banishes the headache, and refreshes the tired mind.

"I have been troubled with dyspepsia. I had but little appetite, and what I did eat distressed me, or did me little good. In an hour after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. PAGE, Watertown, Mass.

Heartburn after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. PAGE, Watertown, Mass.

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The Household.

Personal Hygiene.

BY G. W. HUBBARD, M.D.

The Physical Effects of Alcohol

Alcohol is found in both fermented and distilled liquors. Ale, beer and porter contain from 2 to 10 per cent, wine from 8 to 25 per cent, whiskey, brandy, gin and rum, about 50 per cent.

The use of alcohol as a medicine, has in past years been excessive, and its effects on patients often disastrous. A much smaller quantity than formerly is now employed, and many physicians entirely dispense with its use.

We shall now speak of its use as a beverage. The healthy man has no occasion to use it, the moderate drinker is injured by it, while those who partake of large quantities are hurried to premature graves. It is not required by arctic explorers nor by equatorial travelers. Stanley says, "No drunkard can live in Africa."

The following maladies have been attributed to the direct or indirect effects of alcohol: Gout, rheumatism, heart disease, dyspepsia, disease of kidneys, dropsy, obesity, disease of the liver, apoplexy, degeneration of the muscles, tremors, ulcers, insanity, palsy, jaundice, epilepsy, consumption, melancholy, cancer, amaurorism, paralysis, hysterics, convulsions, gas tritis, enteritis, ophthalmia, carbuncle, boils, fatal obstruction of lacteals, tabes, syncope, diabetes, lockjaw, idiocy, impotency, mania, delirium tremens, bright's disease, disease of the arteries, atrophy of the liver, congestion of the liver, and numerous other organic and functional derangements.

Alcohol decreases the number of red blood corpuscles, diminishes the amount of fat in the blood, and increases the heart's action, lessens muscular strength, and lowers animal heat.

Alcohol increases the susceptibility to the influence of disease. In Warsaw during the epidemic of 1832, 90 per cent of all who died from cholera were habitual drinkers. In the late epidemic of yellow fever in this country, the proportion of victims was nearly as large. A very slight injury to an intemperate man is likely to produce fatal results.

The use of alcohol shortens human life. Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, shows from statistics that for every ten temperate persons who die between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, fifty-one intemperate persons die. Nelson a distinguished English actuary states, that the temperate man has at twenty years of age an average chance of living forty-four and one-fifth years, the drinking man has a prospect of only fifteen and one-half years of life. It has been found by London Life Insurance Companies that the mortality has been one-fourth less among abstainers than among the moderate drinkers. It is said that the natives of the Sandwich Islands are being rapidly exterminated by the use of strong drink. In Norway the spirit duty was removed in 1825; in the next ten years insanity increased 50 per cent, and the number of children born idiots increased one hundred and fifty per cent.

If the drunkard himself were the only sufferer the consequences would not be so bad, but unfortunately he transmits his depraved appetite to his innocent offspring and they also inherit from him a predisposition to insanity, idiocy, epilepsy and other affections of the brain and nervous system. "The iniquities of the fathers are visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation."

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General News Items.

Italian immigration to this country shows a large falling off.

At a mass meeting of citizens of Houston, Tex., the rumors of lawlessness were denounced.

Recent discoveries clearly show that John Bardsley embezzled fully \$2,000,000 of Philadelphia's money.

At Indianapolis on June 13, Mrs. Ohlos Onden, a colored woman, died at the unusual age of 120 years. She was born a slave in North Carolina in 1771.

Bill Arp, the Georgia humorist, whose jokes have roused appreciative smiles north of Mason and Dixon's line, is 60 years old and the father of nine children. He may properly be styled also the father of American humor, for he has entertained two generations of newspaper readers and is still at it.

Mrs. McKee, the daughter of President Harrison, and Mrs. Russell Harrison arrived in London Thursday morning. They were met at the railroad station by the United States Minister, Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, and by the attaches of the United States legation. Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Russell Harrison were immediately driven to Mr. Lincoln's residence, where the travelers will remain as the United States Minister's guests during their stay in London.

The Philadelphia Bulletin is authority for the statement that the phonograph has been employed in New York to report the utterances of monkeys, scientific men having become convinced that their chattering is a language intelligible among themselves. Their phonograph talk has been repeated to the animals with startling effect, and they have endeavored with their long arms to draw out the ape concealed in the instrument. The next thing to be done is for mankind to study and interpret the speech thus recorded.

A war between Honduras, Salvador and Guatemala is predicted about the 15th of September.

A cloudburst occurred last Friday at Chillicothe, Texas, and four men who were on the Lindsay ranch were drowned.

P. T. Barnum left a personal estate which inventories \$1,285,599, and 5 per cent of that sum, less the \$1,000 limit, amounts to \$64,229.94, which the state will get as its share of the sum total.

Mrs. General Grant is aging rapidly. There has been a marked change both in appearance and in her manner within two years. Her hair is silvered and her slow and uneven steps betoken her advanced years.

General Church News.

The completion of the Memorial Buildings at Epworth, England, erected in honor of Wesley, was celebrated with appropriate exercises on June 1. The Memorial Chapel, a beautiful Gothic structure, with its schools, manse and caretaker's house, stands upon at least an acre of ground planted with beautiful shrubs. The total cost of the whole premises was £6,300.

There are 90,000 preachers in the United States. That looks pretty formidable. But there are 200,000 liquor sellers. Ah! what opposition.

There are 120,000,000 gallons of whiskey, the amount estimated by the Commissioners, manufactured in the United States during the present year. Follow this poisonous stuff as it enters the thousands of homes to work its ruin in misery and death, death to all that is good, death of body and damnation of soul, and then remember that we who uphold it with license and taxing it are partakers in the results and responsibilities.

The statue of Henry Ward Beecher was unveiled in Brooklyn, June 24.

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The slave dealers extend their activity even to the very doors of Biskra, the headquarters of the recently organized order of Warrior Monks of the Sahara, and one of the most dramatic features of the ceremony of the consecration of the monks was when Cardinal Lavigerie led to the altar a little brown girl barely nine years old, who had succeeded in concealing herself, and in effecting her escape from a slave caravan passing through the desert a few miles to the south of Biskra. A sudden movement of the child caused her to drop something that she was holding concealed beneath the folds of her djehba. The venerable prelate bent down and raised it from the ground. It was a small dusky hand—the hand of the little girl who stood beside him, and which in sheer wanton cruelty had been cut off by her captors. Holding it aloft, and pointing it southward ward the great Sahara, while with his own hand he raised the child's arm, so that all present could see the mangled stump, the cardinal exclaimed, in tones which seemed to ring forth as a clarion: "I would to God that all Europe could see this little hand! May it serve to direct your line of march. En avant for God, for France, and for humanity."—*Harper's Weekly.*

The best evidence of fitness for any calling is the living up to one's possibilities in that situation where he is, without regard to where he might better like to be.—*Sunday School Times.*

If you have ability for some special work that has not yet been recognized, why not go to your pastor, and honestly offer your services? If you are out of employment you do this persistently until you have secured a position, by means of which you may support your family. Why not do as much for Christ as you are willing to do for self or family?—*United Presbyterian.*

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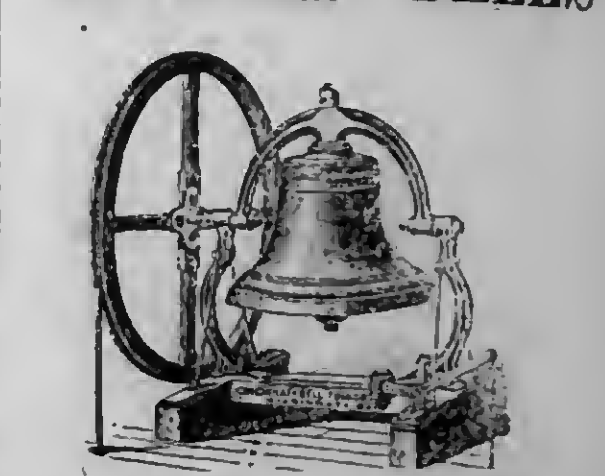
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GOLDEN TEXT.
Behold the Lamb of God, which
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(John 1. 29)

LESSON HYMN, 7. 6.
I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursed load;
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious,
Till not a stain remains.

I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces,
I on his breast recline:
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
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ptation had passed since then, and
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QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Lamb of God, v. 29-34.
Who was the Lamb of God?
Who first called him the Lamb of
God?

What good work did he come to
do? (Golden Text.)
What did John say of himself and
Jesus?

Why did John baptize with water?
What did John see at Jesus's bap-
tism?

Of what was this to him a proof?
What record did John bear to
Jesus?

Who bore similar record at the
baptism of Jesus? (Matt. 3. 17.)
2. Followers of the Lamb, v.
35-42.

Who were with John the following
day?
What did John say to them about
Jesus?

What did the disciples do?
What question did Jesus ask
them?

What did they ask in return?
What was his reply?
What did the disciples then do?
Who were these two disciples?
What name did Jesus give to
Simon?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:
1. That Jesus is the only Sav-
iour?
2. That we ought to follow
Jesus?
3. That we should point others
to the Lamb of God?

**HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-
LIEVERS.**
Find how far apart Jesus and
John spent their youth?
What classes of people crowded
to the Jordan to see and hear
John?

Find what Jesus said about
John's greatness?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.
[For the entire school.]

1. What did John say when he
saw Jesus? (Golden Text.) "Be-
hold, etc."

2. What did he say he had seen
descending like a dove from heaven
upon Jesus? The Spirit.

3. Of what did he bear record?
Jesus is the Son of God.

4. What did Jesus say to John's
two disciples who asked him where
he dwelt? Come and see.

5. As soon as Andrew had
found the Christ, whom did he
bring to him? His brother Simon.

EXPLANATIONS.
Lamb of God—God's great sac-
rifice for men, of which all other

sacrifices were typical and emble-
matic. Taketh away the sin—"As
if it were one great burden." I
said—Here comes a quotation
from an earlier statement made by
John, but not recorded in the gos-
pels. (See verse 15, Lesson 1).
Knew him not as the spiritual
Messiah; though he may have
known him as a cousin, and also
as the coming King who should be
made manifest to Israel. There-
fore am I come—He preached the
truth as far as he understood it.
Baptizing with water—A ceremony
not unknown to the ancient Jews,
but bearing an entirely new mean-
ing as administered by John. Bare
record—Gave testimony. The
Spirit—Precisely what John's
hearers understood him to mean
by this phrase it is not easy to de-
cide; they were without our theo-
logical definitions; but that some
sort of divine manifestation was
referred to, they would not doubt.
Like a dove—Perhaps only Christ
and the Baptist saw this. It
abode—"The Spirit of God, not the
dove, abode." I knew him not—
Until this sign was given. As he
walked—This was probably the
last meeting of the Baptist and
Christ. Tenth hour—About four
o'clock p. m.

Doctrinal suggestion.—The atone-
ment for sinners.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

70. What is the outward sign
in baptism? Water, applied in the
name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (John
3. 5; Matt. 28. 19.)

71. What is the inward grace
signified in baptism? A death
unto sin, and a new birth unto
righteousness.

Eternal Vigilance

Is the price of health. But with all our
precaution there are enemies always
lurking about our systems, only waiting
a favorable opportunity to assert them-
selves. In purities in the blood may be
hidden for years, or even generations,
and suddenly break forth, undermining
health and hastening death. For all
diseases arising from impure blood,
Hood's Sarsaparilla is the unequalled
and unapproached remedy. It is King
of them all, for it conquers disease.

Conference Notices.

**District Conferences and Special Meet-
ings.**

Macon district conference, East-
man, Ga., July 9
Little Rock district conference,
Merrill, Ark., July 9
Tenn. River Dist. Institute,
Clifton, Tenn., July 9
Montgomery Dist. Conference,
Union Springs, Ala., July 9
Camp meeting, Goliad, Texas, July
Camp meeting, Bolton, Miss., July 16-27
Griffin Dist. Conference, Barnes-
ville, Ga., July 22
Navasota Dist. Sunday School
Institute, Hempstead, Tex., July 23-26
Nashville District S. S. Insti-
tute, Nashville, Tenn., July 29
Jackson district conference, Can-
ton, Miss., July 29
Forest City district conference,
Oak Forest, Ark., July 30 to Aug. 3
Waco Dist. Conf., Marlin, Tex., Aug. 4-10
Baton Rouge district conference,
Huntsville district Sunday
School Inst., Huntsville, Tex., Aug. 5
Greenville Dist., Greenville,
Miss., Aug. 5
Birmingham Dist. Conf., Bir-
mingham Ala., Aug. 5-11
Austin district conference, Bel-
ton, Tex., Aug. 6
Indiana Dist. Conf., Blooming-
ton, Ind., Aug. 6-9
Dadeville district conference,
Savannah district conference,
Mt. Vernon, Ga., Aug. 12
San Antonio district conference,
Cuero, Texas, Aug. 12
Alexandria district conference,
Washington, La., Aug. 12
Gainesville Dist., Elberton, Ga., Aug.
Shreveport district conference,
Natchitoches, La., Aug. 13
Houston district Sunday School
Institute, Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 13
Camp meeting, Shubuta, Miss., Aug. 13
Monroe district conference, Bas-
trop, La., Aug. 21
Camden River district con-
ference, Gordonsville, Va., Aug. 25
Marshall district conference,
Queen City, Tex., Aug. 26
Huntsville district conference,
Gorham, Ala., Aug. 31

The Editor or Business Manager will
attend as many of these district con-
ferences and special meetings as possible,
but whether they are able to be there or
not, we will send sample copies of the
"Southwestern" to each of them, when
we hope a general and united rally will
be made to double our present circula-
tion. It can be done. Will you do it?

To the Sunday School Workers of the
Houston District.

You are hereby notified that our S. S.
Convention, which was called to meet at
Beaumont July 16, is postponed to Aug.
13. Please notify the people.

I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

Houston, Texas.

Corner-Stone Laying.
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Convention, which was called to meet at
Beaumont July 16, is postponed to Aug.
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STEPHEN PRIESTLEY, P. E.

Monroe District, La. Conference.

The district conference of the Orange-
burg District, S. C., Rev. E. C. Brown,
A. M. P. E., convened at Jamison, S. C.,
July 23-27. The program is a rich one.

A Correction

Please correct date of Marshall Dis-
trict meeting from date of last issue to
the 6th of August. The Woman's Home
Missionary Society will meet in Queen
City, August 3, 9 a. m., and the Sunday
School Institute in connection with the
district conference. All reports will be
expected. W. H. HAMILTON, P. E.
Mrs. M. A. JOHNSON,
District Manager of the W. H. M. S.

Camp Meeting.

The camp meeting at Hattiesburg will
begin July 23 and continue eleven days.
All are invited. Some of the ablest min-
isters in this and the adjoining States
have been invited. We hope to have the
editor of the "Southwestern" with us.
Great preparations are being made to
make the meeting a success.

R. P. TREBELKELD, P. C.

Every tissue of the body, every nerve,
bone and muscle is made stronger and
more healthy by taking Hood's Sarsapa-
rilla.

Camp Meeting.

The Huntsville district camp meeting
will take place near Phelps, Texas, Aug-
ust 10th to 24th. Introductory sermon
will be preached by Rev. W. Hamilton,
Presiding Elder of the Marshall district.
Persons from abroad wishing to attend
these series of meetings by railway can
do so by having a ticket over the Inter-
national & Great Northern Railway and
changing cars at Phelps station, thence
to the camp ground. Extension rates
have been secured over the Great North-
ern and International Railroad. Every-
thing will be done for the good and com-
fort of all. In addition to the camp
house already on the grounds, you are
kindly requested to build others, and se-
cure tents and live in them during the
whole two weeks. Besides all the min-
isters of the Huntsville district, other em-
inent ones are expected. Special atten-
tion will be given to entertaining all
ministers who may visit us. Brethren,
come fully consecrated to God.

Rev. F. PARKER, Pres.

L. J. HOGAN, Secretary.

It was Ben Johnson, we believe, who,
when asked Mallock's question, "Is life
worth living?" replied, "That depends
on the liver." And Ben Johnson doubt-
less saw the double point to the pun.
The liver active—quick—life rosy, every-
thing bright, mountains of trouble melt
like mountains of snow. The liver slug-
gish—life dull, everything blue, mole-
hills of worry rise into mountains of
anxiety, and as a result—sick headache,
dizziness, constipation. Two ways are
open. Cure permanently, or relieve
temporarily. Take a pill and suffer, or
take a pill and get well. Shock the sys-
tem by an overdose, or coax it by a mild,
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COTTON.
Low ordinary..... 5 7-16
Ordinary..... 5 15-16
Good ordinary..... 6 7-16
Low middling..... 7 3-16
Middling..... 7 15-16
Good middling..... 8 13-16
Middling fair..... 9 11-16
Fair..... 11 1-16

SUGAR.
Open Kettle..... 13
Inferior..... 13
Fully fair..... 13
Good fair..... 13
Centrifugal..... 13
Choice yellow..... 11-16
Prime yellow..... 7-16

MOLASSES.
Prime..... 22-25
Good fair..... 22-25
Common..... 22-25
Inferior..... 22-25

RICE.
Good..... 5 3-16
Fair..... 4 1-16
Ordinary..... 4 1-16
Extra fancy..... 5 10-16
Winter wheat patent..... 5 3-16

FLOUR.
Minnesota bakers..... 5 4 1-2 50
Minnesota patents..... 6 10 1-2 50
Extra fancy..... 5 10 1-2 50
Winter wheat patent..... 5 3-16 50

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Cream meal..... 43 50
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CORN.
White..... 74 3-4
Yellow..... 74 3-4
Mixed No. 2..... 74 3-4

Oats.
Western..... 51 1-2
Texas red proof..... 51 1-2

Hay.
Choice..... 14 1-2
Prime..... 12 1-2
Common..... 10 1-2

PROVISIONS.

Pork.
Meas (standard)..... 11 1-2
Prime mess..... 12 1-2
Rumps..... 12 1-2

Bacon.
Sugar cured breakfast..... 8 1-2
Shoulders..... 6 1-2

Hams.
Sugar cured..... 12 1-2
Dry Salt Meat:
Shoulders..... 5 1-2
Sides, long cuts..... 6 1-2

Lard.
Refined..... 6

GROCERIES.

Coffee.
Prime..... 15 1-2
Fair..... 12 1-2
Common..... 10 1-2

Teas.
Choice..... 45 1-2
Fair..... 18 1-2
Common..... 10 1-2

Butter.
Western creamery..... 20
Western dairy..... 15 1-2

Cheese.
N. Y. cream..... 12
Wes con..... 10

Oil.
Coal, cases..... 12 1-2
Coal, bbls..... 8 1-2
Cotton seed..... 30 1-2
Lard..... 50 1-2
Lard..... 50 1-2

VEGETABLES.
Dried Apples..... 11 1-2
Bananas, per bunch..... 1 1-2
Lemons..... 4 50 1-2 50

Oranges.
Louisiana, per bbl..... 3 50 1-2 45
Florida, per box..... 1 75

Cabbages.
Louisiana, a piece..... 1 75
Louisiana, per crate..... 1 75

Potatoes.
Louisiana, per bbl..... 2 00 1-2 45
Western..... 1 25 1-2 00
Sweet..... 1 25 1-2 00

Onions.
Louisiana per bbl..... 3 25 1-2 40
Western..... 3 25 1-2 40

SUNDRIES.

Poultry.
Old hens, Western..... \$5 00 1-2 50
Young chickens..... 1 50 1-2 00
Turkeys, Southern..... 5 00 1-2 00
Ducks, Southern..... 3 00 1-2 50
Geese..... 3 00 1-2 40

Eggs.
Western, per doz..... 12
Southern..... 12

Wool.
Lake, & B..... 2 22
Louisiana..... 2 20
Burry..... 10 1-2

BALING STUFFS.

Bagging.
11 lb per yard..... 6 1-2
2 lb..... 6 1-2

Baling Twine.
11 lb..... 3 1-2
2 lb..... 3 1-2

Ties.
1 bundle..... 1 35 1-2

MOSS, ETC.

Black.
Mixed..... 3 3-4
Gray..... 2 1-2
Cray..... 1 1-2

Or Horse.
Prime..... 12 1-2
Cow..... 12 1-2

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Editorial Notes.

Faithfulness in the humblest part
Is better at least than proud success;
And patience and love in a chastened heart
Are pearls more precious than happiness:
And in the morning when we shall awake
To the spring-time freshness of youth again,
All troubles will seem but a flying flake,
And life-long sorrow a breath on the pane.

MR. H. H. LANIER, teacher at Meadville, Miss., informs us that the cyclone of July 6, played destruction with crops, fences, houses, etc., in that section, but fortunately no lives were lost and none seriously injured.

In describing our beautiful new church at Jackson, Miss., last week, we forgot to say that it is most brilliantly lighted up with one of I. P. Frink's best reflectors. Mr. Frink does well to advertise in our columns, as his reflectors certainly please our people.

REV. J. S. Foster, of Mason, Tenn., strikes a key note in his letter on "church officers." He advises the appointment of persons who are not bent upon a policy of "rule or ruin," but who are devoted to the interests of the church, and who both know and love our Discipline.

JUDGING from his writing and spelling, the brother who wrote as demanding that the Mississippi Conference give him an appointment or transfer him to another conference, needs rather to enter the lowest class in the New Orleans University and remain there about ten years, before being admitted to any Methodist Conference. Go to school young man, go to school.

WE have not had an opportunity, at this writing, to investigate and confirm the report that the Governors of South Carolina and Louisiana have refused the appropriations to those states for the promotion of mechanical and agricultural education, because the money is to be equally divided between schools for the white and black races, were such schools exist. If the report be true, and these Governors object on the grounds stated, then they are unworthy to preside over the destinies of the people of these states.—*Central Methodist*, (M. E. Church, South.)

Those Governors are certainly "unworthy to preside over the destinies of the people of these states," for they have taken this very position. A mere reference to the files of the daily papers of this section will fully satisfy the editor or our contemporary, that they are correctly reported.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Spread of our Methodism Among the White People in the South.

REV. R. L. SELLE

The spread of our Methodism among the white people of the South was never more necessary than it is now, and the opportunity for the accomplishment of this desired end was never more favorable than they are now. Our presence and toil in this Southland have proven what we are. Former prejudices are melting away rapidly, and the dawn of a new era is upon us.

Several things are necessary in order to reach the desired end.

1. All our conferences need an increased amount from the missionary fund, not to give to the older established appointments in the conferences, but to extend the work into unoccupied territory. This is essential.

2. We need more educational centres, seminaries, academies, etc. When we can succeed in establishing and running them successfully, our success is inevitable.

3. We need three or four more resident bishops located about as follows: Charleston, S. C., Asheville, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., and Little Rock, Ark. With Episcopal residences thus scattered over the South, we could have access to towns and cities that we otherwise could not.

4. We need to develop self-supporting charges as rapidly as possible. Some of our charges are now receiving help from the Missionary Fund when they have members worth thousands of dollars! Poor people all over the land contribute to send the Gospel to these rich people! God help us to stand alone as soon as we are able! Our people must be educated to get off the mission list as rapidly as possible, and let the money be used to extend the work.

Many more things are necessary, but these are the foregoing.
Harrison, Ark.

Delegates to the General Conference.

Whom shall we select as delegates to the General Conference? This is the question which is now going the rounds. The General Conference of '92 will be as momentous as that of '44. It will have many questions of grave and great import to settle: the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference; organic union of the two Methodisms—North and South; the election of bishops, and among them, we hope a bishop of African descent; clearer interpretation of the law effecting the status of missionary bishops, larger appropriations for home mission work. These are great and vital questions. Ecclesiastical statemanship is more difficult than civic, for the former requires a greater variety of talent than the latter. Who among you that is greatest let him be your servant. Fail to select your strongest men from the eighteen colored conferences; select such men as will accept any sort of compromise without first dragging that compromise into the light, to discover what its effect would be upon the entire race, and the church; send men who are willing to sacrifice the opportunity of the race, so long as their own selfish ambition is satisfied, and you will have committed a blunder worse than a crime. Why have Massachusetts, Ohio and Vermont always stood so high in the councils of the nation? Is it not because they have ever kept tried, true, and experienced men at the front? What would be the fate of this nation, if once in every four years Congress were composed of novices? Apply the

questioning to the influence of an Annual Conference in the councils of the General Church. If you would be felt in the councils of Methodism, send a delegation whose distinguishing characteristic is puff, or mteness, make a gigantic blunder in your selection of delegates for this high and responsible office in '92, and we will find ourselves where the Irish found themselves at Clontarf through the indiscretion of O'Connell; opportunity with us as with them, will slip from the race in the struggle for free and complete recognition.
LUDWIG.

What Christianity Has Done For Woman.

BY MISS MINNIE A. GRIFFIN.

[Read on Children's Day, at First street M. E. Church, New Orleans, La.]

There is no stage of woman's life that Christianity has not brightened.

It found the maiden in prison, with her relatives as jailors; an object of constant suspicion, not daring to love; sold for so much gold and silver, like a beast, forced to accept as a husband whomsoever her kindred might select, ignorant of everything that can elevate or ennoble. It made her as free as the flower that dances in the summer breeze, opened for her the door of liberty, gave her education and refinement, lifted up the dull sky of her life and set it in a sun of delight, and a star of hope, spread out before her a new world of energy and accomplishment; that her real beauty might be admired, and her virtues revered.

It gave her acquirements to win and in return pour out the wealth of her affections and crown another's life with joy. It said, "Go thou forth to bless, to beautify, and to cheer, with God for thy guardian, Christ for thy counsellor, and innocence thy shield."

It made man her guide, not her lord, and changed the iron bands of slavery to the golden chains of affection. All of this Christianity did for women, and more, for in all civilized lands not only her love, but her property is her own to do with as she wills.

Christianity found the wife a slave, living in constant dread of her master, or obliged to retain freedom at the expense of her honor. No man believed in her worth, or revered her virtue.

Her independence was beyond her control, subject to every insult, and divorce, her only resource; setting her apart for mockery and abuse. Ignorance was the atmosphere she breathed, because knowledge would have shown her more clearly the terrible place she occupied.

The Cross was lifted up, the light of the countenance of the son of God shone upon her, and she became the friend of her husband, the queen of her home, the pillar of the church, the light of society, and a spirit of gentleness and beauty, softening, tempering and refining the harshness and conditions of man. The Christ face is turned and the dawn of better days began for its women.

Elijah H. Gammon.

Our readers will regret to learn of the death of the Rev. Elijah H. Gammon at his home at Plano, Ill., July 3 at 12 o'clock. It is sad news indeed to all of our people, in whose behalf Mr. Gammon has taken such intense interest. We will the following facts from the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* on the funeral address delivered by the Rev. R. P. Fleming, his pastor:

The funeral at Plano on Monday, July 6, was attended by many prominent Methodists and others,

including two former partners of Mr. Gammon, Wm. Deering and J. D. Easter. A special car took these friends to Plano and brought the remains eastward to Grace-land Cemetery, Chicago, where relatives of Mr. Gammon are interred.

Mr. Gammon was a New Englander by birth and character. He came from the State of Maine, and left his father's farm near the Gilmore Pond plantation early in life and began the struggle upward against poverty and adverse circumstances. At seventeen he was converted under the preaching of James Farrington, and at twenty-four was licensed to preach and received into the Maine conference. On account of failing health he moved to Illinois in 1851, and the next year was readmitted to the Rock River conference, where he served in important charges until 1858, when, by reason of impaired health, he located and was soon engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements.

Mr. Gammon was a successful man. Whatever he did was done thoroughly. In the ministry his work was pointed and practical, both in the saving of souls and the building up of the church. He was pre-eminently a man who looked for results. Successful in the pulpit, when he had broken in health and was no longer able to stand there, he turned his attention to business entirely. He was successful in his undertakings. He had a remarkable business instinct. Keen and far-sighted, he was yet conservative and safe. His plans were comprehensive, including the minutest detail, and his executive ability was equally great. Shiftlessness in business methods, unpopularity in meeting engagements he would not abide.

Mr. Gammon's life was pointed by a great purpose. To be helpful to humanity was his large purpose. He was never disengaged from some magnificent undertaking. It took a great work to command the full enthusiasm of the man. Wealth was simply the tool he wanted, and when God put it into his hands he used it to carve out of the rock of adverse circumstances a stairway by which the poor and benighted might climb up toward God, the giver. No man felt more keenly than he the responsibility of wealth. Mr. Gammon belonged to Methodism as a whole and to the universal church. The appeals that reached him were from every section of the country, and from every church and interest of Christianity.

He was not satisfied with his generous gift of \$5000 to Maine Wesleyan Seminary, or his more generous gift of \$10,000 to Garrett Biblical Institute. His interest in education could not be bounded by any line of color or any class distinction, and when the great plan of his life was taking shape, and he looked into every field within the borders of the church, he asked but one question: "Where is the most needy field in this land?" When he thought he had found it in the South among the neglected freedmen, he revolved in his mind the question for two years, how he could best lift them into intelligence and spiritual liberty. It was in his mind that long before he spoke of it to any one. Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., was therefore founded and is now magnificently endowed. That school is founded upon a powerful conviction. It belongs to our church, and is a monument of what consecrated money can do when it is in the hands of consecrated men. When this great life withdraws more and more into the shadow, we shall more and more see that "a prince and a great man hath fallen this day in Israel."

Schools and Colleges.

Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn.

REV. JOSEPH COURTNEY.

This college is located in a beautiful portion of the city of Nashville. It began its work in 1866 in an old gun factory, and has been doing effective work ever since. It occupies more than a dozen buildings for all departments of its work, and yet there is not sufficient accommodation for those who make application for admission, and many are turned away every year.

The present President, Rev. John Braden Braden, D. D., has served the college in that capacity twenty-four years. He is recognized throughout the Southland as an educational leader. More than two hundred young men and women have graduated from the various literary departments, of whom he and his corps of faithful instructors have no need to be ashamed, for generally speaking, they have conducted themselves manfully and well. The courses of study in the various departments are good and are taught by careful, painstaking instructors of both white and colored.

We heard, at the recent commencements, the reports of examinations, which would compare favorably with the examinations of any school in this country. It is no longer a question whether the Negro is capable of learning any and all branches taught in the colleges. He has fully demonstrated beyond a possible doubt that he is. The various industrial departments are accomplishing much in a practical way; many of the students are doing good work in all of those departments. The mechanical art department especially is immense. Many of the boys are learning to be skilled mechanics.

At the commencement May 28, a class of twelve from the Junior Normal Department graduated; one from the Senior Normal, two from the Law, one from the Philosophical, one from the Collegiate and one from the Pastor's course in Theology. The speeches of the graduates were good and scholarly. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. Daniel Jones, of Lexington conference.

The visiting committees of the Tennessee, East Tennessee and Lexington Conferences made a written report to the Trustees and Faculty, heartily approving the administration and work of the college during the past year.

And also a resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the vast audience indorsing Dr. Braden as President, and desiring his continuance as such, so long as his health will permit him.

Many of the lawyers and doctors who have graduated from this college are practicing their professions in Nashville and are doing well. Dr. R. F. Boyd has a practice amounting to several thousand dollars a year. A great deal of business is carried on in that city by colored men. I went into a tailor shop owned and controlled by a colored man. He had a very handsome store, a large stock of first class goods and employed seven hands.

Springfield, O.

At commencement exercises of the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O., degrees were conferred upon ninety graduates. No honorary degrees were given. The degree of A. M., upon examination, was conferred upon Arthur L. Benedict, John W. Murphy, M. D., and Prof. James O. Wood, of the University of Michigan. The de-

gree of Ph. D. was conferred, upon examination, upon William F. McDowell, chancellor of Denver University, and upon Henry B. Newson, professor of mathematics in the University of Kansas.

President Bashford's report showed an addition during the year of \$58,000 to the University property. The corner stone of University Hall was laid on the afternoon of June 18th, with addresses of President Hayes and others.

E. G. Conklin, Ph. D., of John Hopkins University, was elected Professor of Biology.

Rev. P. Blum writes in glowing terms of the closing exercises of Meridian (Miss.) Academy.

One hundred and twelve young colored men and women were graduated from the Normal and High Schools of Washington recently, twenty-six from the Normal and eighty-six from the High School.

On that occasion Hon. Robert P. Porter, Superintendent of Census, made an address to the graduating class, in which he said that the Eleventh Census would show that there are 24,000 colored teachers engaged at the present time in the elevation of their race. The forthcoming reports would show one and one-third million colored pupils in the public schools. In addition to this there were 37,000 in the private schools and about 8000 in parochial schools, making a round total of 1,378,000. There were over seventy institutions of higher training and over 7000 students in training for teachers. Mr. Porter emphasized the fact that fifteen-sixteenths of the entire colored population live in the South. He said that in at least ten of these States the percentage of gain in public school enrollment had far outstripped the gain in population. Texas ranked first in this respect and Arkansas second. North Carolina showed the lowest percentage of gain in public school enrollment. The estimated real and personal property of our people in Virginia alone was \$15,026,802.

Superintendent Porter gave no faltering testimony as to the efficiency of the colored employees in the Census Bureau. From two hundred and fifty to three hundred young men and women had been employed there during the last two years. With hardly an exception they had made faithful and capable clerks. Some of them ranked as the best clerks. Editing schedules in the division of farms, homes and mortgages was intrusted to a young colored clerk. The medical students in the division of vital statistics were among the most rapid and painstaking men in the bureau. Our young women did splendid service throughout the office as typewriters and tabulators. They had worked side by side with the whites and they had been treated in every respect alike. Neither a murmur nor complaint had been heard from the white brothers and sisters. The messengers and laborers had also been true and faithful. The eighteen million schedules, containing the names of sixty-three million people, had been handled and rehandled, taken from one building to another and then brought back again to the various rooms and up to the present time not one schedule had been lost or mislaid. The graduates were counseled to cultivate habits of industry, of thrift, to study diligently and equip themselves in every possible way for the new undertakings and responsibilities which would now open before them.

Letters from the Districts.

Texarkana District, Arkansas.

A. J. PHILLIPS, P. E.

District conference will be held at Fulton, Ark., beginning August 27th.

Night of the 26th, to preach the opening sermon, Rev. P. B. McDonald.

The Freedman's Aid Anniversary on the night of the 27th. Speakers: Dr. Mason of Philander-Smith College, and Rev. W. O. Emory.

The unity of the Godhead, B. H. Johnson.

The immortality of the soul, H. C. Danlap.

Relation of the Little Rock Conference to Philander-Smith College, T. J. Thompson and G. W. Babers.

Why we should try to put the SOUTHWESTERN into every home among our people? G. W. Thompson.

Why we should have an educated ministry, J. P. Calviu.

How to conduct revival meetings, M. H. Foster.

Qualifications for the Christian ministry, J. M. Airhart.

Duty of Presiding Elders to their preachers and the work, A. J. Phillips.

There will be a free discussion on the Sunday school work and its relations to the church.

All local preachers are requested to have papers on local preachers' duty in the church.

Why we should stand by the M. E. Church, A. Spears.

As there will not be but the one session of our district conference this year, it is expected that all members will be present with full reports of their work. Let all members of the district come and bring at least one dollar. We are trying to complete our church at this place. Bro. Spears will have a conference rally to assist. Presiding Elders and pastors from other districts are cordially invited to attend. We hope to have the presence of our beloved Dr. A. E. P. Albert and Dr. Mason, of Philander Smith College, with us.

Nashville District, Tennessee Conference

Will convene in McMinnville, Wednesday, August 26, at 9 a. m.

PROGRAM:

Words of welcome by the pastor, J. W. Richmond.

Opening sermon, Rev. C. B. Wilson.

How to organize and run a church successfully, J. P. Price.

Missionary sermon, A. P. Blake-more.

The work of stewards and their duty, P. R. Woodson.

Class leaders and their work, W. L. Lillard.

Local preachers' work and their duty, S. Knight.

The relation of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society to the M. E. Church, J. Braden, D. D.

Lovefeast meetings, John W. Kenser.

The Lord's Supper, J. F. K. Summerhill.

Support of the ministry, W. Ellison.

Regeneration, J. R. Reasonover.

Free Will, C. B. Wilson.

Benevolent collections, J. W. Richmond.

Revival work, James Price.

Atonement, George C. Harden.

Sunday school work, J. C. Wade.

Trustees' work, Thomas Allen.

Punctuality, D. Scott.

Hygiene, W. Patterson.

True call to the ministry, W. Thompson.

Good work, J. D. Davidson.

Repentance, D. Gray.

Local preachers and other members will select their own subjects.

Sunday School Institute will convene Saturday, 10 a. m., and continue until Sunday at 10. m.

We are expecting the editor and other distinguished divines to be with us.

Committee: Jesse P. Price, P. R. Woodson, G. C. Harden, W. A. McKissack.

The Way They Built.

DR. I. B. SCOTT.

Our people at Kendleton, near Richmond, needed a new church and applied to the Church Extension Society to build it for them. While waiting to hear from their application, I held their first quarter and urged pastor and brethren present not to wait for anybody or anything, but to go to work at once and erect their church. When I held their second quarter, led on by Rev. G. J. Izard, their thorough going pastor, they had built their new church, and not a cent of assistance had come. They built, and the Society will help them complete.

(Good.—Ed.)

Paris District.

P. MORGAN, P. E.

Our district conference held at Bonham, April 28, was a source of spiritual power. Reports were very encouraging. Nearly all the pastors reported favorable to all causes, both spiritually and financially. Benevolent causes were represented by collections averaging about one-fourth of the whole amounts.

Essays were read and discussed with ability. The literary program was never better.

The Sunday School Institute met two days prior to the conference. All the schools were represented. The work accomplished by the Institute relieved the conference of much labor. In a word, a mark was made in Bonham by these two grand bodies, which will baffle time to erase.

Agents were appointed to travel, look up and work up all unoccupied territory. We are peculiarly situated to that of our sister districts, in that we have several new towns in which there are so few of our people, but like the pulpit, we are running on before to see them as they come. Too much can not be said in honor of those noble workers on our district who prepared themselves so well to meet the Institute and the Conference.

I have gone in person to all the points, and have succeeded in making points where there were none heretofore, and hunting up the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Hence I shall leave behind me a number of good new churches and chapels, with a vast amount of new property, a loving Christian army, and a district that another need not feel ashamed to travel over.

Brother W. H. Jackson has wrought a wonderful work at Paris during the year.

Bro. A. Taylor has done none the less at Bonham. His work far exceeds that of some others at this point. He is still in favor with all the people, and coming to the front.

Bro. L. Woodward is a soldier indeed. He is leading Houey Grove to success.

Although the work is hard, Bro. P. H. Hailey took hold of Red River Circuit like a soldier, and despite the hardships, he is leading on.

Bro. Moses Littlejohn is laboring faithfully on Wolfe City Circuit. He is in earnest about his Master's work.

Bro. W. J. Holland, on the Gibson circuit, is much beloved by his people and bids fair for the future.

Bro. Wiley Pollard has laid some lumber on the ground at Greenville, where we expect to erect a church soon. Very little has been done here, because there is no where to shelter the people.

Bro. Paul Prewett is making rapid headway on Cooper circuit. The people love him.

Bro. J. W. H. Moore is turning things about at Blossom, Bagwell, and Detroit. He is building, improving and preaching right along, though he finds it pretty tough.

Just as Bro. P. L. Jackson arrived on the Clarksville circuit, there happened to be a riot gotten up by some of the lawless among the whites on that circuit, which resulted in the killing of one of the

stewards, the burning of the only church on the work, and the disbanding of a number of the members. Hence confusion prevailed for a long time all over the circuit, but he stood it well and is again bringing things to the front.

Bro. Frank Gilmore is still holding his own at Clarksville. He is a kind and loving pastor, and is guarding well every interest of the church.

Bro. DeWitt Friarson is beloved by the people on Freehope circuit, and is pressing forward.

Bro. Ned Graham, like steel, hardens himself against impossibilities and sticks close to DeKalb circuit. He is making preparations to build shortly.

Bro. William Bartley is steadily leading Texarkana to the front. Texarkana is following him cheerfully. He has wrought a good work.

Bro. W. B. Perry is making time on the Brookston circuit. He is making some improvements and watching every interest on his work.

Time and space would fail me to tell of all the heroes of the district and their work in detail. But let me say, the past, present and future advancement of the work have, do and must depend largely upon such gentlemen and ladies as Prof. R. A. Long, teacher in the city schools; Jeff Barnes, V. M. Cole, Jr., Hoffman, Miss E. Brooks, C. L. White, Smelser, Prof. J. B. McUnloch and teachers at Clarksville, Miss L. Wagner, Mrs. Polk, and others too numerous to mention here. Lastly, Sisters Reeves, Latimer, Bowers and Murray take interest in the W. H. M. work, as well as the Sunday school work.

Upon the whole, the work was never so prosperous as now. Benevolent money is being raised, students dispatched to our universities, Woman's Home Mission work organized, etc. We are buying land, building churches, and the Lord is converting many souls and adding to the church daily such as shall be saved. I believe our annual report will be better this year than ever.

We are having an abundant rain fall throughout the district. I saw the crops lying under water for nearly forty miles along the T. P. railroad.

Brethren, do your best. Prepare your tents for the camp meeting at Bagwell on about the 1st of August, and get everything ready by that time. Send your collections to the proper places and take receipts for the same. The last district conference will be at Clarksville in October. If you are behind then, you are lost for the twelve months, possibly for life. I want to see all my brethren to the front.

Chapter 1: Weak, tired, no appetite.
Chapter 2: Take Hood's Sarsaparilla.
Chapter 3: Strong, cheerful, hungry.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

T. Larkin, Morgan, City, La.

Presiding Elder Landry was on time and held the second quarterly conference May 20. On the 21st he preached a good sermon to the satisfaction of all. He is loved by all. His predecessor, Rev. S. Duncan, is not forgotten. The people often ask about him. I am in the midst of a revival meeting, and many souls are at the altar and several are converted. Sister Mary Karnik is here laboring with us. May she long live to do the work of the Master. My grand rally was a success. Collection, \$109.25. We thank the good Sister and friends that have worked so faithfully.

A. A. Lacey, Slaughter, La.

We have just closed our revival meeting with success.

A. Roach, Chattanooga, Tenn.

I came on the work just after conference, and went to work with very small capital. I have five appointments. In the winter it was very difficult to meet them on account of the water. I was sick

nearly all winter, but the Lord has blessed my labor. I have had some success. We have had 41 conversions since conference, and added 27 to the church. I found 74 members when I came, and now we have 102. Our voting convention met at Eastport on the 29th, 30th and 31st. Our camp meeting will convene at Prigmore's Chapel August 1.

B. G. Smith, Marion, Ala.

Our second quarterly conference convened at Greensboro May 30, 31, Rev. H. N. Brown, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The brethren of the conference were present with written reports. The Elder preached two splendid sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to 100. Raised for Presiding Elder, \$26.25; for missions, \$25; for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, \$3.50; for Church Extension, \$8; for pastor, \$92.32; total raised, \$155.57.

R. S. Stacy, Mt. Vernon, Ga.

To the Presiding Elders and brethren of the Savannah district: Bear in mind that the members and friends of Mt. Vernon, Ga., are preparing to entertain the district conference. Please do not disappoint us. Ground your arms of rebellion, repent of your sins, and come over into Macedonia and help us.

W. M. Reed, West Point, Texas.

The West Point and Giddings circuit is alive. I have had two revivals on the work. Eighteen souls were converted and added to the church. Our second quarterly conference convened May 16, 17, Rev. Maok Henson, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The Elder preached two soul-reviving sermons. The Lord's Supper was administered to 55. Paid Elder, \$25; pastor, \$86. We had a grand missionary rally May 31, and raised \$27.95. I have raised for all purposes, \$47.85. We expect to build a \$1000 church here this year. Pray for our success.

T. S. McMorris, Bryan, Tex.

Our second quarterly conference convened May 30, Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder, in the chair. He conducted the devotional exercises, after which Prof. A. G. Williams was elected secretary. Our Presiding Elder always comes with words of cheer, and leaves the same. He preached at 3 o'clock Sunday and Sunday night to a crowded house. We raised for the Presiding Elder, \$18.70; benevolent purposes, \$36. Conversions, 43; additions, 58.

G. J. Izard, Richmond, Tex.

We are making preparations to build a new church, which has been needed at this place for many years. The people come at once to every call to rally financially for the same. Saturday night and Sunday we had a high time. The prize contest was a grand one. Seven of our willing workers made the race for the gold watch, as follows: Mrs. Ella Dunson, \$10.80; Mrs. Joana Jones, \$7.95; Miss Francois Burton, \$1.55; Mrs. Maria Dotson, 20c.; Mrs. Lucy Thomas, \$2.20; Miss Kittie Johnson, \$1.15; Miss Emily Burton, \$3.10. Mrs. Ella Dunson being the successful solicitor, carried off the prize. The prize contest, festival and public collection resulted in the sum of \$59.75. Eight wagons pulled out of Richmond Wednesday morning, all loaded with lumber and shingles to build a new church there. We have not once neglected our benevolent causes. We want to make a round report this year. Thirty have already been added to the church. One hundred additions this year will greatly please us.

J. H. Purnell, Fanning, Tex.

Thus far the Lord has blessed our labor, and I feel that the conference did the right thing in sending me back here. I have put up a very nice little church at this place since conference. The 16th and 17th of May we had our first quarterly conference. Bro. Madison, our Presiding Elder, could not be present, so he sent Rev. B. F. Smith to hold the quarter. We had a grand time. Collection for Elder, \$9.20. I will do all I can for the paper.

H. Heslop, Durant, Miss.

Since the death of my wife I have made one round on the Carthage circuit, and found the people doing all they can on the new church. We hope to have it finished by next quarterly conference. We will not forget the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. J. Benn.

When we came to this place we found all the members scattered about and no church. We have managed to gather them in the church again, and have made some improvements around the church. Bro. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder, was with us and held his quarter. We hope to have all the benevolent money before conference.

J. C. Hunt, South Atlanta, Ga.

We devoted the fifth Sunday in May to the celebration of the Quarter Centennial of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Prof. T. A. Fortson of Clark University, Rev. V. Chapman of the Louisiana Conference, Rev. J. H. McAlister of the Mississippi Conference, and Mr. L. J. Price, superintendent of our Sunday school, were with us and delivered addresses which were appreciated by all present. Collection, \$10.

J. Jordan, Rose Hill, Texas.

Our Presiding Elder, Wade Hamilton, held our first quarter April 5, 6, and on Sunday preached an able sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to 49. Paid Elder, \$5.35; pastor, \$15. Raised on Easter Sunday for missions, \$8.10.

T. W. Davis, Okolona, Miss.

The belfry of our church, Mt. Pisgah, was struck by lightning and greatly damaged. The people were much frightened, but none killed.

J. C. Crowley, New Gascony, Ark.

Presiding Elder G. W. Lacey held our second quarterly conference June 5. We had a grand time. The Elder preached a soul-reviving sermon at 11 o'clock; also at night. Raised this quarter for pastor, \$38.35; for Elder, \$14.15; benevolences, \$11.60. Four converts and eight accessions. We have a good Sunday school with A. T. Clark as superintendent.

Jas. Browley, Alleyton, Texas.

Our second quarterly conference convened June 6, 7, Presiding Elder C. L. Madison in the chair, and a full attendance of quarterly members present. All of the business of the quarter was transacted in perfect love and harmony. He preached two edifying sermons, at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. The Lord's Supper was administered to 36. Collection for the Elder, \$6.65. Paid pastor this quarter, \$47.

J. D. Jenkins, Palmetto, Ga.

The second quarterly conference convened June 5. On Sunday 19 persons were baptized and 3 were received into full membership. Raised for Presiding Elder, \$15; pastor, \$45; and for all purposes during quarter, \$135.28.

H. C. Dunlap, Locksburg, Ark.

I was appointed to this circuit by Bishop J. P. Newman, in January, 1891. Was delayed a week on account of illness, but was able to take my place after one Sunday had passed. I was warmly received on my circuit. The Lord has blessed us. A number of backsliders have been reclaimed, and the church everywhere is spiritually alive. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. A. J. Phillips, held our second quarter May 30, 31. We had a grand time. He preached two able sermons, in which three were converted and three others joined the church. Collection, \$10. There are five appointments on this circuit, and if there were six Sundays in a month, we would have a place for every one of them within the circuit boundary. We are praying and expecting glorious revivals. The SOUTHWESTERN is often brought before the people. Several persons on the circuit take it, and many others promise to take it.

R. H. Patton, Stonewall, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference

was held June 4 by Presiding Elder J. M. Shumpert. We had a grand time in our new church, which we had just completed. The Elder preached an excellent sermon and 61 communed.

J. W. Burns, New Edinburg Circuit.

On the 19th Presiding Elder G. W. Lacey held our quarterly conference at St. Matthew M. E. Church. Rev. B. J. Thornton, of Fordyce, was introduced and gave an interesting talk on the M. E. Church. Sacramento was administered to 44. Collection, \$31.

J. B. Starkey, Arcola, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference was held May 17, 18. Presiding Elder Davis was on time. Sunday, at 11 o'clock, he preached a glorious sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to 35. Collection, \$5.95.

Donaldsonville, La., Items.

Presiding Elder Landry, of the South New Orleans District, preached at St. Luke A. M. E. Church, Port Barrow, and at Smoke Band Baptist Church, a few days ago.

Revs. Dr. A. M. Green, T. P. Jackson and H. J. Wright dined with Rev. and Mrs. Pierre Landry.

The picnic of St. Peter M. E. Church and Donaldsonville Academy, June 27, was a grand affair.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Green preached at St. Peter M. E. Church Monday night, June 29, to a good house.

Miss Lilly LeBeuf, daughter of Rev. LeBeuf of New Orleans, is spending a while with her schoolmate, Miss Jane Wright.

A Martha Washington Tea Party was given Friday and Saturday nights, June 26, 27, at the Donaldsonville Academy.

Grand receptions were tendered Rev. D. J. Price of New Orleans, by Mrs. Clay, Mays, Walker and other ladies, former friends and members of the church in Monroe, La., of which he was pastor last year.

The Joint Institute of the Greensboro and Winston districts, North Carolina Conference, will be held at Madison, July 29, including the three succeeding days. All of the preachers who belong to both districts are expected to be present.

Pastors in the North Carolina Conference are requested to push their Quarter-Centennial Jubilee collection as rapidly as possible. As fast as the money is raised send it to Rev. C. N. Grandison, D. D. Greensboro, N. C.

J. O. Western of the Lynchess River circuit, S. C., is raising money to complete the Sandy Bluff Church which was built in 1885. The people of that circuit are among the best in the state. They had a grand rally for the purpose on the first Sunday in July.

S. Green, Seneca, S. C., is succeeding gradually, and the work is prospering.

B. Gipple of Lydia, S. C., is in poor health.

The banner contest at our church in Mt. Holly, N. J., resulted in a collection of \$93.95. Company I, Robert Street captain carried off the laurels, collecting \$33.83 the largest sum. Rev. O. M. Moore, of Philadelphia, Pa., assisted.

Children's Day at the Mt. Salem M. E. Church, Newcastle, Del., was in every way a grand success.

Dover circuit, Del., is coming to the front under the leadership of W. J. Wilson, pastor. Children's Day will never be forgotten. It was a perfect success. Total collection for all purposes on that day \$90.76.

Zoor Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. J. Cole pastor, collected \$54 on Children's Day.

Rev. W. H. Coffey, of the Delaware Conference enjoys the distinction of being the Presiding Elder of a district that ranks ahead of all the colored and of two-thirds of the white districts in the per capita collection for the benevolent cause. The credit is due very largely to his superior management. He proposes to exercise the same kind of management in pushing the SOUTHWESTERN on his district.

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Our Connectional Societies

What they ask for 1891.

Missionary Society	\$1,250,000
Board of Church Extension	253,000
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	280,000
Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	238,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

The Federation of Methodist Institutions of Learning.

BY C. H. PAYNE, LL.D.

The educational work of Methodism occupies today a position somewhat unique. Though our church is distinctly connectional, and carries forward its other great enterprises under direct connectional supervision, its educational work can scarcely be said to be under any general supervision, but is left largely to independent local action.

This anomaly is doubtless due to the fact that Methodism is not the product of a preconceived plan, but is the outcome of earnest christian effort exerted in such directions as from time to time seemed wisest and best. The existing condition of things is no reflection on the noble workers of the past. All great systems are a growth reaching approximate perfection only through successive stages of development. True statesmanship in civil or ecclesiastical affairs sees and seizes every opportunity for an advanced step. Evidently the providential hour for such advance is now upon us.

Stronger Connectional Bonds Needed.

For want of stronger connectional bonds many of our educational institutions have been lost to the church. The fathers were zealous and active in educational enterprises, but in spite of their zeal and efforts "Not one of the schools founded by them between 1784 and 1819, or during the first third of our first century, became permanent." A large portion of the schools founded since 1820 have also passed out of Methodist hands or ceased to exist. We have definite knowledge that up to 1834 not less than eighty-four institutions in the direct interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fifty-eight other Methodist schools, but partly of a local and private character—like many now recognized as church schools—making a total of 142, had ceased to exist, or lost all Methodist relationship. Even this large number—larger than the number of schools in this country now remaining on our Methodist list—is believed not to include all that have thus disappeared. Of these Dr. D. P. Kidder says: "Some had been unfortunately located, some had gone into other ownership, some had been absorbed in larger institutions, and some had become extinct from unknown causes, not, however, without having done good service in their day." And this unfortunate work of extinguishment is still going on with too slight evidence of abatement. Nor is the extinguishing process confined to the smaller or less pretensions schools. The amount of property thus lost has been very great, the discouragement and the embarrassment to our educational enterprises still greater and more harmful. There is no reason why our great and prosperous church should longer remain under this disability. The best thought of the church calls for an advance-step to be taken that will enable us to maintain our educational status, and meet the demands of the hour.

Importance of a Forward Movement.

The time is now ripe for the Methodist Episcopal Church to adopt a system of education that shall be sufficiently connectional to prevent the waste and loss above mentioned, and yet leave

the local authorities with all necessary autonomy to secure the greatest efficiency.

Such a system would be in harmony with our church in all its other departments of aggressive and successful work. Why should our educational work, equal in importance to any, if not indeed transcending all, be left to the hard struggle and uncertain fate of merely local and independent government and support? No adequate reason can be given.

Advantages.

1. The plan proposed will give to the Methodist Episcopal Church a system of education in place of sporadic independent effort.

2. It will give increased dignity, influence, and efficiency to every school of Methodism. It is of great value to be a constituent part of a great whole.

3. It will create greater confidence on the part of our laymen and wealthy friends, and help to secure increased donations for endowments and for all educational purposes. There is no concealing the fact that such confidence is now lacking in many parts of our church. Men of wealth who are friends of education do not want to waste their money on educational experiments. They are waiting to see what policy is to be adopted by the church, what institutions have a reasonable prospect of surviving the struggle for existence, and where their gifts will be likely to yield the largest returns.

4. It will awaken new enthusiasm, increase the number of students, and give a new inspiration to all our educational work.

5. When our educational work is thus systematized and our efforts concentrated for the most effective work, it will unquestionably enlarge the influence and usefulness of our entire church. The church has too often been placed in an undesirable position in being held responsible for so called "colleges" and "universities" in the founding of which it had no voice, and for whose unhappy history it should not be held accountable. The proposed plan will remove this odium. More than this, it will set the church before the world in its true light as an intelligent and wisely governed ecclesiastical organization fully awake to the demands of the hour, and fully proposing to keep abreast of the advancing age; and, better still, it will go far toward helping our great church to equip an ever increasing army of ministers, evangelistic workers, and christian scholars for the speedy conquest of the world to Christ.

The last General Conference wisely took the initiative and authorized the appointment of an educational commission as follows:

Resolved, That a commission be appointed to consider the subject of reorganizing the educational work of the church so as to give it more of unity, breadth, and effectiveness, and to report a plan for the same to the next General Conference, such commission to be composed of one delegate from each General Conference District and three delegates at large and one bishop, who shall be president of the commission, and shall fix the time and place of the first meeting.

The commission has been appointed and a meeting called for Oct. 6, 1891, in Washington, D. C. At the suggestion of several persons the writer has prepared a proposed plan of federation in accordance with the above action of the General Conference, and will soon give it to the Methodist public through its press. It is hoped the subject will be wisely and fully discussed, and that this forward movement may meet with hearty and unanimous approval, and lead the church on to greater victories in the future than have marked its triumphant past.

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Children's Day Gleanings.

A. S. J. Allen, Newnansville, Fla.
Children's Day was observed. We gloriously enjoyed the day. Collection, \$3.

D. Ray, Brookhaven, Miss.
The program for Children's Day was carried out to the letter. Collection, \$6.25.

N. H. Williams, Greenville, Miss.
The program was used in grand style. Collection, \$8.

Thos. Holmes, Macon, Ga.
Had a grand time. Collection, \$5.30.

J. C. Fremont, Washington Chapel, Monroe District, La.

The day was observed in grand style. Collection, \$6.65, which was forwarded to Dr. Payne by Rev. C. W. Kershaw.

D. Richardson, Howells Cross Roads, Ala.
Such a time was never known here before. Collection, \$6.55.

I. C. Rucker, Ocean Springs, Miss.

The day was observed at both my points. The programs were carried out to the letter. At Biloxi the superintendent and teachers gave the town to know that the M. E. Church had everything necessary for the training of her children. At Ocean Springs never was Children's Day and the Board of Education so clearly represented. Total collection, \$8.40. The visit of Sister E. S. Spriggs to Ocean Springs was quite a help to us. She gave a concert, at which she succeeded in raising \$35. We were in debt, but she left the church clear of debt, and an Epworth League organized here and at Biloxi. Sister Spriggs deserves much credit for her faithful work.

Edward Augustus, Clow, Ark.

A complete success in every respect. Rev. Mr. Weatherspoon, of Nashville, Ark., was with us and delivered a stirring address. The church was nicely decorated. Collection, \$4.15.

H. P. Coulter.

Children's Day was observed on the Beardon Mission. This was the first time that our church observed the day here. The people were much pleased. B. Parham, Thos. Griffler, C. B. Kendrick and the writer delivered addresses. Collection for education, \$1.75.

Dadeville and Alexander City, Ala., had a fine day of it in their Children's Day services. Collection, \$8.82.

J. L. Owens, Marshall, Tex.

Observed in grand style at Goodwill, Owens Chapel, and Hickory Grove, on the Marshall circuit. The exercises of these different churches were largely attended. We are forced once more to acknowledge the services of Profs. H. B. Pemberton and Speed, and Rev. G. W. Brown. Collections: Goodwill, \$9.90; Owens Chapel, \$8.05; Hickory Grove, \$4.25.

G. W. Winn, Tallahassee Circuit, Ala.

The best ever carried out here. Collection, \$4.

J. L. Augustus, Pineville, La.

The program was carried out to the letter. Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday School Agent, gave us a soul reviving sermon. I am doing all I can for the good old SOUTHWESTERN. We have collected nearly all our benevolent money. We have on the ground 4885 feet of lumber with which to build a parsonage. Everything is moving on nicely.

G. J. Campbell, Lawley, Fla.

The day was observed grandly. Revs. John O. Bryant, W. M. McCloud, our beloved superintendent, and H. O. Sherman, addressed the children. Collection, \$2.80.

W. McCarty, Marion Station, Miss.

We had a fine time. Collection, \$1.05. On Easter Sunday, also, we had a grand time. Collection, 96 cents.

N. Connon, Fayette, Miss.

We had a grand time. Collection, \$3.80. On the night of June

24, the brethren, sisters and young people gave us a splendid surprise party, and filled our table with many good things. Such visitors are always welcome.

E. M. Jones, Montgomery, Ala.
Intense interest was manifested, and all enjoyed the occasion. Collection good.

A. S. Jackson, Barnesville, Ga.

Last Sunday was Children's Day at Green Mountain M. E. Church. We had a large crowd. Our program consisted of Bible recitations and essays. There were 315 verses recited orally. Among the essays deserving special mention are Miss Mary M. Pettigrew, on "Good Manners"; and Miss Joicie J. Owens on "Intemperate Husbands." Collection, \$6.75. We are moving along nicely. Everybody is preparing for the district conference, which will convene here July 22. God bless the SOUTHWESTERN.

A. D. Anderson, Philadelphia, Miss.

Had a nice time. Collection for Sunday School Union, \$1; Tract cause, \$2.

[Children's Day collection belongs to the Board of Education, and should have been sent to Dr. C. H. Payne, 150 Fifth Ave., New York.—Ed.]

A. Butler, Waynesboro, Miss.

We failed to get the programs, but we did very well. Collection, \$2.00, and when we get the programs we expect to raise more. We also baptized twelve children that day.

Y. Jones, Helm, Miss.

Children's Day at Mallalien Chapel was carried out grandly. Collection, \$3.75. Our pastor, G. H. Harvey, was with us and delivered an excellent address.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my husband. He left this place two years and seven months ago. I have not heard from him for a year and seven months. His name is Asbury Brown. Any information will be thankfully received. Address: Rosa Brown, Hattiesburg, Perry county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my two half brothers. They were carried from Neshoba county, Miss., by a man named Arch Donald in 1866, just after the war closed. Their names are Frank Samuel and Daniel Samuel. And also two nephews named Abe Samuel and Gns Samuel, and one niece, Catherine Samuel. They all were carried to Arkansas. If any information can be heard of them please address me, James Samuel, in care H. T. Hampton, P. E., DeKalb, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my father and brother. My father's name is Carter Bowlding, and my brother's name is James Edwards Tiler. My mother's name was Nancy Coal, she belonged to old Mrs. Ashmore, and at the death of her she belonged to Mr. Alexander Berryman. My name was Fannie Bowlding when I left Virginia. I am now at Harrisburg, Tex. My name is changed to Fanny Burns. Direct your letter to Fanny Burns, care of Wilson Burley, Harrisburg, Tex.

PRESIDING Elders must bear in mind that lay delegates must be elected, in their fourth quarterly conferences this year, to attend the Lay Electoral conferences, to elect delegates to the next General Conference. It would be well too for them to begin at once to raise their apportionments for the entertainment of the next General Conference.

WHENEVER you notice a long string of names published in the SOUTHWESTERN with the amounts they contributed to the church, you can take it for granted that those names went in as regularly paid advertisement. They are never admitted otherwise. We cannot afford it. Neither can we publish statistics and apportionments, unless paid for as advertisement.

Books and Current Literature.

The Methodist Review.

The opening article of the July-August Methodist Review is by Prof. C. H. Bradley, D.D., on "The Epistle to the Ephesians and the Higher Criticism." It is a critical and scholarly paper. Prof. H. M. Harman, D.D., writes an important article on Tatian's Diatessaron. The biographical sketch of George Barcroft, by R. C. Houghton, D.D., is of much interest. Professor H. W. Conn writes of Natural Selection and Christianity, from the scientific standpoint. E. S. Todd, D.D., furnishes a temperance article of practical value in "A Lesson from the Old World for the New." A pertinent contribution to the present theological controversy is found in the able paper of Dr. Edward Cowley on "The Old Testament After the Battle; and a discussion of an important phase of Methodist law in Constitutionality of Paragraph One Hundred and Ninety-three, by A. A. Gee, D.D.

The editorial departments of the Review maintain their high standard. "Opinion" is thoughtful, terse, and trenchant. The three editorials under Current Discussions are, Of the Use and Value of the Fathers, Was John Wesley the Founder of American Methodism? and A Reply, but Not a Refutation. All of these editorial utterances are of exceptional importance. In Progress of Civilization, The Arena, The Itinerant's Club, and Foreign Resumes the usual variety of instructive matter is found. The Spirit of the Reviews and Magazines tabulate the contents of the latter periodicals, and the Critiques and Notices give an adequate criticism of recent books. Too much cannot be said in commendation of this chief publication of the church. Its prompt notice of the theological changes of the times, its freedom of discussion, and its comprehensive range of topics entitle it to a wide reading.

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Conferences in the United States.

Conference. Place. Time. Bishop.

Nevada Miss.	Susanville, Cal.	July 22	Bowman
Montana	Great Falls, Mont.	30	Bowman
Idaho	Boise City, Idaho	12	Bowman
Oregon	Salem, Ore.	19	Bowman
Washington	Spokane Falls, Wash.	26	Fitzgerald
Puget Sound	Aberdeen, Wash.	26	Fitzgerald
Black Hills Miss.	Spearfish, S. Dak.	27	Merrill
Cincinnati	Urbana, O.	Sept. 2	Merrill
Wisconsin	Muskegon, Mich.	9	Foss
N. W. Terr.	Dan. Minn.	16	Fitzgerald
Chicago German	Chicago, Ill.	23	Newman
West German	St. Joseph, Mo.	30	Goodsell
St. Louis German	St. Louis, Mo.	6	Bowman
Norweg.	Dan. Minn.	9	Merrill
California	Pacific Grove, Cal.	9	Mallalien
Illinois	Macomb, Ill.	9	Fowler
Northwest Swed.	Chicago, Ill.	9	Vincent
Cent. Illinois	Moline, Ill.	9	Joyce
Michigan	Grand Rapids, Mich.	9	Newman
Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	9	Newman
N. Pac. Ger. Miss.	Seattle, Wash.	9	Fitzgerald
North German	St. Paul, Minn.	16	Merrill
Minnesota	Red Wing, Minn.	23	Merrill
Des Moines	Des Moines, Ia.	16	Warren
Cal. Ger. Miss.	San Jose, Cal.	16	Mallalien
Northwest Iowa	Pt. Dodge, Ia.	16	Niude
East Ohio	Akron, O.	16	Vincent
W. Wisconsin	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	16	Vincent
Columbia R. V.	Spokane Falls, Wash.	16	Fitzgerald
Indiana	Washington, Ind.	16	Newman
North Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.	16	Goodsell
Southwest Indiana	Aurora, Ind.	16	Foster
Illinois	Rock Island, Ill.	16	Foster
S. Illinois	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	23	Warren
Northwest Germ.	Charles City, Ia.	23	Foss
Rock River	Joliet, Ill.	23	Niude
South California	Los Angeles, Cal.	23	Mallalien
Ohio	Cincinnati, O.	23	Vincent
Wisconsin	Oshkosh, Wis.	23	Vincent
North Ohio	Mansfield, O.	23	Joyce
Illinois	Tulsa, O.	23	Vincent
Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	23	Goodsell
Kentucky	Newport, Ky.	30	Foster
North Dakota	Grand Forks, N. Dak.	30	Merrill
South Dakota	Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	30	Foss
Indiana	South Bend, Ind.	30	Foster
Pittsburg	Urbana, Mo.	30	Foster
Upper Iowa	Davenport, Ia.	30	Vincent
Central New York	Cortland, N. Y.	30	Joyce
West Tennessee	North Platte, Neb.	30	Goodsell
Arizona Miss.	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Oct. 8	Mallalien
North Carolina	Winston, N. C.	15	Warren
East Tennessee	Morrisville, Tenn.	15	Niude
Blue Ridge	Asheville, N. C.	21	Warren
Holston	Chattanooga, Tenn.	21	Niude
Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	21	Vincent
Central Tennessee	Erin, Tenn.	21	Vincent
Austin	Waco, Tex.	Nov. 25	Hurst
Texas	Houston, Tex.	Dec. 2	Hurst
Southern German	Seguin, Tex.	9	Hurst
West Texas	Victoria, Tex.	16	Hurst

W. China Miss. Chung King, China | June 3 | Foster |

Korea Miss. Seoul, Korea | June 10 | Foster |

Switzerland Zurich, Switzerland | 11 | Walden |

Denmark Miss. Copenhagen, Denmark | 11 | Foster |

Japan Tokyo, Japan | 8 | Foster |

Norway Bergen, Norway | 15 | Walden |

Sweden Uppsala, Sweden | 15 | Walden |

South America Miss. Montevideo, Arg. | Oct. 7 | Foster |

Fochow Shanghai, China | Nov. 18 | Foster |

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops,

EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

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ONLY four members of the great historical General Conference of 1844 are still living, viz: Freeborn G. Hibbard, of the Geesee Conference; James M. Jamieson, of the Ohio Conference, living at Los Angeles, South California; Jerome C. Berryman, of the St. Louis Conference, M. E. Church, South; Andrew Hunter, of the Arkansas Conference, M. E. Church, South.

THE Rev. G. S. Chadbourne read a paper at a recent convention held in Boston to secure the "Better observance of the Christian Sabbath," which has been published in tract form. He rightly affirms that the chief agency in producing the increasing desecration of the Sabbath is the Sunday newspaper. It is a strong and unanswerable statement of the case. Copies may be had of McDonald, Gill & Co., Boston, at three cents each.

HAVE you ordered extra copies of our Jubilee number of the SOUTHWESTERN to be published next month? Only a few days remain wherein you can order. We ought to get 20,000 copies of that very valuable issue out among our people. The smallest charge ought to order at least a dozen or more copies. In no way can a quarter, half a dollar or a dollar be more profitably spent. Rally brethren; rally. The paper is not Dr. Albert's, but yours.

THE Rocky Mountain Christian Advocate wants to be made official, and the delegates from the Colorado to the General Conference, within whose bounds it is published, have been so instructed. Several other papers west of the Rocky Mountains have also expressed a similar desire. The thing ought to be done; and every paper published and circulating among our people that desires to become part and parcel of the Book Concern, and that is found to be of substantial value to the church should be brought into the official family of our advocates. Methodism should be thoroughly connective in every department.

REV. C. D. SHALLOWHORNE, Shreveport, requests us to announce that the Preachers' Convention which he called to meet at Baton Rouge this week, has been postponed on account of the terrible disaster which afflicted that city last week.

Since the above was put in type a telegram from Bro. Shallowhorne informs us that the convention will convene on the 15, 16 and 17th inst. at Baton Rouge. We warn the brethren however, that if they attend the convention, for the object set forth in the call, they do so against the expressed objection of the bishops, some of whom have emphatically written us against it. The Annual Conference is the time and place to discuss such subjects.

The Roman Church and the Negro.

Those of our people who are easily baited by the seductions of Romanism in its pretensions of "liberty, equality and fraternity" in certain quarters, must be silly indeed, or must be unpardonably ignorant of the history of the Roman Catholic Church. In New York, it is seeking to overthrow religious freedom by urging the adoption of what it hypocritically denominates the "Freedom of Worship Bill," while its jesuitical emissaries are holding Mr. Penzotti, a Protestant missionary, in a dungeon in Peru, simply because he held private religious services in his house. He has been in prison for nine months, for the alleged crime of holding a religious meeting in public, for the criminality consists simply in the publicity. Such is Romanism wherever it controls affairs. Such would be the case in this country if the church had the power. The Pope, too, it must be borne in mind, was the only power to recognize the Southern Confederacy and slavery. Rome is all things to all men, if thereby she can hood-wink the greatest number to permit her to get the ascendancy anywhere. Her paws are velvet, but they are full of destructive claws, nevertheless. Those who land that church for her freedom from prejudice against the colored people, should remember that that church, with her world-wide organization, hasn't a dozen Negro ministers in this country, and conducts her missionary operations among the colored people on the color line, just as the Southern branches of all the Protestant churches do. Arch bishop Janssen is heading a movement in this city now for the separate education of colored Roman Catholic children. The mere suggestion, on the part of the *Cruiser*, that this separate institution would not be necessary, if existing institutions of that church here were opened to all races upon equal terms, worked the *Morning Star*, official organ of the Roman Church in this city, into a frenzy, and it came very near hurling its official anathema against the defenseless head of our plucky conferee. If any one is still in doubt on the subject, he needs only read the following from the same official source:

"There is for the Negro no place on earth—at least in America—like the cotton field. There may be certain Northern-horn Negroes, whose nature has been vitiated by an early acquaintance of ice and snow, who may be induced to undertake employments of the subterranean kind, but not the Southern darkey. The South needs her Negroes in all respects save as politicians, and they are naturally fast dropping that unnatural role. In fact the combination of the two races, as realized in our Southern States, is an ideal condition of society. Ever since it was said: 'His children shall be servants of their brethren,' nature has conformed her laws to the fiat. The descendants of Ham are instinctively the servants of their brethren."

That editor must be utterly ignorant of the fact that there are now other authorities upon the Negro, that have superseded "Cotton is King."

And then, the idea of his objection to Negroes in politics. Is it right; is it common honesty, for the South to claim and avail itself of the proportionate representation in the council of the nation which was set apart as the Negroes' share, and deny him every vestige of that representation? Is that what the South promised, when she stacked her arms at Appomattox and promised to obey the National Constitution? With what consistency does that Irish-Catholic official organ defend such a crime? With the same, doubtless, that its church advocates freedom of worship (?) in this country and imprisons Protestant missionaries in Roman Catholic countries; and with the same that it advocates temperance and humanity in one column and advertises wines and liquors, lotteries and bull fights, for the benefit of the church, in

another. We warn our people everywhere to beware of the unchangeable and unchangeable giant in his cage.

Epworth Leaguers and Christian's Vacation.

Bishop Mallalieu has an article in the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate* of a recent date, in which he gives the most wholesome advice to Christian people leaving home for a vacation. Among other good things he says:

"Let your light shine wherever you are; and into whatever company you may be thrown, still be true to your church and your profession. No matter if your church is the smallest, and most dilapidated, and the preacher the poorest, stand by your own! That will take a little heroism and courage. It would take neither to stand by your church if it was the best and largest and had the most eloquent preacher. It needs but little manhood to shout 'Hosannah!' when the King rides over Olivet into the Holy City. The real test comes when the shadows gather about Gethsemane, and the hooting mob crowd the hall of Pilate. So let all the leaguers abroad, as well as at home, be true to Christ and their own church, and the holy profession they have made. Let them remember that God, and holy angels, and it may be, wicked men, watch the course they take."

And, finally, let no Epworth Leaguer go on a vacation without taking a Bible, and at least some good book, and if possible some sort of a Methodist hymnal. There is a common fault among modern preachers and Christian people—they read unendingly monotonous daily papers altogether too much, and the Bible and good books altogether too little; and especially is this the case during vacations. The next literary variety to the daily papers is the summer novel. It is weaker than city milk, and some of it, like ice from stagnant pools, contains the seeds of fever and death. Better by far take the Bible for daily mental and spiritual pabulum.

"What glory gilds the sacred page! Majestic like the sun, It gives a light to every age; It gives, but borrows none."

Let every leaguer take his Bible on his vacation, and hold to it as a mailed crusader would do to his well-tried shield. In this way will come the steadfast "Look up" that sees God ever ready to help, and a mighty increase of strength to "Lift up" all who need help.

The Relation of Baptized Children to the Church.

We know of no doctrinal question which has been less emphasized and understood by our people and ministry than that which involves "The relation of baptized children to the church." The old Calvinistic doctrine fills the prison house of damnation with millions of "infants a span long." This however is not Arminian nor Methodist doctrine, as we read from the Scriptures. The doctrine of our church on the question is very pointedly laid down in our Discipline, and should be read and emphasized by all our ministers and people. We claim that all the children belong to God, and are members of His Kingdom; that they are entitled to baptism; should be placed under the care of proper leaders for instruction; and when of sufficient age to understand the obligations of religion, and give evidence of piety, should be admitted into full membership in the church. See ¶ 37-41 Methodist Discipline 1888. Read and explain it to your people.

Want to Build a Railroad.

The colored people of Texas are about to start a railroad project. The plan is to organize and charter a railroad, and put on foot a scheme to sell stock and collect on it, leaving the money in safe hands, for instance a national bank, and when they shall have collected on a goodly number of shares, they hope to

command money from home and foreign capitalists. The route of the proposed road is to begin at Houston and run to the mouth of Big Brazos, and from thence to Waco. The projectors say, "In the first place, if the deep water succeeds at the mouth of Big Brazos, and there is no reason to doubt it, we will have an opportunity to haul all foreign imports, north and south in Texas. Another advantage would be the privilege of locating towns along the lines, and the Negro would be the first owners. The next thing, the state would be in honor bound to make donations of land to the road as it has in all other cases. The projectors of the enterprise are confident of success and request that all interested in such a movement communicate with them. Mr. J. N. Gillett, of Hearne, Texas, is at the head of the movement."

Echoes From the Presiding Elders' Convention.

Presiding Elder Warren McDonald, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, is among those who are determined to make good the pledge of the Convention, to see to it that the SOUTHWESTERN has a cash circulation of 10,000 subscribers before next General Conference. He began his canvass before he reached his home. On his way from the Convention he secured us some subscribers. Transmitting them to us with the cash, he says: "The SOUTHWESTERN must have 10,000 cash subscribers." That's what we call proving one's faith by his works. Now, let every presiding elder, pastor and friend, swing in line and victory is assured in less than thirty days.

Political Review.

The Democratic State Convention of Ohio meets at Cleveland, O., this week, to nominate State officers. The indications are that Gov. Campbell, present incumbent, will be renominated. In view of the unity of the Republicans in their support of Gen. McKinley, their candidate, and the dissensions in the ranks of the Democracy, it is generally conceded that the Republican ticket will be elected by a majority ranging from 25,000 to 30,000.

The fight between George and Barksdale for the U. S. Senatorship in Mississippi, keeps the political pot boiling at a tremendous rate. A majority of the counties that have expressed their choice have thus far pronounced for Senator George. The next week or two will decide whether it is to be George or Barksdale. There is practically no opposition in Democratic ranks to Gen. Walthall for his own successor to the U. S. Senate.

The Lottery legion having subsidized the daily press of this city, and many of the country weeklies, have turned their hands to the establishment of a weekly paper down town, and will soon establish another up town, they say, to foster the interests of the Lottery. One cannot take up a paper in this city, scarcely, without being nauseated with the wicked exhortations that they give to the people in support of that infamous institution. Our people should have nothing to do with the immoral and accursed infamy. They have everything to gain by aligning themselves on the side of morality, on this and on every question; but everything to lose when they side for lotteries, intemperance, and other debasing vices and immoralities. Let us stand on the side of God and good men, and God will take care of us; and He is more than all that can be against us.

On the call of Mr. Parkerson, prominent leader in the lynching of the "Dagoes," March 14, an association known as the Municipal Reform Association has been organized to secure, as they say, good government for this city. The movement is practically the Young Men's Democracy, which

carried the last municipal election, under a new name. The Y. M. D. A. carried the last election with the alliance of the 8000 colored voters, which supported their ticket. The present M. R. A. has a plank in its platform which says that it shall be composed of "white citizens" only. Under the circumstances, it is quite settled that it will not control a single Negro vote. The tone of the platform and the speeches of the projectors of the association were of the bulldozing type. "Ring" or no ring, no self-respecting colored man can afford to spit and trample upon his manhood in such a manner as to vote for whatever ticket this Reform (?) Association may decide to nominate.

Personal.

—GENERAL ARMSTRONG, founder of the Hampton School for Indians and Negroes, is the son of a missionary, and was born in the Sandwich Islands, where his father was stationed. He is to visit his birthplace this summer. When he began his work among the Negroes in the South, both himself and his wife were absolutely ostracized by the whites.

—Mrs. E. Foster, wife of Presiding Elder Foster of the Waco district, and Mrs. M. T. Henry, both prominent members of St. James M. E. Church, Waco, Texas, are spending a few days at San Antonio, guests of Mrs. J. T. Gibbons.

—Rev. M. M. McKinney, of the Central Alabama Conference, mourns the death of his wife. She died June 29. More extended notice next week.

—A note from Rev. R. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Greensboro district, N. C., says: "I see in the SOUTHWESTERN the name of a lost pastor, Rev. C. W. W. W. He is not a member of the North Carolina Conference. He was a probationer, but he is expelled. He was used as a supply on the Western district, and he stole the missionary money and borrowed an overcoat and left the State last September. He was at Randolph, N. C., two months ago, and spent money freely and left. I do not know what has become of him since."

—Address Rev. B. Bolden, at Boyce, La., and not at Fairmount.

—Our types last week made us say that Bishop Mallalieu had left for the North. Exactly the reverse is true. After spending several weeks in the North, he had then left for the South, and is expected here daily.

—After several weeks absence on his district, Presiding Elder Priestley is now at home, in this city for a few days. He is delighted with the outlook on his work. Revivals and church building are in progress throughout the district.

—Miss Clara M. Cushman, the missionary to China, has returned to the United States and is now resting for a season with her devoted parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Cushman, Lynn, Mass. Our people remember the whole family with a sense of gratitude, for their works' sake.

—The great London preacher, Mr. Spurgeon, we regret to announce, is very sick, and is not expected to live.

A note from Bishop Goodsell, dated Tientsin, May 25, says, "I leave for Korea on to-morrow. The day announced for more rioting in different parts of China is the 31st of May. I am going, however, at my appointed time and shall still be in Chefoo, China, on the 31st." Dickinson College has recently conferred upon him the degree of LL.D.

—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, the great London preacher, is reported as seriously ill.

—Rev. A. Hodgetts, who was made a Doctor of Divinity at the last commencement at New Orleans University, is pastor of South Tenth Street Church, Omaha, Neb.

—At the recent session of the Colorado Conference, Rev. A. J. Gustafson, of the Austin Conference, and stationed for the past five years at the Swedish Church, Austin, Texas, was transferred and stationed at Denver. Rev. N. Ekland, of Denver, was transferred to the Austin Conference, and stationed at Austin.—*Central Christian Advocate*.

—Bishop Fowler is improving in health, but seems to be kept too busy for his permanent restoration. He is looking after the work on the Pacific coast.

—The *Christian Apologist* of July 2 contained an excellent picture and sketch of the Rev. Sanford Hunt, D.D., Senior Agent of our Eastern Book Concern.

—Mrs. Mary Karuick, who has been doing evangelistic work among our people in the LaTeche country, has gone North, not being able to work longer here during the summer. Best wishes and prayers follow her.

—Rev. Geo. Griemard, who for about two months was employed in the work of the French Mission in this city, has gone back to his home in Massachusetts. While here he made many friends who regret his departure.

Church Policy.

Q. Is it not a fact that you and Dr. Hartzell, and all others holding General Conference offices are, by virtue of their offices, members of the General Conference?

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A. No. The General Conference is a purely delegated body, and no one is a member thereof unless elected thereto, either by an Annual or Lay Electoral Conference.

If I, has anything against his Presiding Elder, or anybody else in the church, the proper thing to do is to follow the disciplinary course in the premises. No one is above the Discipline, from a probationer to a bishop. But we cannot open our columns for personal attacks against any of our brethren, however humble or exalted, lay or clerical. That is not the mission of the SOUTHWESTERN nor its editor.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

The Children's Day collection at First Street Church was \$18, instead of \$10, as published last week.

Rev. J. W. Hudson, preached the forty-ninth anniversary sermon of the Morning Star Society, at Pleasant Plains Church last Sunday. The sermon was able, and the occasion one of temporal and spiritual profit.

Important Notice.

All pastors, presiding elders and other members of our church who attended the Presiding Elders' Convention at Chattanooga, are requested to send their names and postoffice addresses at once to Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D.D., 805 Rensselaer street, Covington, Ky., also, all who delivered addresses, or in any-wise partook in the deliberations of the convention are requested to reduce to writing whatever they delivered to that body and forward it at once to Dr. Hammond.

Special to Teachers?

In accordance with the notice which appeared in the SOUTHWESTERN some weeks ago, a number of teachers have written us for the important information we desired to impart to them, but many have thus far failed to do so. Again we would urge every teacher reading this paper, to send his address to the editor of this paper at once; and he will learn something greatly to his advantage. Only a few more weeks remain, wherein you may answer this request to your advantage. Address Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

DAILY BREAD.

If the way to heaven be narrow, it is not long; and if the gate be strait, it opens into endless life.—*Bishop Beveridge.*

Love, the true love of God, is the love of his truth, of his holiness, of his whole will; the true love is that which reflects itself in obedience; the true love is that which stirs and purifies the conscience.—*Vinet.*

True happiness never flows into a man, but always out of him. Hence heaven is sometimes found in cottages and hell in palaces. Heaven itself is more internal than external.—*J. P. Newman.*

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.—*A. Lincoln.*

God has commanded us in the most solemn manner to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." It is to be regarded not as a common day, in worldly pursuits or in worldly pleasures; but as a day especially set apart to the Lord, to be spent with special reference to his service and glory. Conversation and pursuits of a worldly character entirely proper on other days are not proper on the Sabbath. God claims one day in seven as a day of rest from worldly toil and care, to be devoted especially to his worship and service. All secular labor, except works of mercy, which are always well pleasing to God, and works of necessity, which cannot be deferred, is proper on the Lord's day.

One of the greatest sins of the present time, and one that is doing more to demoralize our population than any other, is the desecration of the Sabbath. Its sacredness is disregarded, and when not employed in worldly pursuits, it is largely spent in worldly pleasure and in scenes of dissipation and vice. Instead of being used to honor God. It is made the special occasion by many to cast reproach upon his name, and to trample under foot everything that is sacred and divine.

To what extent professing Christians are responsible for this state of things it is not easy to determine, but that they are to some extent responsible, does not admit of doubt. Many of them not only indulge in Sabbath desecration themselves, but countenance and encourage it in others. If all Christian people would conscientiously observe the Lord's day and bring their influence to bear in a proper way to secure its decent observance by others, many of the worldly pursuits which are now carried on upon the Sabbath, and many of the scenes of dissipation and vice which now dishonor the day and the God who has sanctified it, would soon disappear, and a better state of things would be introduced.

This subject certainly demands serious consideration. Professing Christians cannot expect God to bless and prosper them while they profane his Sabbath, disregard his authority, and dishonor his name.—*Christian at Work.*

As a rule grown up girls have more spare time than is good for them. Many of the occupations they are accustomed to look on as the toils of their lives—fancy work, paying visits, practicing, etc.—are, as many married women and not a few girls could tell them, little more than healthful and pleasant recreations. If many a girl would but keep an account of her time for a week, she would be startled to find how much of it, if not absolutely lost, is frittered away. She would discover that one or two hours' reading would hardly interfere if properly arranged as to time, with any of her amusements and occupations, and would be simply invaluable in giving ballast to her mind, as would an hour a day devoted to the con-

quest of a modern or an ancient language, or to the study of mathematics.

Let a girl, even if she cannot find time for self-improvement, give up novel reading for a time. She will find the deprivation will be far less than she would have imagined, and may console herself by reflecting that the taste for novel reading is easily regained, while the appetite for graver study cannot be found if once really lost. Girls who love good poetry will be astonished at how much they can get by heart by learning one or two verses every morning while dressing; and to find how infinite a treasure through their whole lives will be those "Jewels which on the stretched forefinger of all time, sparkle forever," and which they have made their own by committing to memory.—*Cleveland Leader.*

Homiletics.

Hymns 726, 733, 214.

Scripture Lesson, Isaiah 53. Text, 2 Cor. 8: 9: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich."

Introduction.—The text was originally written by Paul to encourage the believers in Corinth to practice the virtue of Christian liberality.

It was the teaching of the great apostle that every person should lay aside something every week for benevolent purposes. He taught regular, and systematic giving. He had two rules, first, that all should give as God had prospered them; and, secondly, that the contributions should be made from week to week. If all good Christians would observe these two rules all good causes would have abundant funds.

Paul used two arguments to persuade the Corinthian Christians to observe the rules he had laid down. The first was drawn from the example of the Macedonian Christians. As they were prompt and liberal in their giving, so should the Christians at Corinth follow this good example.

The second argument was drawn from the example of Christ—as set forth in the text.

I. The Lord Jesus Christ was indeed rich before he came to this world.

(a) He had created all things. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" John 1: 3. Because he had created all things he was the owner of all things. The gold and silver and the cattle upon a thousand hills all belonged to him.

Every star, and sun, all the universe belonged to him.

(b) He enjoyed the love and homage of all angels, and archangels, and all the heavenly hosts. They all loved him; from highest to lowest he was the supreme object of their affections.

They all adored him, and bowed before him and worshipped him.

They were all loyal to do his will, and obey his commandments.

(c) He was rich in power and glory.

He sustained all worlds, and governed and controlled the universe.

He reigned over all holy intelligences. He held in subjection all rebellious and fallen spirits.

He was almighty in the administration of all laws.

II. But Jesus Christ for our sake became poor.

He left the throne of the universe, he laid aside the glory he had shared with the Father from all eternity. He seemed to be separated from the angels who loved and adored him.

(a) He was so poor, that when he took upon himself our nature, and was born of a woman, his birthplace was a stable, and his cradle was a manger.

(b) He took upon himself the form of a servant, and led a life of humble toil. He worked at the carpenter's bench for his daily bread.

(c) He was a homeless stranger on earth. He said of himself, that the foxes had holes and the birds of the air had nests, but he had not where to lay his head.

(d) At the last he was robbed of his clothing, was crucified between two thieves and murderers, and buried in a grave that did not belong to him or to any of his kindred.

And all this poverty he took upon himself freely for the good of a poor, wicked, perishing world of sinful men. He did it for our sake.

III. He endured all this self-sacrifice, and self-denial, and stripped himself of all wealth and dominion, and glory, that we through his poverty might be made rich.

(a) Without Christ we are beggars for time and eternity.

(b) If we give our hearts to Christ in penitence and faith,—we are enriched in this world with pardon, peace, joy, and full salvation.

(c) If we take Christ for our friend he will be with us in the dying hour. When rich men have to give up all their gold and earthly possessions, we shall have Christ to go through the valley of the shadow of death, and all fear will be taken away, and we shall conquer death.

(d) If we cling to Christ he will bring us to a mansion, and a crown, and to eternal joy in heaven.

He will make us to sit down on his throne as he has sat down with his Father on his throne.

We shall be kings and priests forever.

All the riches of the universe will be ours to all eternity.

What a glorious prospect! We shall be richer than the angels.

IV. Finally it is for this, that we should make sacrifice, and give of our earthly substance to bless the bodies and save the souls of men.

If our Lord Jesus Christ became poor for our sake that we through his poverty might be made rich—we who are his followers ought to give with abundant liberty to help the poor, to build schools and churches, to sustain the preaching of the Gospel, and especially to send missionaries to all parts of the heathen world.

We are not true followers of Jesus unless we do this.

Schools and Colleges.

The Slater Fund.

The trustees of the Slater Fund report the distribution of \$47,000 among thirty-six Southern colored schools and colleges during the past year. This year \$50,000 will be distributed.

Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., is growing in power and influence under President O. N. Grandison's administration. During the first year of his administration, 1889-90, the number of students was 173; the year preceding under the old, 125. This session, 1890-91, the enrollment is 218. Dr. Hartzell told Prof. Grandison on assuming the Presidency of Bennett that when he crowded the building with students so that it "made the walls crack," he would have a new building erected. This was done the very first year. There were more students than could be accommodated in the building, so many had to find lodgings among families in the city. Now for the new building.

Good News to Teachers.

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Marriages.

Hawthorne, Tex.—June 24, Mr. S. J. Heller to Miss Malissa Banton. W. L. Duncan, P. C. officiated.

Pineville, La.—June 17, Mr. John Robertson to Miss Chloe Ann Washington. Rev. J. L. Augustus officiating.

Goliad, Texas.—June 16, Miss F. D. Biltups of Goliad and Mr. W. S. Walker, of San Antonio, Texas. M. C. Cavines, P. C.

Donaldsonville, La.—At St. Peter M. E. Church, July 3, 7 p. m., Mr. James Roberts to Miss Mary Strain. Rev. H. J. Wright officiating.

Obituary.

Mrs. Celia Bryan, aged about 50 years, the wife of Rev. J. M. Bryan, deceased member of the Louisiana Annual Conference, died in Donaldsonville, La., Saturday, June 27, 12 p. m. Her husband was an earnest worker in the church. Since his death she has been on the conference claimant list, and the several preachers returning from the several conferences to her the sum of \$140, since the death of her husband, notwithstanding she was not a member of our church or any other, and never visited any church for several years. She leaves three sons, two of whom are members of the conference, Rev. C. D. C. Bryan, no at Columbus, La., and the Rev. J. M. Bryan, step-son, stationed at Klotzville, La., who is the oldest son of the late Bro. Bryan. She desired to see her son so much, and called "Cornelius," but he failed to reach her bedside. Only her step-son James came in time. Rev. H. J. Wright, pastor of St. Peter M. E. Church, was a frequent visitor to read, sing and pray with her; the members also assisted, as the Methodists generally do. She expressed a strong hope of salvation and was fully conscious to the last. She was buried by Rev. H. J. Wright.

Allegon, Texas.—A sad accident occurred at this place June 9. Bro. Ed. Wright and Sister C. W. Wright allowed their two boys to go out hunting and fishing, aged respectively 9 and 12 years. While out the oldest accidentally shot himself in the abdomen, which caused his death the next day. He joined the church in his ninth year and lived a faithful Christian. G. R. S.

Benton, Miss.—June 15, Bro. Tate Allen, a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant Church, after a short illness, died in the full triumph of faith. He told his wife and friends that he was ready and willing to die. He leaves a wife and children to mourn.

Sister Narcissa Smith, a faithful member of the same church, died in full triumph of faith. She leaves two brothers and sisters to mourn. J. I. Garrett.

Fayette, Miss.—Bro. Percy Wright departed this life May 13. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church.

Sister Daffany Bowen died very suddenly on the 17th of June. She was one among the first members that joined our church here when it was organized. P. Cannon, P. C. (Rec'd July 2.—Ed.)

Wilson, La.—June 16, Alice M. White, the grand-daughter of Sister K. Green, departed this life, after an illness of nearly two months. E. H. Clark, P. C.



A Poverty-stricken Millionaire!

This seems a paradox, but it is explained by one of New York's richest men. "I don't count my wealth in dollars," he said. "What are all my possessions to me, since I am a victim of consumption? My doctor tells me that I have but a few months to live, for the disease is incurable. I am poorer than that beggar yonder." "But," interrupted the friend to whom he spoke, "consumption can be cured. If taken in time, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will eradicate every vestige of the disease from your system." "I'll try it," said the millionaire, and he did; and to-day there is not a healthier, happier man to be found anywhere. The "Discovery" strikes at the seat of the complaint. Consumption is a disease of the blood—is nothing more nor less than lung-scurf—and it must and does yield to this wonderful remedy.

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We are called to mourn the loss of Bro. George Pye, one of Owens Chapel's best workers, a devoted Christian and beloved father. He leaves a wife, children, brother, sisters and mother to mourn.

Sister Temar Grant departed this life May, 1891. She goes from labor to reward. She lived a faithful, Christian life, and leaves a husband, children and a host of kindred to grieve after her. J. L. Owens, P. C. (Rec'd July 3.—Ed.)

Bedford, La.—Sister Minerva Ellis departed this life June 11. She was one of the stewards sisters of Corinth M. E. Church. She was converted and joined the church in 1884, and lived a faithful member. She was sick eight months. The day before she died she was visited by her pastor, to whom she said that she was aiting on the Lord. She fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. She leaves a mother, husband, three children, three brothers, three sisters and many friends to mourn her loss. Her funeral was preached by the writer.

S. R. Hason, Pastor.

French Camp, Miss.—A young man who was a member of Mt. Moriah M. E. Church, but had backslided, was plowing in his farm with another man and his wife; the young man, Mose Liston, was killed by lightning, and the horse he was plowing with was not hurt. The other man was 60 or 70 yards off from him. The same flash killed the horse he was plowing with, but did not hurt him or Mose's wife. Man ought always to pray. Moses had been swearing just before he was killed. The funeral was attended by the writer. "Watch ye therefore and pray; for ye know not the hour when the Son of man cometh." N. B. Blackman.

Spencer, Tenn.—Sister Viola Buchanan, a faithful member of Smith Chapel M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith June 11. She was a consistent member for about five years. She leaves a husband, a child and friends to mourn.

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My CATARRH was very bad. For thirty years I have been troubled with it—have tried a number of remedies without relief. A druggist advised Ely's Cream Balm. I have used only one bottle and I can say I feel like a new man. I make this voluntary statement that others may know of the Balm.—J. W. Mathewson, (Lawyer), Pawtucket, R. I.

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District Conference and Sunday School Convention at Cotton Gin, August 27 to Sept. 1. Let every pastor be present and report over half of his benevolences raised. W. WESLEY, P. E.

Marshall District Conference.
Will convene at Queen City, August 26. As some of the preachers asked for more time in which to raise their benevolent monies, I hope it means that each preacher on the district will raise every dollar of his benevolent money and report the same at the conference. Take due notice, brethren, and govern yourselves accordingly.
WADE HAMILTON.

Gainesville District, Savannah Conference.

Third Round.

Union Grove.....	July 18-19
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Dear Brothers: Let each one labor to make this the grandest year's work in the history of the Gainesville District. The district conference will meet at Elberton, Aug. 12, at 3 p. m. Let each brother be on hand with written reports. Opening sermon preached by F. R. Bridges. Reduced rates will be given over all roads. M. M. ALSTON, P. E.

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BY MISSIE WEST.

"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord
When the way is dark,
And thy life seems cold,
And no sunshine brooders
Thy path with gold,
When thy friends forsake thee,
And life's storms o'er take thee,
"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord.

"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord.
When the way is bright,
And thy life seems sweet,
And with joyous fulness
Is thy heart replete,
When no storms o'er take thee,
And no joys escape thee,
"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord.

"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord.
Whether light or dark
Be thy walk through life,
Whether joy or grief,
Whether peace or strife;
Whether sorrow's waves harass thee,
Whether joy's bright beams caress thee,
"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord.

"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord.
Through life's changing scenes
To eternity's dawn,
Through the vale of time
To the next world's morn;
During all the years he gives thee,
To this world's sure end He's with thee,
"Lo, I am with you always," saith the Lord.

The Household.
Personal Hygiene.

BY G. W. HUBBARD, M.D.

Care of the Eyes.

Of all the special senses, that of sight seems to be the most indispensable to the happiness and usefulness of man, and for this reason the greater care should be exercised in guarding the eyes from all dangers that may threaten to injure them. The eye is an organ of wonderful mechanism and exquisite sensibility, and injuries to it so slight, that they would scarcely be noticed in other parts of the body, will deprive us of sight, or produce great suffering.

The following rules for preserving the eye-sight should be observed:—

1. Never use the eyes when they are tired or painful, nor with an insufficient or dazzling light. Lamps should always be shaded.

2. Light should fall upon the object viewed from over the left shoulder if possible; it should never come from in front.

3. Hold the object squarely before the eye and at the proper distance which is usually about fifteen inches. Holding it too far produces near-sightedness.

4. Never read on the cars, or when riding in a wagon or a street car, or when lying down.

5. Avoid sudden exposure of the eyes to a bright light as when first waking from sleep. Study by lamp-light before breakfast is practically injurious on this account.

6. Rest the eyes at short intervals when severely taxing them; tired eyes may be refreshed by bathing in cool water or warm water as hot as it can be borne.

7. Upon the discovery of any defect in the sight, consult a competent physician.

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General News Items.

Twenty South Carolina Negroes landed at New York recently direct from Liberia. They were thankful to get back alive and ragged.—*Ex.*

Any American Negro who is fool enough to go to any part of Africa ought to stay there.—*Langston City Herald.*

The people of Holton, Kas., are justly proud of the first lady to graduate as a lawyer from Kansas State University, in the person of Mrs. Ella W. Brown.

W. B. Townsend, who has just finished a course in the law department of the Kansas State University, was selected as one of the class orators from a class of 23, on account of his high class standing. He did himself and his race honor in his oration at the commencement exercises. It was a brave plea for justice and fair play to the Negro.

Dr. Coppenger, secretary of the American Colonization Society, returned to Washington recently from New York, where he went to ship one hundred immigrants to Liberia. As only about three hundred colored people a year are induced to go to Africa, Mr. Coppenger and his society have lost hope of depopulating this country of the descendants of Ham.

Joe Peranti, an Italian fruit vendor of Vicksburg, Miss., enticed a little colored girl, who stopped to buy fruit of him, into his den and outraged her. He was arrested but only confined one night in jail. This is southern justice—for colored people.

Thomas M. Brtton, a colored jockey of Lexington, Ky., won the Tennessee derby in April. He gets \$15,000 a year for riding for Scroggins Bros., and makes about \$10,000 extra annually.

Such an amount would keep fifty preachers at work a whole year for the elevation of humanity. Strange how the worldly-minded value brute force to the mental and moral.

The friends of Hon. Joseph E. Lee, United States Collector at Jacksonville, Fla., have placed his name before the President for an appointment to one of the places on the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals bench.

Our Symposium.

He is Young Yet.

Here's some funny talk recently indulged in by Mr. W. E. B. DuBois of Harvard College, at a race meeting in Boston:

"The whole underlying idea of the Federal Election Bill was wrong. Granted even that it would succeed in putting a few more Negroes into office it would not benefit the colored people. The underlying idea of the measure was that law can accomplish everything; that if you have an evil in the community all you have to do is to pass a law against it, and presto, it is gone. We must ever keep before us the fact that the South has some excuse for its present attitude. We must remember that a good many of our people south of Mason and Dixon's line are not fit for the responsibilities of republican government. When you have the right sort of black voters you will need no election laws. The battle of my people in the South must be a moral one, not a legal or a physical one."

Mr. DuBois is young yet. He does not know as much about some things as he thinks he does. The Federal Election Bill was based upon the underlying principle embodied in section one of article fifteen of the Federal Constitution, which declares that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

What Mr. DuBois has to say after the first sentence of his remark is so much humping based upon no provision in the Constitution and at war with all the principles predominant in our system of government. Southern newspapers may praise Mr. DuBois' remarks, but they represent simply the opinions of a very young man who will think and talk differently a few years hence.—*N. Y. Age.*

We enter a vigorous protest against the introduction of political methods and policies into the deliberations of religious assemblies. All combinations, cliques, and jantas for the purpose of reaching ends that could not be reached by fair and open means are morally wrong and reprehensible, and should be consistently and uniformly repudiated by christian men. Absolute openness should characterize all proceedings that are had in the church of God.—*Nashville Christian Advocate.*

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Mattie A. Davis, Millville, Miss.
Bro. H. Heslop our beloved pastor has entered the work once more, to the great joy of his members and many friends. The sickness and death of his wife caused the restraint of his presence until now. Everybody was glad to meet him; and each one sympathizes with him in his bereavement. He preached two soul-stirring sermons May 31. Bro. Heslop is building a church here at this point which we hope will be ready for dedication by July 1. We have a grand Sunday school. One was received into the church last Sunday.

R. Hampton, Shubuta, Miss.
May 24 was a day of much joy and pleasure with young and old. The program prepared by the pastor and Rev. A. Houze, was nicely carried out. Five hundred persons were present to enjoy the heavenly benediction. We are glad to say that the conference made no mistake in sending the Rev. A. J. McNair to Shubuta, he is loved by all. At 3 p. m., our pastor preached to a large congregation. Rev. L. Brooks preached at night. We raised for our beloved pastor \$42.25. I love the SOUTHWESTERN.

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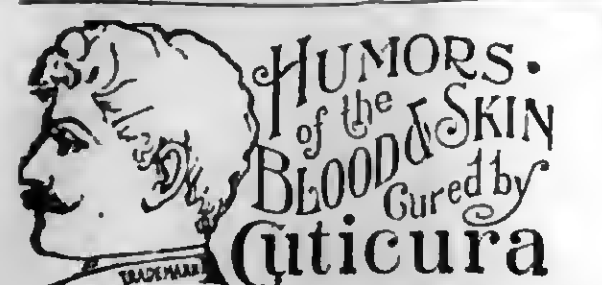
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HOME READINGS.

M. John 2:1-11. Th. Mark 7:1-9. W. Luke 7:16-23. Th. Luke 4:14-21. F. John 10:31-42. S. Mark 6:1-6. S. Rev. 3:14-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory. (John 2:11.)

LESSON HYMN, S. M.

How welcome was the call,
And sweet the festive lay,
When Jesus deigned in Cana's hall
To bless the marriage day!

His gracious power divine
The water vessels knew;
And plenteous was the mystic wine
The wondering servants drew.

O Lord of life and love,
Come thou again to-day;
And bring a blessing from above
That ne'er shall pass away.

Time—A. D. 27.
Place—Cana of Galilee.

Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—This miracle occurred on the third day from the calling of Phillip, and on the last day of the first week of Christ's ministry.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Marriage, v. 1, 2.

Where did the marriage take place?

When did it occur?

From what time is "the third day" reckoned?

What guests are named as present?

2. The Mother, v. 3-5.

What need arose at the feast?

To whom was the need mentioned, and by whom?

What reply did Jesus make?

What command did the mother give?

3. The Miracle, v. 6-11.

What vessels are mentioned as being at hand?

For what purpose were they needed?

Why were so many vessels needed for this purpose? (Mark 7:3-4)

What command did Jesus give about these?

What did he then bid the servants to do?

Who first tasted the new-made wine?

What did he say to the bridegroom?

How many miracles had Jesus wrought before this?

What was shown by this miracle? (Golden Text.)

What effect had it on the disciples?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. To invite Jesus to share our joys?

2. To take our cares to Jesus?

3. To do whatever Jesus commands?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG MEMBERS.

Find a story of another feast at which Jesus was an invited guest?

What was his last miracle before his death?

Find the first and last words given in the gospels spoken by Jesus to his mother.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. In what place was Jesus's first miracle performed? In Cana of Galilee?

2. Who told Jesus that there was no more wine? His mother.

3. What did Jesus say? "Mine hour is not yet come."

4. What did he tell the servants to do with the six water-pots of stone? To fill them with water.

5. Into what was the water turned by Jesus's power? Wine.

EXPLANATIONS.

A marriage—Hebrew maidens were married on the fourth day of the week, our Wednesday; widows were married on the fifth day, our Thursday. The mother of Jesus—She had some apparent authority on this festive occasion, and may have been a relative. His disciples—Five or six men: Andrew,

John, Peter, Phillip, Nathaniel, and probably James. Marriage—The festivities often were continued for several days. When they wanted wine—When the wine failed. They have no wine—In the East at the present time guests sometimes contribute viands to the banquet. Woman—To our ears this sounds harsh, but the word that Jesus used was both respectful and affectionate. What have I to do with thee—What are our mutual relations? How different are our standpoints! Mine hour is not yet come—The divinely appointed hour when a miracle was to be worked. It came immediately afterward. Six water-pots of stone—Large vessels placed in the outer court to hold water for washing purposes. Two or three firkins—From eighteen to twenty-seven gallons each. Anywhere from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and sixty gallons in all. The governor—Probably a kind of head waiter, who tested the wines, arranged the tables, and conducted the feast. Called the bridegroom—Called out to him, perhaps across the room, in sportive language. Have well drunk—Are drunken. This beginning of miracles—This is the first of the signs of Jesus's divine power. His disciples believed on him—The faith that they already had was greatly confirmed.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The supernatural power of Christ.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

72. What advantages are secured to baptized persons? They are admitted to the visible Church of Christ, their relation to him as the Mediator of the new covenant, and their title to the spiritual blessings thereto belonging, are solemnly confirmed.

73. Why was the sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained? For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of Christ's death, and of the benefits that we thereby receive. (1 Cor. 11:23-26.)

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Conference Notices.

District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday School Institute.

The district conference of the Ohio district will convene in Donaldson street, M. E. Church, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, July 22, 9 o'clock a. m. All members are requested to be present at the time appointed. The following subjects will be discussed:

The Ohio district as related to Ohio Methodism, J. H. Payne.

Our relation to the Book Concern and Methodist Literature, H. W. Simmons.

How to promote a revival spirit in the churches, George W. Zigler.

The best method of raising church finances, John F. Moreland.

The most pressing demands upon our pulpit, William C. Echols and Prof. S. R. Singer.

The best way to read and study the Bible, Scott Ward.

The district conference sermon, to be preached by Rev. George B. Lynch, of Oberlin, at 7:30 p. m., July 22.

Pastoral visitation, William W. Weston and W. B. Harris.

What can be done to increase the efficiency of our class meetings? Henry Steen and H. Taylor.

Suggested improvement in the method of taking our benevolent collections, J. G. Jones and Braxton Daniel.

Symposium—The kind of pastors needed for our people, N. A. Elliott, A. McDade and Will H. Bloomer.

Address of welcome, Rev. William Johnson, of Columbus.

Conversations, Presiding Elder.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION

Will hold its first session Thursday morning, July 23, at 10 o'clock. Every chapter on the district is requested to send one or more delegates. This is expected to be one of the most important meetings ever held in this district. Distinguished workers of the League are expected to be present and take part in the exercises. The program will be unusually attractive and interesting.

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Department of Mercy and Help—By

W. H. Consina, E. R. Lewis, Mrs. Nancy Graves, Will Armstrong.

To what extent does the League help the Sunday school and the church?—By Miss Lizzie Jones, Miss Laura B. Reese, James Bates and Mrs. Hattie McCullough.

Each Sunday school superintendent is expected to deliver a brief address upon the most important phases of Sunday school work.

The people of Columbus are preparing to give you a cordial welcome, and the committee expect to secure reduced rates from the several railroad companies. The Presiding Elders of the conference are especially invited; and we extend a hearty invitation to all members of the Lexington Conference. Come over into the beautiful Buckeye State and see how our work prospers. Finally, bring up all your benevolences and have them ready to report at the third quarterly conference.

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Notice.

To the delegates and preachers in charge of the Atlanta District, Savannah Conference: Dear Brethren:—The District Conference will convene at Palmetto, Ga., August 6. The preachers are requested to mail the names of the delegates to me at once, so that suitable homes can be secured for them. Please do not wait until within a day or two of the conference to send them, but send them now. Delegates will be returned home at one-third rates, provided they secure certificates from the agents when starting showing that full fare was paid in coming to conference. Otherwise, no reduced rates will be given.

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Palmetto, Ga.

Camp Meeting.

There will be a grand camp meeting at the Gulf Coast Camp Ground, commencing August 6, to continue to the 17th. Many of our well known ministers will attend from this and adjacent districts. Brethren from Louisiana, come and bring your congregations.

ISRAEL C. KUCKER, P. C.

Corner-Stone Laying.

The corner stone to our new church will be laid August 20. All are invited.

S. H. NEVILLS, P. C.

W. McDONALD, P. E.

Greenwood, Miss.

The Nashville District Conference will be held on the 26th of August, 1891, at McMinnville, Warren county, Tenn.

JESSE P. PRICE.

Woman's Home Mission.

The auxiliaries of the W. H. M. Society of the Baton Rouge District, Louisiana Conference, are hereby called to meet August 6, in connection with the district conference, which will convene in Wesley Chapel M. E. Church. Dear sisters, please meet us without fail, for it grieves me very much to see the work go down. I hope every pastor will read this notice from his pulpit and urge all of the auxiliaries to send their presidents to the conference.

HESTER WILLIAMS,

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There will be a grand camp meeting at Brookhaven, Miss., August 13-23, instead of July 29th. The meeting will be conducted by a committee of preachers in conference with the trustees. Committee: J. H. Cook, H. May, A. Davis, A. Handy, and Presiding Elder B. L. Crump. We will have reduced rates on the I. C. R. R. during the meeting, from Jackson and New Orleans to Brookhaven.

D. RAY, P. C.

Camp Meeting.

The camp meeting for the Botone and Fredericksburg circuit will convene July 25, at Fredericksburg. Rev. H. Swann, Presiding Elder, and Revs. W. H. Mosby, A. Huff, A. Wilson, C. Dorn, and others are expected to be present to help us pray for ourselves.

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Tallapoosa " 22-23

Rome, First Church—Kent Sept. 5-6

Rome, Second Church " 5-6

Rome, Third Church " 12-13

Cedartown—S. Smith " 12-13

Cave Springs—Upshaw " 19-20

Floyd " 19-20

The district conference will convene August 13, at Adairville. Our District Sunday School Convention will meet in connection with the district conference, as no other arrangements have been made. There will be visitors from the other districts, also those connected with our educational work. Dear brethren, let each plainly and faithfully present our collections, so as to be able to report our entire assessments raised at the district conference. We hope that the revival spirit will sweep through the whole meeting.

H. K. ALLEN, P. E.

Camp Meeting.

Our camp meeting at Pleasant Hill, La., will convene August 23. All are invited.

A. McLOCKLIN, P. C.

Ohio District, Lexington Conference.

Second Round.

Oberlin July 17

Cleveland " 18-20

Columbus—District conference " 22-23

Bridgeport " 25-26

Martin's Ferry " 26-27

Stenhouseville " 28-29

Cadiz Aug. 1-3

Columbus " 4-6

Bellaire " 7-9

Ironton " 11-12

Lonia, Ky. " 13

Portsmouth " 14-16

North Fork, Ky. " 20-23

Mayaville, Ky. " 23-24

Dover, Ky. " 30

Augusta " 30-31

Lanark and Batavia Sept. 5-7

Covington, Ky. " 5-7

Cincinnati " 12-13

Milford " 19-20

Walnut Hills " 20

Cheviot " 26-27

Camminsville " 27

Lindsay's " 27

E. W. S. HAMMOND,
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Our Educational Work Among the White People of the South.

The educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the 16 Southern States, under the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has grown to marvelous proportions during the past 25 years. Forty-three institutions are under the direction of the society, and of this number 21 are among white people. The society appoints over 300 teachers, and aids in supporting them. The work of developing local self help is going forward splendidly, but still scarcely one of these schools could exist for six months were it not for the contributions of the whole church.

Nobody questions the importance of the work among colored people. Preachers, teachers, christian mechanics, physicians, dentists and pharmacists are being educated. A fair proportion of the colored students have taken the higher courses of study and are being thoroughly equipped for their life-work. There are those, however, who question the providential character of the work of the society among the white people of the South. None who have studied this phase of the work are among this class, however. The multitudes of white people in the central South who were loyal to our Methodism and the nation, and who are largely without opportunities for education of any kind affords opportunities for philanthropic educational and christian work scarcely equalled anywhere.

In this central South the Methodist Episcopal Church has fully one hundred thousand communicants.

Dr. Hartzell sums up the work of the society among the white people of the South as follows:

Of the forty-three institutions under the control of the society twenty-one of them are among the whites. Without these schools our work in the South could not be maintained, or if maintained would be so greatly crippled as to destroy its efficiency in the work of building a christian civilization in the country.

The seminary work among the whites is particularly promising. With a few hundred dollars a school can be sustained which, if unaided, would necessarily fail. Perhaps no better opportunity for producing large results with a small amount of money can be found anywhere than in aiding the white academies in the sixteen Southern States. For the small sum of \$200 a school can be carried forward for a whole year which will have an enrollment of from 100 to 150 students. There are many people in the North who with but little sacrifice could support such a school from year

OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH.

to year and be the cause of an untold amount of good.

Three of these are collegiate centers. One of them the U. S. Grant, is located at Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn. Another, Little Rock University, at Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Fort Worth University, at Fort Worth, Texas. The rest of the schools among the whites are academies, mostly located in Tennessee and Georgia. These academies correspond with the preparatory courses of the central institutions. They are run very cheaply and afford opportunities for hundreds of students who could not otherwise attend school because of the expense of travel involved. The whole number of white students last year was 2,652. This number will probably be increased for the year 1890-91.

It is impossible to estimate the importance of this work in the interest of christian education and also in the interest of our church in the South. It is a settled principle of benevolent work that it must be carried forward principally by the men developed on the field. This makes the work of christian education among the white people of the South necessary to the support of the church in this section of the country.

Facing a Great Responsibility.

The responsibility of superintending and aiding, as far as its funds will permit, the schools among our white people in the South, rests upon the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

The following list of schools from the annual report for year ending July 1, 1890, indicates the extent to which this responsibility is being met.

INSTITUTIONS AMONG WHITE PEOPLE.

1. Collegiate.		Tchrs. St'ds.	
Fort Worth University, Fort Worth, Tex.	8	195	
Little Rock University, Little Rock, Ark.	7	194	
U. S. Grant University, Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn.	42	622	
Total	57	1,011	
2. Theological.			
School of Theology in U. S. Grant University	3	32	
3. Academic.			
Baldwin Academy, Baldwin, Ala.	2	60	
Bloomington College, Bloomington, Tenn.	4	150	
Ellijay Academy, Ellijay, Ga.	5	262	
Fairview Academy, Trapp Hill, N. C.	6	195	
Graham Academy, Smyrna, N. C.	4	138	
Holston Academy, New Market, Tenn.	2	190	
Kingsley Academy, Bloomington, Tenn.	4	118	
Leicester Academy, Leicester, N. C.	3	122	
Mallalieu Academy, Kinsey, Ala.	4	113	
McLemoreville Academy, McLemoreville, Tenn.	5	190	
Mt. Zion Academy, Mt. Zion, Ga.	3	115	
Powell's Valley Academy, Well Spring, Tenn.	6	220	
Parrottsville Academy, Parrottsville, Tenn.	4	102	
Roanoke Academy, Roanoke, Va. (not opened past year).			
Woodland Academy, Cumberland, Miss.	3	11	
Total	61	1,824	

About \$20,000 is all the society could see its way clear to appropriate to this work for 1890-91. A small amount indeed, for so great and promising a work. The academies receive but small subsidies. The school at Fort Worth is nearly self-supporting. Schools among colored people receive four-fifths of all the money expended by the society. The church needs added light on its duty to its quarter of a million white communicants in the South. Rev. J. Braden, D.D., president Central Tennessee College, says:

It is written, "And whether one member of the body suffer, all the members suffer with it." This is true of others as well as the human



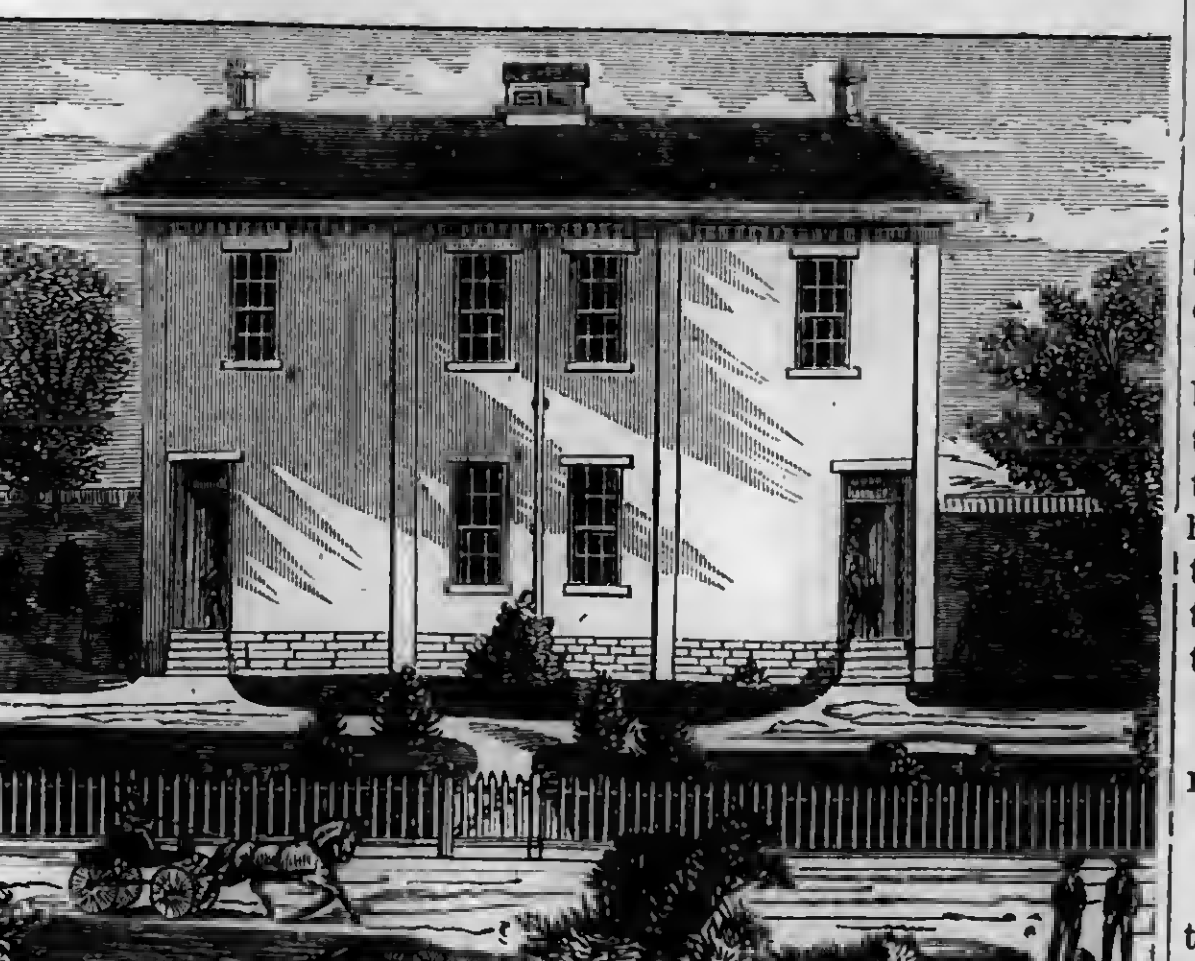
MAIN BUILDING, NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY.



NEW BUILDING, RUST UNIVERSITY, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.
The Foundation is in.



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When Addition is Completed



CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE ACADEMY,
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body. The influence of a good school or a church is felt in a community; so is that of a saloon or gambling shop. It is so with the lives of good or bad men; their examples influence others. It is so with good and bad teachings; their fruits are seen in the noble or ignoble lives that result. Slavery was a mighty power. It taught by precept and example. It taught that the rich were the favored class, that it was a misfortune to be poor, a dishonor to toil. Slaves were to labor, and those who were compelled to labor were only a little removed from the condition of the slave. Hence there was no provision made to educate the poorer classes of whites in the South during slavery. These suffered because of the sufferings of the blacks. The children of these people are still feeling the consequence of that privation. They are numbered by the tens of thousands in the South. They are just as dangerous an element of ignorance as if they had black skins. It may be that there is not the same sympathy for this class as for the blacks, on the part of some of our philanthropists; yet the fact that they are in our midst, are our citizens, have been true to the flag of our country, and are in our churches, or are in need of the missionary and teacher in their mountain or wilderness homes, should enlist the liveliest interest of the patriot and christian. These multitudes should not be left to say, because they are neglected: "No man cares for my soul." The heart of the church is large enough to obey the Master's command to preach to every creature. These come within this number. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has done a noble work in taking in, as far as possible, all the needy ones, resultant of the system of slavery. The colored people were impoverished by unrequited toil. The deadly influence of this wrong to them was reflected back on the rich, in that it tended to create in them a neglect of the interest of the poor; and on the poor, in that it tended to degrade labor in their eyes, and thus both rich and poor felt the result of a wrong perpetrated on the blacks. It will take time to erase the influence of this system of wrong-doing from the minds of all classes in this Southland. Christian influences are at work and are bringing to all minds a higher estimate of all classes of society, and a better recognition of the rights of all. This impulse is the result of christian effort. The churches are doing much through the pulpit and press. Christian schools, established and supported by the church, are helping amazingly to bring about this happy result, and poor and rich will be bound together in a bond of brotherhood. For this end the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society puts its hundreds of teachers into the educational work, and draws its thousands of students under the influence of christian teachers. The poor then, will have abundant reason for blessing this society for coming to their help. This is a work that the future will regard as a special honor to a society that came to the poorer classes in their mountain homes with the means of christian education.

Some misapprehension has existed in regard to the work of the Missionary Society in the South and the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The work of the two societies is entirely distinct and neither does any of the work of the other. The Missionary society supports no schools, educates no ministers in the South. The education of the ministry, the development of christian leadership, the supplying of the needs of christian teachers in our public school work, the answer of the demand for intelligent physicians, the development of skilled workmen to become the leaders of great industrial movements in the South that are rapidly coming to the front, all depend upon the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. We refer to this because of the confused notion in the minds of many people touching the specific work of the various missionary organizations of the church. If the pastors will excuse us, we suggest that this point be clearly set forth in the presentation of the cause before the people. We need to make our people intelligent. Give them clear, definite notions of the work accomplished by each benevolent organization, and then leave it with them to do what they feel that God calls upon them to do.

Most of these academic schools are among the white people and are made feeders to U. S. Grant University. Most of these are located in the mountain regions of East Tennessee, and are supplying christian education to a class of people which otherwise would be almost devoid of educational opportunities. As rapidly as the society is able to do so, its plan is to build these academies among the colored people, and thus reach a much larger area with christian education than is possible by these central institutions. There is no work of the church to-day, perhaps, where so little money will do so much good as organizing and supporting these academic institutions. If the society had a perpetuity of \$200 a year, they could organize an academy where from one hundred to one hundred and fifty students could be taught each year, without which most of them must remain in perpetual ignorance. May the Lord put it upon the heart of some one to plant such a school and care for it for the next ten years.

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APPRECIATION OF OUR WORK.

There is a growing appreciation among the masses of Southern white people outside of our own communion, for the work which this Society is accomplishing. This result comes largely from a better understanding of our work. Time, and the gracious results of the civilization of freedom in the South, are working marvels in exploding old and false theories touching the Negro and his friends, who sympathized with the North in the late war. Many who—twenty or even ten years ago—could not even hold social intercourse because of different views touching the Negro, now clasp hands and unite thought and heart in plans for his education.

Another encouraging fact is increased financial aid in the South outside of our communion. Local contributors to individual schools are larger than before. An effort to lessen the appropriation by the Legislature of South Carolina to the Claflin University, at its last session, received an overwhelming defeat.

The citizens of Nashville have lately given \$2000 for a building

PREPARATORY SCHOOLS AMONG WHITE PEOPLE.

In addition to our collegiate centers, we have preparatory schools pursuing primary and academic studies. These institutions have small buildings and few teachers, and are largely supported by the

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Letters from the Districts.

Program for Palestine District Conference.

W. WESLEY, P. E.

To be held at Cotton Gin, Aug. 27 to Sept. 1, 1891.

The successful pastor, M. Smith. Relation of class leaders to pastors, C. Davenport.

Duties of the benevolent committees, J. H. Anderson.

The disciplinary plan and how to carry it out, B. Fisher.

The mission of the M. E. Church and its progress, J. D. Mead.

Regeneration, M. Wilson.

Local preachers and their duty, G. W. Love.

How to keep a lively congregation, L. H. Barnett.

The conversion of children, their membership and care; the Presiding Elder.

Communion of saints, P. Womack.

Relation of pastors to the Presiding Elder, A. W. Parker.

Our schools and the work they are doing, W. A. Fortson.

The SOUTHWESTERN, H. W. Booker.

Female representation in the General Conference, should it be? D. Atkins.

The M. E. Church in Texas, its growth, T. Moore.

Let each pastor prepare a paper on his subject.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN; Prof. G. W. Wells, A. M., of Wiley University; Dr. I. B. Scott, Rev. W. H. Logan and the President of Wiley University are cordially invited.

Prof. G. W. Wells will conduct the Sunday School Institute.

Monroe District.

STEPHEN PRIESTLEY, P. E.

We commenced our second round at Vidalia, where Bro. H. B. Hart is doing excellent work. The people are pleased with him. All we need at Vidalia is a neat church. We have the public school house, but we need our own property.

Trinity holds her own. Bro. George Washington does his best, but we need a young man for this work.

Lake Providence has changed remarkably. Bro. Alfred Gray is a man for promptness and punctuality.

At Bastrop, Rev. M. H. Hunter is doing a good work, and has organized an educational society for the people, and is, with the assistance of his wife, teaching a very large school.

Rev. C. W. Kershaw and his young wife are doing much good at Washington Chapel. A good year's work will be done at this charge.

Rev. M. S. Goings, at Nebo, is in the midst of a grand people and in the new parsonage. We need to finish this fine work.

At Benah and Mt. Sinai we hope to go in our new church by the last of August. We expect to lay the corner stone August 2. It will be the first one laid on this work. Rev. F. M. Lashington leads his church with credit to himself and people.

Rev. Phillips, at Jones Chapel and Millhaven, is still holding on with great faith.

Rev. E. C. Goings, at Monroe, has paid and taken up one note of \$100 with interest, and is making some preparation to build our new church at this point.

The trustees of Mt. Olive and Washington Chapel are very grateful to the Church Extension Board for help, freeing their churches from debt.

The entire district is in a good condition. Peace among the brethren increases all along the line.

Brookhaven District.

H. L. KENNEDY, SEC'Y.

Conference met in the M. E. Church at Pass Christian, Miss., May 28, 1891, Rev. B. L. Crump presiding. Following answered roll call: A. Davis, D. Ray, P. F.

Robinson, S. McDavis, H. L. Kennedy, I. C. Rucker, H. May, A. Handy, J. B. Smith, H. Rountree, I. L. Pratt, and O. H. Flowers.

H. L. Kennedy was elected secretary and A. Davis assistant. I. C. Rucker, statistical secretary.

Presiding Elder B. L. Crump read an interesting report. Each pastor read his report, which showed that they had not been idle, but had done much for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ.

The local preachers also made good reports. M. N. Peters, of Pearlinton, reported that his wife had died and left him with four little children. A few days after her death, Bro. Peters was called to mourn the death of one of his sisters. The conference greatly sympathized with Bro. Peters.

The exhorters and other members made very encouraging reports.

Rev. S. H. Nevils, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, was introduced, and he preached an able sermon on Thursday night.

Divine services were held each evening at 3 and 8 o'clock p. m., by Revs. I. C. Rucker, S. McDavis, A. Handy, O. H. Flowers and D. Ray. Each of them preached very interesting sermons.

More than \$3000 had been raised since the brethren returned from the annual conference.

Sunday morning, 9 o'clock, the Sunday School met on time. Miss Bertha Steward presided at the organ. At 11 o'clock Rev. I. C. Rucker preached to a crowded house. At 3 o'clock the congregation heard Presiding Elder J. M. Shumpert, of the Meridian district.

He preached an interesting sermon, after which the Lord's Supper was administered to 140.

They raised \$100.62 during the session. H. Jones, S. Steward, M. King, O. White, E. Morris, E. Capers, F. Beltou, L. Brown, A. Williams, W. Holmes, L. Kennedy, P. Morris, M. Covington, G. T. Howard, Mrs. Marshall, A. Chyeld, E. A. Porter, S. Smith and G. Burkes each paid one dollar. Others paid amounts ranging from five to fifty cents. \$11.75 was then taken up to assist in defraying the funeral expenses of the late Rev. E. Harris, who died last December.

Rev. H. May and his good people spared no pains in preparing for the conference. The church had been beautifully repaired. The aisles and the pulpit had been carpeted by a committee consisting of Mrs. E. Morris, P. Morris, J. Stratter, M. Jones, E. Stephenson, E. Johnson, A. Johnson, M. Collins, L. Brown, J. Harvey, O. White, J. Clark, M. King, and Mrs. C. Raymore. The pastor gave a pulpit Bible. Total cost of carpet and Bible, \$39.55.

To the Preachers of the Columbus District, West Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren:

The West Texas Annual Conference will meet December 16, thus giving us only ten months in this conference year. There is not one moment to lose. Let us be up and doing, for the time is short. I have completed my first round and thought I would report it, but the work is in such a shabby condition that it would be no credit to the church for such a report of a district that once stood second to none, to be made. I made the round and received from the 2118 full members only \$131.80 for my support. That will explain the financial condition at the commencement of the year.

I have held two quarters on the second round and received \$54.30, which is nearly half as much as I got for the whole of the first round. The two pastors where I have been have received \$150 between them, raised \$10 each for missions, and something near \$100 for improvements. So you see we are gaining ground as fast as can be expected. We don't care to talk much, but meet the annual conference with full reports and not a lot of excuses. Brethren, reach for the top round. Don't be content to meet the conference without having done your best. Be men. Make up

your mind to do your full share of the work, and if you see you can not succeed after you have done your best, step down and out of the way.

Our district conference will meet at Alleyton, August 6. The brethren voted for it to meet in September, but in view of the early meeting of the Annual Conference, we will have to meet early. Besides, September is too late; that is harvest time, and it is just as important to save the crop as it is to make it.

Brethren, don't hold any meetings that will conflict with the labor, for it is by this we all live. There is time enough for us to do our work for the church and for the saving of souls without holding our meeting right in the busy season and keeping the people up so late at night until they can't work in the day. In my quarterly meetings on the circuits, I meet the Sunday schools at nine, preach at eleven, and then again at three, and let the people go free until the next Sunday morning; and the plan works well. There is no need of keeping the people all day and half of the night. They will think more of us if we show them that we feel their interests. If it is necessary to see a farmer on some matter that you cannot attend to at night, see him at noon, or go to his farm and walk a round or two with him, and do not expect him to stop his work and ride a mile or two to see you. Sometimes this makes the landlords prejudiced towards the preachers. We are not able yet to act independent, neither do we belong to a church that preaches such doctrine.

I shall hold, or cause to be held, four quarters at each point. These rallying times are the life of the church. Where the Presiding Elder does his full duty his visit is a help to the cause, and he earns all he gets. Therefore, I shall make four visits, though the time be short.

I will make a full report of the district when we have something worth reading. With a determination to do my best, I am your brother, C. L. MADISON.

Columbus, Texas.

Bro. Madison gives some good advice to all who may read these lines, which we would all do well to heed.—Ed.]

The peculiar enervating effect of summer weather is driven off by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes the weak strong.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

W. H. Higgins, Oak Forest, Ark.

Our second quarterly was held on the 16th and 17th, all the members of the conference were present except two, with their reports all in good shape. Our beloved Presiding Elder W. R. R. Dnnoan was with us and he preached two edifying sermons. Children baptized during the quarter 19, adults 5, members added 9, money raised during quarter for mission \$21.90. Paid P. E. \$10.70, pastor \$5.20. We are going to raise all of our benevolent money this year the Lord being our helper. The SOUTHWESTERN is not forgotten, we will try to send in some cash subscribers soon. I pray God's blessing on the paper and its grand and glorious editor, hoping God will spare him long to continue in the noble work.

J. P. Gregg, Pickett Chapel, Lebanon, Tenn.

This charge is moving forward. Our Sunday school has greatly increased in number this year. The superintendent and teachers are striving very hard to reach the highest standard. At our Easter services we collected \$5.50. Jubilee \$7. Total \$12.50. We expect to raise every cent of our assessment this year. Paid pastor \$138.50, Presiding Elder \$54, for other purposes \$60. Total \$287.50. We have received 14 full members and 22 probationers, and have lost four of our members, having been taken away by death.

H. O. Williams, Shady Grove circuit.

I came to my appointment January 21, after walking 20 miles. I came to my first church, my reception first was very cold. But by the help of our God, I began on the work of the Lord. Started my revival, and the Lord has blessed us with 176 mourners and 23 converts, one from the Baptist Church. Shady Grove is a bad place to get money, but plenty of people to preach to.

E. C. Goings, pastor St. James M. E. Church, Monroe, La.

The people once more have come to the front at the grand rally for the new church. The bright idea was gotten up and led by the pastor, but to the surprise of all, the Presiding Elder arrived just in time and rendered valuable service. Collection \$90.

W. H. Hundley, Ingrams Mill, Miss.

The first quarterly conference for Bright Prospect circuit, Holly Springs district, was held May 23, 24, with Rev. Dr. H. R. Revels, P. E., in the chair. The brethren were present with well written reports and the session was one of great interest and much pleasure, and the reports showed progress all along the line. Sunday was a great day in Zion, the venerable Doctor preached a soul-stirring sermon. He also gave the Sunday school a grand lecture. Collection for the day \$15.30. Paid pastor \$35. Seventy-four partook of the Lord's Supper. The grand old SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten, we hail it with joy unspeakable. It seems to get better every issue.

D. Richardson, Howells Cross Roads, Ala.

My first quarterly conference was held May 23, 24. The elder preached one of his awakening sermons. Thirty-four partook of the Lord's Supper. Paid elder \$8.95. The trustees gave a festival and realized \$92.80 to buy a church lot of their own. They have bought and paid for the ground. I. Townsend, P. E., gave a grand lecture on missions.

J. H. Wilson, Jesup, Ga.

We had a grand rally called Silver Dollar Day the third Sunday and raised the sum of \$42 to build our new parsonage. The members and friends worked grandly. The second quarterly was held May 23 and 24, by our beloved Presiding Elder A. P. Melton. The reports showed the work in a prosperous condition. Four accessions this quarter. Collection \$45.10. Paid pastor \$35.11, Presiding Elder \$10. The elder preached an able and soul-stirring sermon on Sunday. A grand rally is to be had at New Hope on the 3rd Sunday in June to build a church at that place. Easter was observed and apportionment raised and forwarded. The SOUTHWESTERN comes to me every Thursday. It gets better, it seems at every issue. Long live the editor and this grand old vindicator of right to the race.

S. B. Buford, Elberton circuit, Ga.

We are moving along rapidly on all lines. Having built two churches last year, repaired one and plastered another. We are now preparing to build a parsonage at Elberton. Sunday May 25th was our "rally day," all the churches of the different denominations in town suspended operations and came over to help us. This plan was brought about by and through the Preacher's Union meeting, and is a measure of great mutual help. We realized \$20 for the purpose of beginning to build. The whole circuit is on a rally for the district conference which meets here in August. The District Sunday School Convention met at Harmony Grove on the 29th of May. It was an interesting occasion. Miss Maria Williams read a paper on "The Sunday school the plant-bed of the church," which was very good. The reader regarded the Sunday school as a unique institution for religious training, and our greatest men in the church to-day were brought up under its sacred influence. A living, active Sunday school equals an active and successful church. A place from which to draw plants; that by this means the kindness of God is to be spread

among all nations. Holy writ sanctions this idea, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." That the Sunday school is an indispensable supplement to the best home training. We are living in a bright age; therefore, let us push forward and do all we can and God will do the balance. Many other good suggestions which, for want of space we cannot name, were presented in the paper. We are canvassing in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN, and hope to send you a number of cash subscribers before long. We take this opportunity to extend to Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, a cordial welcome to the Gainesville district Conference, which meets here in Elberton on the 15th of August, and hope he will make it convenient to visit us at that time.

[Thanks. If we can we will. Ed.]

M. H. Hunter, Bastrop, La.

The second Sunday in June was our trustees' financial "rally day." Ministers who participated with us on the occasion and rendered good service were Revs. C. W. Kershaw, M. S. Goings, R. H. Martin of the C. M. E. Church, S. Priestley, P. E., and others. Collection, \$105.05. This amount pays off our entire debt on church property. On Monday, Rev. S. Priestley delivered an address to the patrons and scholars of our Educational Society. All were well pleased with the address, and a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

Rev. T. J. Clarke, vice-president of the Sixth General District Conference Epworth League, writes that the Epworth League in the South among the colored people, is taking like a charm, and that the Sunday schools have new life infused into them, where the League has a Chapter organized. God bless the originator of this coming giant, whose aspect is grand. Much good has already been accomplished through the means of the Chapters, for our environments are so great to lead the young away from Christ and the church that we believe that the League will be a glorious means to help combat the evils and gather the young for the church. Let the Christian Church take hold and find out the virtue in the League, and bring it before the young people and encourage them to consolidate themselves in a solemn phalanx for Christ and Methodism in this sunny Southland.

A. T. Graves, Ardmore, I. T.

The Methodists of the Indian Territory are having a hard time fighting the devil, but by the help of the Lord we have erected a nice little church, 20x34. Our membership in town is only ten, but we have as many more good members in the country. I came here two years ago and found only one member. I want each district to raise as much as \$1 and forward same to us to help raise the debt hanging over us. We want to pay for and dedicate the church by the 1st of August next, if possible. This we cannot do without some help. Will you help us? Our pastor for this year is a good man. I did not take any work this year, feeling that I could do more good here at home. Our field is large.

R. C. Barrow, Pontchatoula, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 15, Presiding Elder Landry in the chair. Collected this quarter, \$35; paid pastor, \$29. The Presiding Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Miss Emma M. Carter, principal of Beebe Institute, New Orleans, is visiting her relatives here. Miss Carter is a graduate of New Orleans University.

L. H. Mosley, Webb Station, Miss.

When I came to this work I only found 29 members and no church. I have already built one church and we are now preparing to build another. Amount raised for building, \$4.95.

S. W. Stokes, Forrest City, Miss.

We are having a good time with our church now. Every pastor who funds the work hard should

stay at this work, and the Lord will bless him.

G. Rogers, Troy, Ala.

Residing Elder Mack Henson, of the Antistown District, West Texas Conference, was with us all day on the 21st. He addressed the Sunday school in the morning and at 3 p. m. preached an able sermon. All we need here is a church.

N. B. Blackman, French Camp, Miss.

My first quarterly conference convened at St. Paul M. E. Church May 2, 8, with Presiding Elder R. Sewell in the chair. The brethren's reports showed progress. Paid pastor this quarter, \$20.10; Presiding Elder, \$12.50; paid for all purposes, \$35.10. Sunday, at 11 o'clock, the Presiding Elder preached a soul reviving sermon to a large congregation. Sixty-two partook of the Lord's Supper, four joined the church, fourteen accessions, and ten children baptized this quarter. I am doing all I can for the SOUTHWESTERN.

D. B. Harston, Brinkley, Ark.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 20, 21, with Presiding Elder W. R. R. Duncan in the chair. The Elder preached to a crowded house. Sixty-one partook of the Lord's Supper. Collection, \$13.65.

P. R. Woodson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

My third quarterly conference was held at Smith charge, June 20, 21, by Rev. J. P. Price. Reports proved it a successful quarter. Paid Presiding Elder, \$10.85; pastor, \$40; for benevolences this quarter, \$8; for SOUTHWESTERN, one new subscriber.

W. H. Smith, Herbert, Miss.

Our first quarterly conference was grand. Raised for Elder, \$5.15; paid pastor, \$4. I have also raised money to build a new church. Received in the church, 65; baptized 13. May 10 was celebrated. Raised for Freedmen's Aid, \$12.

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Children's Day Gleanings.

W. H. H. Gallion, Shelby, Miss.

Children's Day was observed. Collection \$2. The Sunday school is increasing every Sunday. Our church work was small in the beginning, but is growing very rapidly. The outlook for our church in this delta is good. This is a new field and we have many opposers, but we meet them with the sword of the Spirit and they take their flight. Rev. B. J. Dannel and family have joined our church and are rendering much help to the pastor on this circuit. The Rev. J. W. Davis, P. E., is doing much to make this the banner district in the Upper Mississippi Conference.

E. J. Washington, Hubbard City, Tex.

We used the regular program and had a nice time. Collection \$3.55. Our pastor Rev. N. J. Johnson was not with us on that day, although we had a grand time. Bro. Johnson is much loved by everybody. Our protracted meeting has resulted in seven conversions.

Mary P. Harris, Jonestown, Miss.

The program was carried out very successfully. Collection \$2.25. The M. E. Church is in its infancy here, but is growing.

I. Mays, Elm, Texas.

Children's Day was duly observed. We had an excellent time. Collection \$3. We celebrated the 19th of June with a grand barbecue, etc. Speeches were made by Dr. Middleton, Rev. Wadkins, and Mr. Lloyd Green. Among other things Dr. Middleton spoke of the "separate car" bill which took effect on that day. He said he did not care about being separated from white people, but he did object to having especial legislation for the colored people as a separate and inferior race. I like the SOUTHWESTERN.

Our people at Meadville, Miss., Rev. W. N. G. Lipscomb, pastor, celebrated Children's Day in good style. Collection \$8.35.



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It is absolutely necessary that we afford better opportunities for the education of our young if we intend to do the work that God has thrust upon us. Thousands and hundreds of thousands of people among the colored people in the South depend wholly upon the ministry for their conception of the Gospel and for general information. It is impossible to estimate the elevating influence to have in the pulpit a man who has had some opportunity to attend some of our schools. His influence is restraining their extravagances, breaking away their superstitions, giving them more clearly defined notions of the claims of the Gospel upon them, leading them to a better moral life, and developing a better type of Christian civilization.

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This school of the prophets, located at Atlanta, Ga., has grown to be a well equipped theological school. The faculty, Drs. Thirkield, Murray, Parks and Crawford are men well adapted to their work. Seventy-nine students were in the school last year, representing eleven States and twenty-six institutions of learning. The students make up a noble band of colored young men. During the past year a new movement has been inaugurated by having one of the professors visit our different schools in the South and look after young men who are called to the ministry. President Thirkield says: "Several universities have been visited by members of the faculty the past year. There they met the biblical classes and gave some hours of special drill in Bible studies. General lectures before the entire body of students were also given. In every instance they were heartily received, and arrangements have been made for a like series of visitations during the coming year. This work is in harmony with Dr. Hartzell's plan for the unification of our schools, which now is beginning to bear fruit."

The graduates who have gone forth from this school are doing good work in many parts of the South.

The Theological School in connection with U. S. Grant University, enrolled thirty-two students the past year. The Dean, Rev. Dr. Newcombe, is preparing a new Hebrew grammar. Dr. Aokerman and Dr. Cooke are able teachers, and the school has before it a great future.

BIBLICAL DEPARTMENTS.

In all the collegiate centers biblical departments are established where young men called to the ministry are instructed. Two

hundred and seventy-nine young men are preparing for the ministry in the schools of the South. Let the prayers of the Church ascend to God for His benediction upon these "Schools of the Prophets." Nearly all our young men studying for the ministry are poor. The Society and outside friends help them. The teachers are all paid from the treasury of this Society, so that the existence of the schools depends upon the support given by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Dr. Hartzell to Visit Some of the District Conferences.

CINCINNATI, O. July 9th, '91. Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., New Orleans, La.

My Dear Brother: I have official business which will take me to Little Rock, Ark., and to Marshall, Tex., in August. This will enable me to visit the district conference of the Shreveport district at Natchitoches August 14th, in the interest of our school work, and also to spend Sunday, August 16th, at the Alexandria district Conference at Alexandria, in the interest of the Alexandria Academy. I feel that that school must be pushed ahead. It has made a good beginning under one of our own graduates. One colored man in that neighborhood has given one hundred dollars for endowment, and I fully believe that if the people of that district can be set to work upon some practical plan, that a plain but substantial building can be erected at once.

I wish also to give three or four days with Dr. Adkinson in pushing the raising of money toward the finishing of the new building at New Orleans University. We must have a thousand students in this great school next year.

I have just to-day given the necessary data to a noble man and his wife in an eastern state, who proposes to endow a chair for Biblical instruction in the New Orleans University. Provisions for this will be made in their will. Let us pray that yet others will remember this school and other schools among our people in the South.

Yours in Christian fellowship and labor,
J. C. HARTZELL.

An Epoch.

BY REV. J. C. HARTZELL, D.D.

Every great movement has its important epochs, when the results of years of sacrifice and toil seem to culminate in a moment; or when difficulties, which have seemed insurmountable, suddenly vanish; or when earnest souls, who have been studying difficult problems from opposite standpoints, meet on common ground, and together rejoice over victories won. One of the most important and encouraging features of our educational work in the South now is the cordial recognition and co-operation it is receiving from representative Southern white people outside of our own church.

A notable illustration of this occurred at Orlan University, Orangeburg, S. C., February 11th. That state has its Agricultural and Mechanical College for colored people in connection with our university, and, on the date named, we met Dr. Dutton, the president, and the Executive Committee of the State Board at the university for consultation. Several hours were given to visiting the classrooms and workshops. The satisfaction expressed by all was indeed gratifying. Chapel services followed. Nearly seven hundred colored young men and women were present.



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ent. The school will enroll nearly, if not quite, one thousand this year. State Senator Ferguson was the spokesman for the committee. He is a fine looking, dignified gentleman, and spoke with great composure, and at times manifested profound feeling. The following is his address almost entire. We doubt if, under the circumstances, a more significant and manly address has been spoken in the South in twenty-five years:

"I do not know that I have ever seen a day that has given me more satisfaction than this day. I will be frank with you; I come from the Piedmont country, from the western section of our state, and you know that if there is any prejudice against the Negro anywhere, it is in that section of South Carolina; but what I have seen and heard to-day have completely revolutionized my feelings towards you as a people. I here and now lay down my prejudice forever. I feel that I am shaking off the shell of old prejudices. I could not do otherwise after the experiences of this day. I graduated from college with a large class; that class had average abilities. To-day, as I listened to the discussions of the class in literature from the fourteenth to the eighteenth centuries, I was satisfied that my college class would not have given one-third as much information. You are only entering upon the threshold of your future. With such capabilities as God has endowed you with, with such teachers and facilities as a benign providence has afforded you, there is no reason why you should not rise above the scale of hewers of wood and drawers of water, as you have been called, and stand side by side, the equal of the best and truest, and bear an important part in advancing the common good of our common humanity. This day has been a revelation to me, and if the leading people of South Carolina could have seen and heard what I have the past two hours, there would soon be a revolution in the feelings of society towards you in many respects."

The effect upon both faculty and students was profound. Senator Ferguson and his associates left the church and grounds. With a large number of teachers we started across the campus to the teachers' dining hall. All felt that it had been a great day. We suggested that we kneel with uncovered heads under the shadow of a tree, and offer to God a thanksgiving.

ing prayer for the prosperity of the school, and for the multiplication of friends and resources with which to make its future still more glorious. The suggestion was at once adopted, and after all had knelt, we led in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his blessing upon our work.

Industrial Education.

Dr. L. M. Dutton, president of Orlan University, where the State of South Carolina has a farm in connection with the University, says: "We are having a good season, and our crops were never looking better at this season of the year. We have fifty acres of corn, knee-high, twenty acres of as handsome cotton as you ever saw, twenty acres of sweet potatoes, and thirty acres of oats, nearly ready for harvest. From last year's crop of corn we have supplied our students with fifteen bushels per week, fed six horses and fourteen cows, and will have several hundred bushels for sale. We raised seventeen hundred bushels of sweet potatoes last year, and have consumed them all in our boarding department. The work on the farm is done mostly by the students."

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Dear Brethren of Mississippi:

The sudden and serious illness of Dr. Libby required that he should leave for the North soon after the commencement at Rust University. He will return by the first of September. My latest letters from him indicate that he is rapidly regaining his health, and is already anxious to return to his work. Let every pastor push the work of raising his apportionment for Rust Hall and forward the money to this office. In the meantime the brick are being made and some work is being done on the foundation. Several thousand dollars have already been expended and that magnificent structure must be ready for dedication by the close of next year. Let every pastor see to it that his charge is fully up with its apportionment, and that as soon as possible.

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A Magnificent Work.

We give this issue of the SOUTHWESTERN very largely to the setting forth of one of the most magnificent works now being carried forward by the Methodist Episcopal Church in any part of the world. Twenty-five years ago our Church did not have a single school on what was slave territory. From small beginnings, chiefly among poor people, one institution after another has been established, until the results achieved, as set forth in this issue of the SOUTHWESTERN, are marvelous. Altogether in twenty-five years \$3,129,515.32 have been expended in the development of institutions of learning among our people in the sixteen Southern States.

The Best Year in the History of the Society.

Every year in the history of this Society has been an improvement, in some respects, on the preceding year. The past year has, in many respects, gone beyond any preceding year. The total income for the year from all sources is \$322,635.05. This is an increase of \$35,971 over any preceding year. Of this increase several thousands have come from the conferences, but the large proportion of the increase has been the result of the development of the schools, and the increase of building facilities indicate, not only efficiency of administration, but also the growing strength of the work among our own people in the South, and among the special friends of Christian education throughout the Church.

Among Both White and Colored People.

The work of the Society is among both races. By far the larger proportion has been expended among the colored people. Dr. Hartzell, the Corresponding Secretary, in his last annual report thus summarizes the policy of this Society as expressed by the action of the General Conference:

1st. One society and administration for all people and conferences.

2d. Schools among colored people and schools among white people, to be located as to best serve the interests of the conferences to be benefited.

3d. There is to be no exclusion on account of race, color, or previous condition. Separation in schools, as in conferences, is to be by the voluntary choice of the people themselves.

The Methodist Episcopal Church extends a helping hand to all her people. Whatever separation of schools there is, is based upon mutual preferences of the people. Upon this basis her works grow among all peoples and languages, and in all climates.

Theological Schools.

One of the great works of the Society is the education of Christian ministers. During the past year 277 young men have been in the theological schools at Atlanta, Ga., and Athens, Tenn., and in the Biblical departments of other schools. Our conferences throughout the South are feeling the tremendous impulse given by these young men who go out from the schools with better preparation to preach the blessed Word. Let the prayers of the people ascend to God for his benediction upon these schools of the prophets, so that they may be centers from which shall continually flow the healing streams of earnest Gospel truth.

Collegiate Centers.

Collegiate centers are schools where regular college courses are taught in addition to English and preparatory courses. Of these there are nine among the colored people and three among the white people. In these centers are 184 students in the regular college classes. The college centers among colored people are at Greensboro, N. C., Nashville, Tenn., Orangeburg, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., Baltimore, Md., New Orleans, La., Little Rock, Ark., Holly Springs, Miss., and Marshall, Tex. Among white people: Fort Worth, Tex., Little Rock, Ark., and Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn. The influence of these great centers upon the educational and moral interests of the South are beyond human language to express. Every one of them is increasing in attendance and power each year.

Academic Centers.

Of these there are twenty-four, and they are so located as to be feeders to the central collegiate schools. Many of them are doing a magnificent work and have an attendance of from two to three hundred students. This department of the work is receiving larger attention every year. While we must not establish too many schools of this grade, yet they should be judiciously located in different parts of the South, so as to aid our people in educating their young men and women.

Medical Schools and Nurse Training.

The work accomplished by the Meharry Medical School, at Nashville, Tenn., has frequently been referred to in the SOUTHWESTERN, and we elsewhere give interesting data concerning it, and also concerning the New Orleans Medical School. There is also a medical school established as a department in the U. S. Grant University at Chattanooga, Tenn., without any expense to the Society. It forms a strong co-operative influence in that great commercial center in favor of our cause. At the end of the second year 86 were matriculated. These medical schools are an expression of the philanthropic heart of the Church, especially toward the great need among colored people of colored physicians. Nurse training classes are taught in several schools.

Industrial Schools.

Schools of Industry in connection with our leading collegiate centers and also in connection with some of the larger academies are being developed with remarkable success. The development of the work in this department for the past two years has been especially significant. As yet no industrial schools have been established among white people, and all the work in this branch has been among the colored people. Thousands of our young men are being taught the use of tools, and thousands of our young women are being taught the best types of domestic economy. At several centers trade schools are taught, and at Nashville, Tenn., the School of Mechanic Arts is one of the finest in America. In this school there is one great machine that was used during the war with which to make cannon and cannon-balls for the Confederate army. It was given to the school as a donation by a citizen of Nashville. What a marvelous transformation is this! A machine used to make instruments of death with which to fight for the perpetuation of slavery now being used to teach young colored men the highest trades in iron-working machinery.

Devout Thanksgiving.

For what has been accomplished in the past let our people everywhere, with devout thanksgiving, praise the Lord, and remember the great Church through whose instrumentality it has been done, and bless God for the men and the women who, regardless of sacrifice, have toiled as officers and teachers, in the office at Cincinnati, in the schools and elsewhere, have stood so nobly by this great work. Already the splendid influence of what this Society has accomplished

has powerfully moved the mind and heart of the Southern white people. The work is being appreciated now by many who a few years ago had nothing kind to say of it. Not a few of the Southern people outside of our church are contributing liberally for schools at various centers. Our own people are showing a liberality in giving that is truly encouraging.

Responsibility of the Ministry.

Upon the ministry of our Church in the South rests a very grave responsibility. It must seek to turn the faces of our young men and women toward these schools. Let every building be crowded so that the cry of more room and larger facilities will continue to awaken the heart of the great Church and of the Nation to provide for the increasing interests of the work. Let sermons be everywhere preached two or three times a year, at least, upon the subject of Christian education, and our people informed of what is being done, and that they also be rallied in support of the noble Church and Society that is carrying forward this work. Let the officers of the Society be remembered in prayer at the family altar and at the Church! Let the teachers and the schools be prayed for. It is God's work and His blessing can rightfully be asked upon it. His blessing has been upon it and is now upon it.

A Peep Into the Future.

Thinking about what has been accomplished the past twenty-five years, it is but natural to seek to peep into the future and ask ourselves the question, what will be the condition of this system of education among our people in the South twenty-five years hence? Instead of ten thousand there will be many times that number in the schools. The young people now in these halls of learning will be occupying places of influence and success in the Church, in the nation, in society and in commerce. With the multiplication of property and intellect and moral power, these educational centers will rise in dignity and influence and come to be the Harvards and Yales and Bostons of the South. For the accomplishment of these blessed results it is a joy to be permitted to work.

A Word of Comparison.

Not for the purpose of invidious comparison, but of justice and information, it is well for the colored people in the Methodist Episcopal Church to compare what has been done and what is being accomplished educationally for them, with what has been done for the colored people in other churches in America. We have several single institutions of learning containing, perhaps, as many students and with property worth as much as all the schools of any other one distinctive colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America. And then consider that this work is but begun. Two and one-half millions of dollars given by the Methodist Episcopal Church for education among the colored people of the South in the last twenty-five years, will be more than doubled the next twenty-five years. Also remember that in this giving and developing of schools our own colored people are to have a large share, thereby developing character and benevolence and intellectual force in moral power.

Dr. Hartzell and His Assistants.

At the head of this system of schools, as the chosen representative of the Church, stands our own Dr. J. C. Hartzell. He joined the Louisiana Conference on trial twenty-one years ago, and during every day of his life since that time he has known nothing but to devote himself to the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South. His distinguished predecessor, Dr. Rust, for twenty years led the work. It is not, however, any disparagement to him to say that during the three years of administration just passed there has been continued and increasing success in every department of the work, and, in the midst of the many difficult and conflicting pecu-

liarities of the diverse administrations, the Society is steadily growing in the appreciation of the whole Church.

Associated with Dr. Hartzell are Dr. Gray with his headquarters in Chicago, and Dr. Chadwick with his headquarters in New York. Men of noble Christian purposes who go everywhere pleading successfully this cause.

A Renewed Consecration for the Work.

We plead for renewed consecration to this blessed work on the part of our people and ministers throughout the whole South. To our Southern work this is the most important society of the Church. The Missionary Society has done and is doing marvelous things. The Church Extension Society does nobly, but more important than missionary money and church extension money is Christian intelligence in our pulpits and pews, in our school rooms, among teachers, in our homes and in our places of business. Praise God for what has been done and what is now being accomplished! Let our people do more than ever in the future for this great cause!

Rev. Madison C. B. Mason, A.M., B.D., Field Agent Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

It affords us great pleasure to present to our readers the cut and sketch of the Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A.M., B.D., the able and scholarly young man whom the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society elected as Field Agent, at its meeting held in Cincinnati, July 14.

Mr. Mason was born on a sugar farm near Houma, La., March 21, 1859. At ten years of age he entered school and mastered the alphabet the first day. Reaching the limit of the country school in the fall of 1874, he entered the state A. and M. College, New Orleans, La., in January, 1875. This was a mixed school, and Mr. Mason received no little persecution and ill treatment on account of color. He refused to leave, however, and stood at the head of his class from March till the close of school in



For the SOUTHWESTERN.

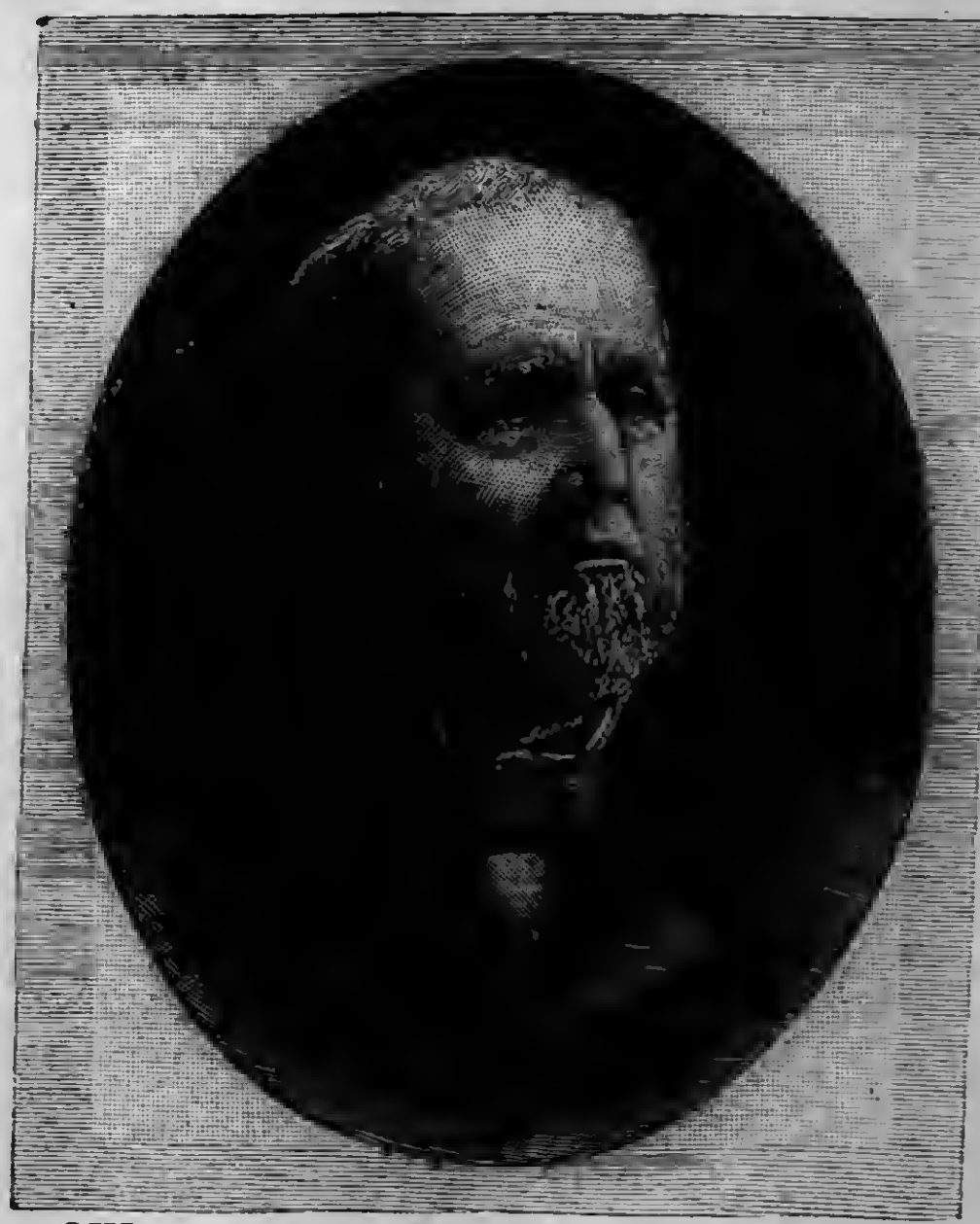
Elijah H. Gammon.

BY PRESIDENT THIRKIELD.

Dear Dr. Albert:

Before these lines reach you, doubtless the sad news of the loss of our great hearted friend Rev. E. H. Gammon, of Batavia, Ill., will have come to you. Though he was an old man, and had passed his three score years and ten, yet we had hoped that he might be spared to us for some years to come. He was the best friend and wisest of counsellors in our work. Not only did he give liberally of the large earnings of a life-time, but his heart and thought were constantly given to the enlargement and strengthening of our seminary. He was in no place happier or more at home than upon our campus. He loved to meet the students, to hear their voices in song and prayer; and to learn of their advancement in studies, of any special achievement of theirs in behalf of the people and for the cause of Christ, was his chief joy.

We shall greatly miss these annual visits, during which he has so greatly endeared himself to both professors and students. And no less interested in all these plans and givings for this great work, was his most devoted and faithful wife, who in her great loss and sorrow will receive the sympathy and prayers of a large circle of alumni students and friends all over our Southland. She is a true philanthropist, whose heart beats in response to every good work.



OUR LAMENTED FRIEND, E. H. GAMMON.

Mater in cursu last June, and that of bachelor of divinity from Gammon Theological Seminary last May, after a full three years course. He has since entered the post graduate department of Syracuse University for the degree of Ph.D.

Bro. Mason has been North several times on lecturing tours and has published several of his addresses. Faithfully loyal and true to every interest of the church, and fully equipped as he is mentally, and morally, he gives the most ample promise of remarkable success in the special work to which the church has now called him. The church and the race are to be congratulated upon the flattering recognition bestowed upon this worthy and eloquent exponent of the highest possibilities of the colored race in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment of Bro. Mason shows what comes to loyal and patient merit; and sternly rebukes the turbulent disposition of those who argue that the way to ecclesiastical recognition is by intriguing to overthrow those who happen, by virtue of age and experience to be just before them. In the name of our people we thank Dr. Hartzell and the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society for this happy selection, for this very important station. God bless Bro. Mason, and guide him to the grandest success!

In all his great plans, requiring such large benevolence, Brother Gammon always received the hearty and constant co-operation of his noble wife. Her thought and prayer and loving support were ever given to the work.

Brother Gammon wanted to live some years longer, not for the mere sake of living, but that he might superintend personally the carrying-out of his ever enlarging plans for Gammon Theological Seminary. It was his chief delight to provide for its increasing usefulness. During his last visit, covering three months, during which we spent several days together in Florida, we have talked for hours and hours together about the seminary—its present work and its future enlargement. He never grew weary of the theme. The institution into which he poured the large treasures of money and the best thought of his last years, brought new joys to his heart and a larger and sweeter Christian experience into his life. As he opened his hand to give, God again filled it with heaven's own best gifts.

He wanted to live to see his plans consummated. During his last visit much thought was given to outlines for a new building for a chapel, lecture rooms and offices. He was planning to build it this fall. He was very desirous of seeing the splendid group of main buildings complete and crowning the beautiful hill that overlooks the city and surrounding country.

But now he has gone home. Our Father, who doeth all things well, has called him to his reward. After a long visit at the home of his favorite niece, Mrs. Professor Crawford, the coming of whom with her scholarly and able husband into the work at Gammon gave him such delight, he left the campus the last of April in much weakness. From this illness he has never rallied, and on July 3d, he passed into the heavens.

We shall greatly miss him. We cannot forget him. Coming generations will rise and call him blessed. Through the scores and hundreds of consecrated ministers who, in coming years, shall go out to join the nearly fifty alumni now in the field, his life shall move on in ever enlarging influence among the generations to come. Thus shall he work and preach. He has builded better than he knew, in opening this school of the prophets for the training of ministers of every race and color and denomination.

Some day a colossal statue in bronze shall stand among the pines and magnolias of the campus of Gammon Theological Seminary, erected out of the gift of a redeemed and faithful race to whom this dear old man has sent a ministry, called of God, but prepared to preach the Gospel in its fullness and power, through his wise and consecrated gifts. But even this token of enduring love and gratitude shall not be needed to perpetuate his name, for it shall find its best monument and that imperishable, in the hearts and lives of generations now unborn who shall arise to call him blessed, because he hath prepared men "to preach good tidings to the poor; to proclaim release to the captives; and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

On the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee, Meredith, N. H.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS.



MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENN.



MEDICAL COLLEGE, NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY.

Medical Schools.

Negro physicians are an absolute necessity among the millions of colored people in this country, and it is to the honor of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society that 132 Negro physicians have been graduated from its Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn. The faculty consists of Dean Hubbard and seven professors, one assistant professor, one lecturer, three instructors and one demonstrator of anatomy. Eighty students were enrolled last year. The students have clinical privileges at the Nashville city hospital. The grounds and buildings are worth \$25,000.

It is a startling fact that the death rate among colored people in the large cities of the South is nearly twice as great as among white people. The following figures demonstrate this:

	White	Colored
Nashville, Tenn., 1890.....	12	26
Memphis, Tenn., 1890.....	19	26
Columbia, Tenn., 1890.....	15	17
Clarksville, Tenn., 1890.....	10	26
Knoxville, Tenn., 1890.....	14	32
Chattanooga, Tenn., 1890.....	13	32
New Orleans, 1880 to 1887.....	24	32
Baltimore, 1880 to 1890.....	18	32
Washington, D. C., 1889.....	16	30
Atlanta, Ga., 1890.....	16	36

Why is this? It is not because of race peculiarities, but of unhealthy dwellings, poor food, insufficient clothing, ignorance concerning the laws of health, etc. The great need is more and better medical attention and good nursing. Thousands die annually for lack of medical treatment. In one year 119 colored persons died in Savannah who were not attended by any physician. We ought to have a thousand educated Christian physicians at once.

In the twelve Southern States south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, says Dean Hubbard, with a colored population of over six and one quarter millions, there are only 175 properly qualified colored physicians who are engaged in the practice of medicine, or one to every 36,000. Southern white physicians should receive due credit for the efforts they have made among the colored people, but the field is too vast for them to care for.

NEW ORLEANS MEDICAL COLLEGE

Through the magnificent efforts of Bishop Mallalieu our Medical College at New Orleans has been opened and has had two years of successful work. A splendid property has been bought and the outlook for the school is good.

We need a hundred thousand dollars endowment for each of these schools. Let the people pray that the efforts of our friends may be successful and that these endowments may be secured.

Our colored physicians who have graduated are doing well. Out of the 121 living graduates of Meharry Medical College, 101 are practicing medicine, 6 are preaching, 9 are teaching, and five are in other occupations. With but few exceptions, they are all professing Christians, and as they go forth in their work they are everywhere representatives of the Christian Church.

Dr. Hartzell on the Appointment of Bro. Mason.

CINCINNATI, O., July 17, '91.
Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., New Orleans, La.

Dear Doctor: The appointment of the Rev. M. U. B. Mason, A.M., B.D., to be Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society by our Board of Directors at the annual meeting last Tuesday will, I have no doubt, be heartily approved by our conferences throughout the South, and that our conferences and people throughout the North will recognize it as a proper thing to do. It gives official recognition to the colored people of our church. He was educated at one of our schools, having taken the classical course at New Orleans University with honor, and later on completed a theological course at Gammon Theological Seminary. He has shown himself competent for the work by sundry trips on behalf of the society in the North and elsewhere. Let our people pray for God's blessing upon him.

His work for the present will be especially in the colored conferences of the South, but as opportunity opens he will be sent to different parts of the church to represent our cause.

The honor fell to me of founding the SOUTHWESTERN at a personal expense of over five thousand dollars and years of labor for which I received nothing. Among the greatest pleasures I have in thinking of that work is that a General Conference office was made which would naturally fall to a colored man. So now I am specially thankful for the opportunity of helping to lead the way for the employment of a colored man in connection with the officers of one of our church benevolent societies.

Let all our friends, especially in the South, pray for the blessing of God upon Brother Mason that he may have success in the new and responsible work which he will undertake.

Yours truly,
J. C. HARTZELL.

Hear the Bishops!

Our bishops study all departments of church-work at home and abroad and their judgment as to the importance of our educational work in the South is of great value.

Hear what they have to say:

I look upon the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in the South as all important to the church and state.

—Bishop Bowman.

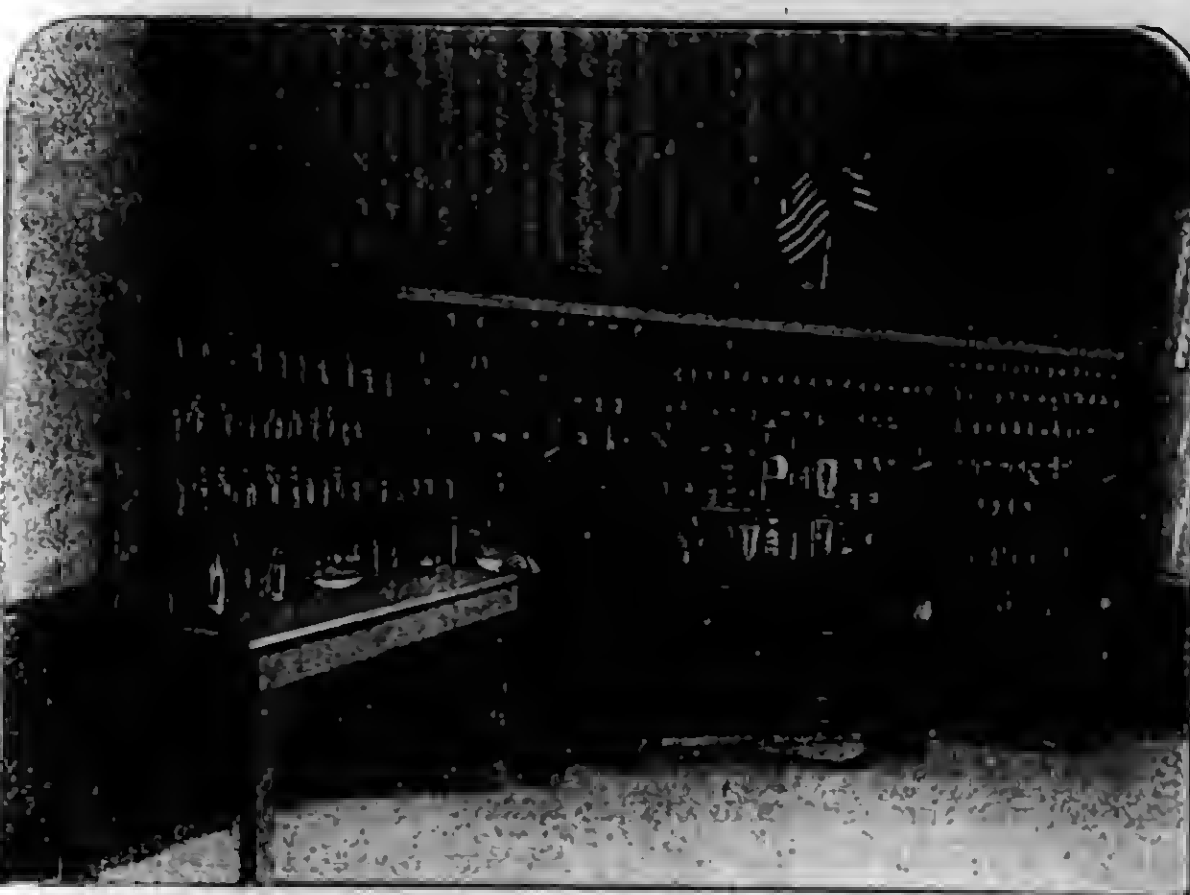
It is a growing conviction that the Methodist Episcopal Church has nowhere done a more important work than its work of instruction, evangelization, and moral uplift among the colored people in the South.—Bishop Foss.

No work can be carried on with more economy, efficiency, and success.—Bishop Warren.

One hundred and thirty years hence and the stars and stripes will float over 150,000,000 colored people with great universities and renowned scholarships.—Bishop Fowler.



SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, NASHVILLE.



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

Every consideration that warrants the maintenance of Christian schools in the North combine to move our people in the North to give this society a constant and liberal support.—Bishop Walden.

The conservation of all that is best in the family, the state, and the church, requires that the illiterate masses of the South, both black and white, should be educated.—Bishop Mallalieu.

There is no more pressing and important work committed to our hands than our educational obligation to the South.—Bishop Hurst.

The race problem is to find its solution in Christian education. The preacher and the teacher will make the new South a glorious realization.—Bishop Newman.

I know of no greater work done by the church than that which has been done by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. The results are as marvelous as the need is great.—Bishop Foster.

We cannot urge the work to strenuously.—Bishop Ninde.

We must have more money. We need more teachers, more buildings, and greater equipments for our work.—Bishop Joyce.

The great mission field of the world is America.—Bishop Taylor.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has done a work for the church in the Southern States for which the whole nation ought to be grateful.—Bishop Merrill.

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And those troubled with nervousness resulting from care or overwork will be relieved by taking **Brown's Iron Bitters**. Genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

Talking of patent medicines—you know the old prejudice. And the doctors—some of them are between you and us. They would like you to think that what's cured thousands won't cure you. You'd believe in patent medicines if they didn't profess to cure everything—and so, between the experiments of doctors, and the experiments of patent medicines that are sold only because there's money in the "stuff," you lose faith in everything.

And, you can't always tell the prescription that cures by what you read in the papers. So, perhaps, there's no better way to sell a remedy, than to tell the truth about it, and take the risk of its doing just what it professes to do.

That's what the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., does with

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, Favorite Prescription, Pleasant Pellets, and Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. If they don't do what their makers say they'll do—you get your money back.

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Institutions Among Colored People.

1. Collegiate.

	Teachers.	Students.
Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.....	7	222
Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn.....	39	613
Clafin University, Orangeburg, S. C.....	17	964
Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.....	14	457
Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.....	16	225
New Orleans University, New Orleans, La.....	20	562
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.....	16	334
Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss.....	14	231
Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.....	10	337

2. Theological.

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3. Biblical Departments.

Baker Institute, Clafin University.....	6	16
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Gilbert Haven School of Theology, New Orleans.....	3	17

4. Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical.

Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.....	11	59
Medical College, New Orleans University.....	5	11
Meharry Dental College, Nashville, Tenn.....	8	7
Meharry School of Pharmacy, Nashville, Tenn.....	6	5

5. Legal.

School, Central Tennessee College.....	6	8
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6. Industrial Departments.

Clafin College of Agriculture and Mechanics Institute, Orangeburg, S. C.....	20	596
John F. Slater Schools of Industry, Nashville, Tenn.....	8	225
Schools of Industry, New Orleans University.....	2	187
Schools of Industry, Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss.....	4	205
Schools of Industry, Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.....	4	53
Manual Training School, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.....	4	155
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Schools of Industry, Wiley University, Marshall, Texas.....	4	117
Schools of Industry in Cookman Academy, Jacksonville, Fla.....	2	53
Schools of Industry, Gilbert Seminary, Baldwin, La.....	7	151
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Schools in Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.....	10	204

7. Academic.

Alexandria Academy, Alexandria, La.....	4	138
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Cookman Academy, Jacksonville, Fla.....	9	431
Delaware Academy, Princess Anne, Del., (connected in Morgan College).....	13	357
Gilbert Seminary, Winsted, La.....	3	184
Haven Academy, Waynesboro, Ga.....	3	170
LaGrange Academy, LaGrange, Ga.....	2	112
LaHarpe Academy, New Orleans, La.....	3	225
Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss.....	8	306
Morristown Seminary, Morristown, Tenn.....		

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in which to open a school of Mechanic Arts. Mesdames Smith and Cotton, of a sister church, and ladies of southern birth and education, have made a donation of \$25,000 worth of land in Sedalia, Mo., for an institution of learning.

WHO OBJECTS?

"The education of the Negro has been objected to in some quarters, but the objections are born of prejudice or inhumanity, and when brought together in their best array only make us think of the reasons given by an ancient city council for not cleaning the streets of Madrid. First, it would be a reflection on the wisdom of their ancestors, who never had done it. Second, the air of Madrid was too pure to be wholesome, and needed something to mitigate its excessive purity. Third, the dogs and carrion-birds, which subsisted on the filth and offal, would all starve to death. Fourth, it was an experiment which had never been tried, and no one could tell what disastrous consequences might possibly follow. So the sagacious council decided against cleaning the streets of Madrid."

The perpetuity of this nation, the preservation of our civil and religious institutions, depend on the education of all our people. It is a work of self-preservation, as well as a work of commendable philanthropy.

SELF-HELP.

Principal Grandison, of Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C., writes: "Four of nature's noble women came to Bennett Seminary, and said they wanted an education.

Being in very indigent circumstances, they desired help. I told them we had no help we could give. They insisted that they would do anything honorable in the way of work. I proposed to them that they do laundry-work for the young men. Gladly and cheerfully they consented. Thus these girls, through their own exertions, rounded out the year to the credit of themselves and the institution; and when they boarded the train for home, after commencement, they were the happiest set you ever saw.

WHAT IS

SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, accumulating in the glands of the neck, produces unsightly lumps or swellings; which causes painful running sores on the arms, legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or deafness; which is the origin of pimples, cancerous growths, or the many other manifestations usually ascribed to "humors," which, fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption and death. Being the most ancient, it is the most general of all diseases or affections, for very few persons are entirely free from it.

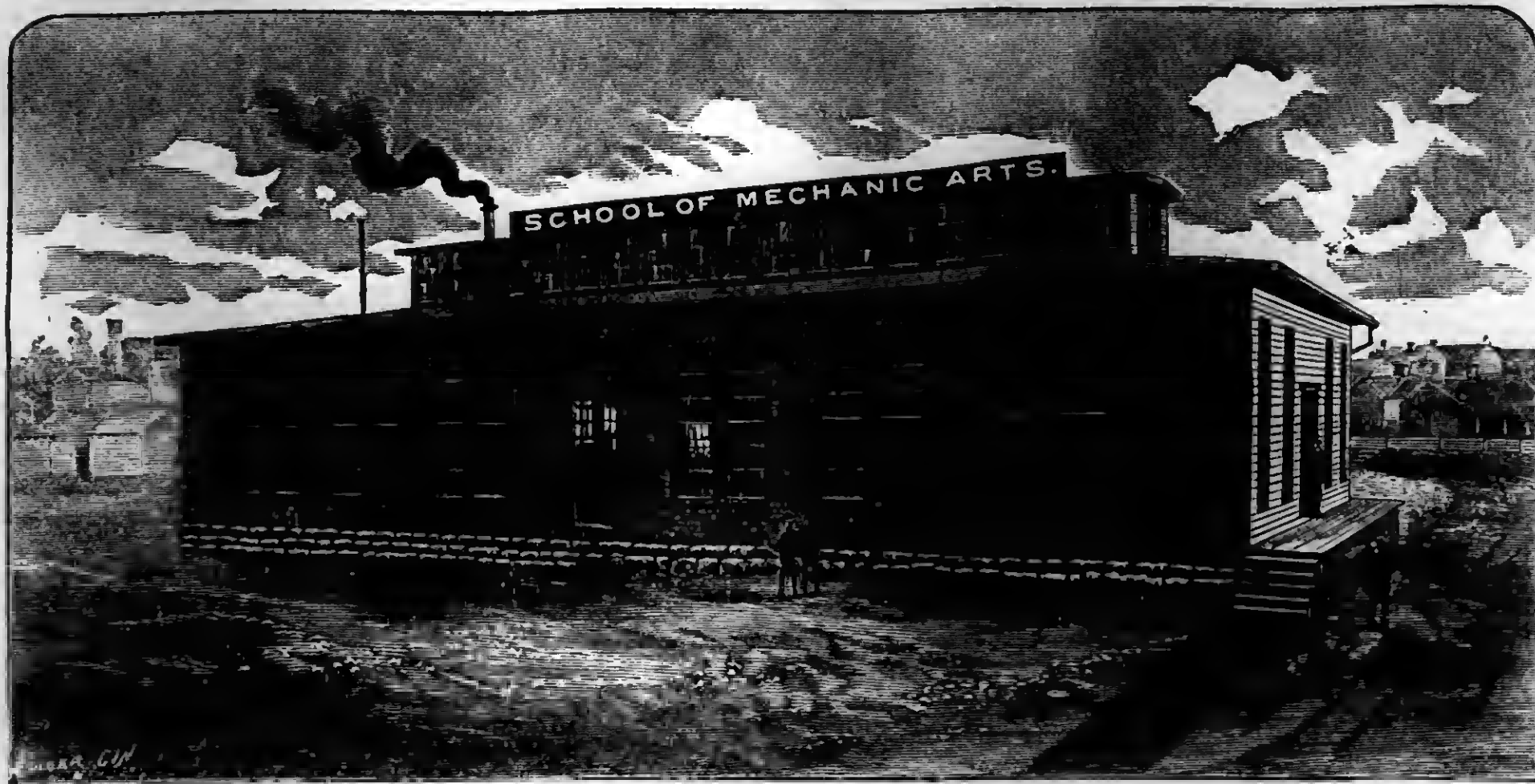
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By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, by the remarkable cures it has accomplished, often when other medicines have failed, has proven itself to be a potent and peculiar medicine for this disease. Some of these cures are really wonderful. If you suffer from scrofula, be sure to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. "My daughter Mary was afflicted with scrofula sore neck from the time she was 22 months old till she became six years of age. Lumps formed in her neck, and one of them after growing to the size of a pigeon's egg, became a running sore for over three years. We gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla, when the lump and all indications of scrofula entirely disappeared, and now she seems to be a healthy child." J. S. CARLILE, Nauright, N. J.

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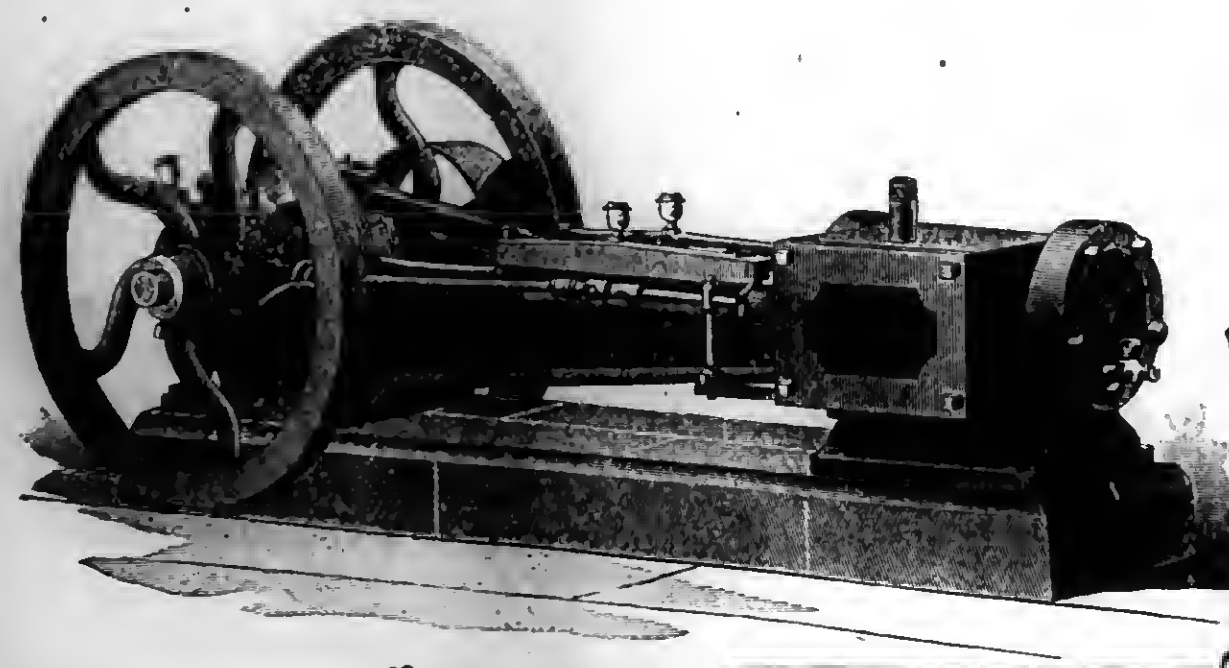
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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The society has in connection with its schools, industrial departments where from two to three hours a day the students are taught trades. The largest plant of this character is at Orangeburg, S. C., in connection with Claflin University under the presidency of Dr. L. M. Dutton, where there are twenty-one different departments of industry, taught regularly to the young men and young women in attendance upon that school. Some of these departments are for young men and others for young women. Among them we might mention carpentering, blacksmithing, shoe making, tailoring, laundry work, sewing, cutting and fitting, painting, milling, etc. It is found that in the short space of three months students can carry on their studies without any subtraction of interest and gain such a knowledge of a trade that he may select, that he can go out into society and help himself materially.

Common labor is greatly overdone in the South. Slavery dealt only with such labor. Previous to the war, the South purchased nearly everything manufactured from the North, and there was but little skilled labor in this section of our country. American slavery failed to recognize that skilled workmanship was more valuable than common labor, so when slavery was abolished the whole country was deluged with field hands that had been trained to hoe cotton and work in the rice fields. Aside from the immediate house servants, there was but little else in the South.

When we study this labor problem we find that there was a special field and call for the training of skilled workmen.

The society also has a large industrial plant at Atlanta, Ga. In connection with this there is a foundry and carriage shop, etc., and the students are specifically engaged in the building of wagons, carriages, etc. In the plant at Atlanta, arrangements are made to make the work partially to support the students while they are learning their trades, by giving them so much an hour up to a certain point of ability to do work, and then increasing it, and so on until they receive for work done ten cents an hour. This leads them to employ their Saturdays and thus help themselves through school.

The society has also another very fine outfit for doing very fine work at Nashville, Tenn., under the management of Prof. Sedgewick. At this school special attention is given to exceedingly fine work, such as the making of telescopes and microscopes, and work of that kind.

It is the purpose of the society to have industrial departments in connection with all of their schools, believing that this is a part of Christian education and therefore falls within the domain of missionary work. It is impossible to overestimate the value of this industrial movement at a time and in a country where the labor problem has

become one of the most serious questions of the hour. In the providence of God, the Christian church, through the instrumentality of Christian education in connection with this industrial work, is solving the problem of labor which has thus far baffled the statesmen of our country. If the scope of this single department of work in connection with this great educational system of the church under the direction of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was understood it would greatly increase the breadth of the work in the thought of the church.

How to Help Your Pastor

It is probable that our pastors do not all possess a good family sewing machine, but all should and can, and here is our plan for giving them one: For only 25 new subscribers from any one charge or circuit, with \$37.50, (the prepaid cash rate,) we will present one of the Premium Singer Machines to the pastor of that charge or circuit, or to any one getting up the club. This offer is open to all denominations, and is very liberal. This does not hinder any member of the club from getting one under our regular offer. Any of them paying \$14 gets the paper and the machine, and will count one in the club if so stated.

As our object in making this offer is to increase the list, we stipulate that they shall be new subscribers. Old subscribers still have the privilege of the standing offer as heretofore published. If they have already paid for their paper they can send \$12.50 and get the machine.

The following letter recently received from the manufacturers ought to inspire full confidence in them, should there be any doubt. We are aware that traveling and local agents of other machines are telling the people that we cannot supply them at such a low price, but more than a hundred of our patrons can attest to the genuineness of our offer.

CHICAGO, May 28, 1891.

The "Southwestern Christian Advocate," New Orleans, La.:

Referring to your esteemed favor of recent date, would say that the machines you are advertising in connection with single yearly subscriptions to your paper, and as premiums for clubs of subscribers, are fully covered by registered certificate of warranty for five years, which accompanies each machine.

These machines are manufactured out of the very best material the market affords, and the workmanship is the very best that can be accomplished by the highest quality of skilled labor. The machines are facsimiles of the original well known "Singer" machine. The fact that we are able to furnish them at such low prices is due to our system of marketing them. We make a specialty of furnishing them to the newspaper trade, and by marketing our machines in this way we can afford to furnish them at prices that net us but a very small profit over and above the actual factory cost of building them. Your readers should all understand that every machine is sold subject to approval upon inspection and trial. Any subscriber receiving one of these machines not fully satisfied with it can return it and have their money refunded, as we do not want any purchaser to keep a machine unless they are satisfied. We are dependent upon every machine sent out selling several others, and this policy has increased our business to its present proportions.

You have now been handling these machines, we believe, about one year, and we do not think one has been returned or that we have had any complaint in reference to them from any person to whom one has been shipped. This should be a sufficient guarantee as to their merit to any person contemplating the purchase of one of them.

Believing that your present demand for them will not only be maintained throughout the coming season, but will be largely increased, we beg to remain

Yours very truly,

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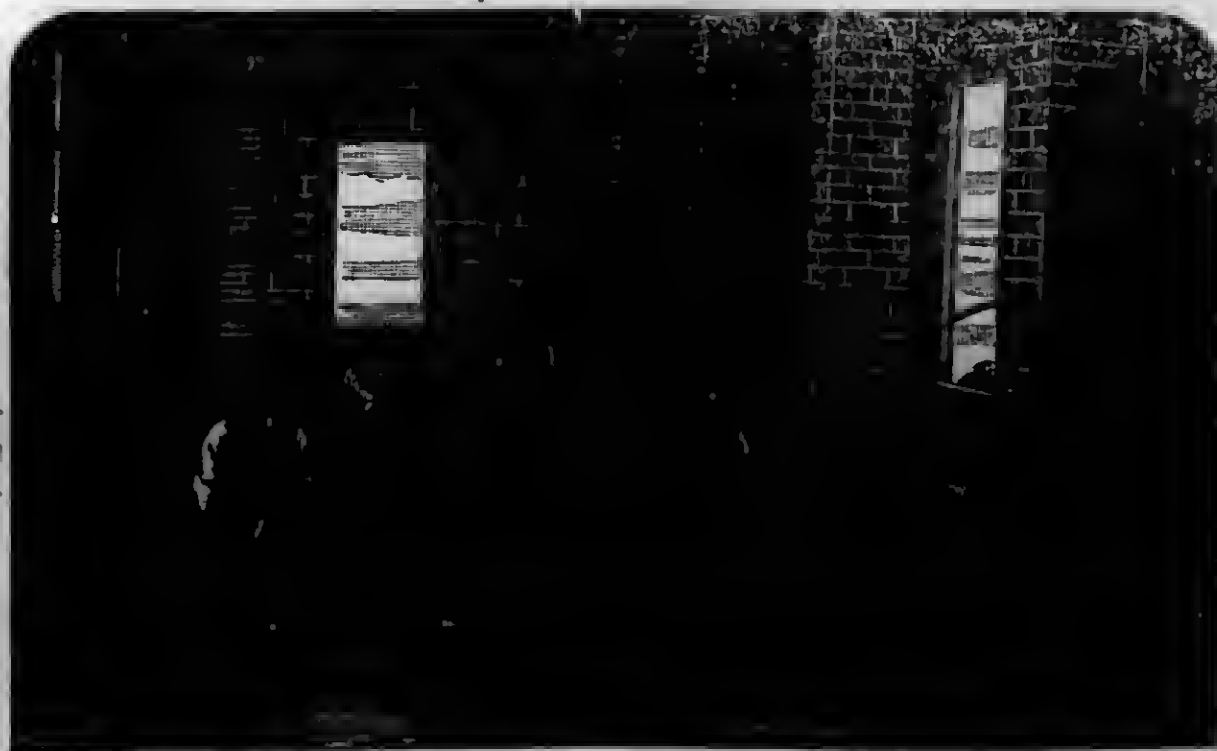
Now, Brethren, here is your chance, and if you don't take it, it is your own fault.

HAVE you sent for a copy of the House of Bondage? Price 75 cts. For sale at this office.

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Sunday-School and Children.

SECOND QUARTER.—Studies in the Gospel of St. John. Lesson IV. Christ and Nicodemus. John 3. 1-17. Commit to memory verses 14-17. July 26, 1891. A. D. 27 or 28.

HOME READINGS.
M. John 3. 1-8. Th. John 3. 9-17.
W. Num. 21. 4-9. Th. Isa. 61. 1-6.
F. Ezek. 11. 17-21. S. Rom. 8. 31-39. S. 1 John 4. 9-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.
God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3. 16.)

LESSON HYMN, L. M.
Lord, how secure and blest are they
Who feel the joys of pardoned sin!
Should storms of wrath shake earth and sea,
Their minds have heaven and peace within.

The day glides sweetly o'er their heads,
Made up of innocence and love;
And soft and silent as the shades,
Their nightly minutes gently move.

Quick as their thoughts their joys come on,
But fly not half so swift away:
Their souls are ever bright as noon,
And calm as summer evening be.

Time—A. D. 27 or 28.
Place—Jerusalem.

Rulers—Herod in Gallilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting links—This occurred immediately after the events described in chapter 2. Jesus did not begin his wider missionary labors till John the Baptist was imprisoned.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY
1. The New Birth: Its Necessity, v. 1-7.
What ruler is here named, and of what sect was he?
What night visit did he make?
What did he say that he knew?
How only can one see the kingdom of God?
What says Paul about the change in this new birth?
How did Nicodemus answer this?
What two kinds of birth did Jesus contrast?
About what did he tell Nicodemus not to marvel?
2. The New Birth: Its Mystery, v. 8-12.
In what way is the wind like the new birth?
What question did Nicodemus ask?
What question did Jesus ask him?
What did he say of his own utterance?
What about earthly and heavenly things?
3. The New Birth: Its Source, v. 13-17.
Who only has ascended to heaven?
Who is this "Son of man"?
What act of Moses was a prophecy of Christ?
Why was the Son of man lifted up?
What moved God to give his only Son? (Golden Text.)
For what was Jesus sent?
Why was he sent?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.
Where in this lesson are we taught:
1. That we must be born again?
2. That the new birth is God's work?
3. The measure of God's love for the world?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS.
Read the story of the brazen serpent.
Read the story of Jesus's ascension to heaven.
Find an Old Testament statement of God's love for sinners.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.
[For the entire school.]
1. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
2. How did he say a man must be born again? Of water and of the Spirit.
3. Like what did Jesus say the working of the Spirit is? Like the wind, which bloweth where it listeth.
4. To what did Jesus compare his own death for mankind? To Moses' lifting up the servant in the wilderness.
5. What is the Golden Text? "For God so loved," etc.

EXPLANATIONS.
A ruler—A member of the Sanhedrin. Rabbi—A term of respectful courtesy. Jesus answered—Answered Nicodemus's thought. Born again—An entirely new life must begin in him. Verily, verily—A term used by our Lord for emphasis. Born of water and of the Spirit—A man must begin a new life in the sight of others by publicly acknowledging and confessing his sin, and a new life in the sight of God by having the Spirit of God work a direct change in his character. Art thou a master—A teacher, which is the old sense of the word, retained by us in "schoolmaster" and "master of arts." The Son of man—A term used in the Old Testament which Jesus was fond of applying to himself. Heaven—Spiritual conditions. Doctrinal suggestion—Regeneration.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.
74. What is the outward sign of the Lord's Supper? Bread and wine, received according to Christ's command.
75. What is the inward grace of this sacrament? The communion of the body and blood of Christ, whereby we are reminded of his sacrificial death, and spiritually strengthened to do his will.

The Lover's Lament.
Your face is like a drooping flower,
Sweetheart!
I see you fading, hour by hour,
Sweetheart!
Your rounded outlines waste away,
In vain I weep, in vain I pray,
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Camp Meeting.
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Huntsville District, Texas Conference.
Third Round.
Huntsville circ..... July 25-26
Montgomery and Conroe..... 25-26
Spring circ..... 26-27
Willis..... Aug. 1-2
Huntsville..... 8-9
S. S. Institute—Huntsville..... 5-9
Dodge ct..... 15-16
Camp Meeting at Phelps..... 10-24
Crockett ct..... 28-30
Lovelady..... 29-30
Prairie Plains..... Sept. 5-6
Cold Springs..... 12-13
Corrigan circ..... 19-20
Livingston circ..... 24-25
Town Bluff and Bevelport..... 25-27
Newton circ..... 26-27
F. PARKER, P. E.

Notice.
To the delegates and preachers in charge of the Atlanta District, Savannah Conference: Dear Brethren:—The District Conference will convene at Palmetto, Ga., August 6. The preachers are requested to mail the names of their delegates to me at once, so that suitable homes can be secured for them. Please do not wait until within a day or two of the conference to send them, but send them now. Delegates will be returned home at one-third rates, provided they secure certificates from the agents when starting showing that full fare was paid in coming to conference. Otherwise, no reduced rates will be given.
J. D. JENKINS, P. C.
Palmetto, Ga.

Gainesville District, Savannah Conference.
Third Round.
Union Grove..... July 18-19
Oxford and Covington..... 18-19
Lithonia..... 25-26
Decatur..... 25-26
East Atlanta..... July 31, Aug. 2
North Atlanta..... 24-26
Roswell..... Aug. 1-2
Duluth..... 8-9
Elberton..... 15-16
Suwanee..... 22-23
Buford..... 22-23
Harmony Grove..... 29-30
Athens..... 29-30
White..... Sept. 5-6
Gillsville..... 12-13
Lavonia..... 19-20
Gainesville—W. H. Brown..... 26-27
Hoschton..... 26-27
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THE present issue is almost entirely devoted to the cause of education in the South, as prosecuted by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The facts here given are immensely valuable, and should be extensively used in presenting the claims of the Society, and filed for future reference.

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Editorial Notes.

Lord, how secure and blest are they
Who feel the joys of pardoned sin!
Should storms of wrath shake earth
and sea,
Their minds have heaven and peace
within.

"I have never met nor seen a
more intelligent body of men."—
Bishop Joyce on the Presiding Elders' Convention.

COLORLED newspapers, like kindred interests, are springing up on all sides. Now comes even Tanica, Miss., with a bright new sheet, the *Tanica Citizen*. We wish long life and prosperity.

A CONSIDERABLE war cloud overhangs the region of Coal Creek, Tenn., in consequence of the determination on the part of miners there against the employment of convicts in the mines. The Governor has had to send the militia to keep the peace. They were insignificant in the presence of the popular demonstration of the miners and their friends, and have not succeeded in accomplishing any tangible results. The probabilities are that the Legislature will be called in extra session to consider the situation. In the meantime the trouble has been smoothed over for the present.

SHALL a colored man be made a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church? That interrogation mark is floating around in the air. The SOUTHWESTERN believes that very thing ought to be done. A recent gathering of colored presiding elders respectfully asked for churchly recognition in the shape of some major church offices. The demand will grow louder from this on. It can not be ignored. It will not be. An entering wedge was driven at Cincinnati last week when Rev. Mr. Mason was appointed to represent in the field the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. He is an eloquent brother, and will do extra good service.—*Epicurean Herald*.

WHILE Protestant white professors, (Presbyterian) at Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C., are resigning their positions because the Rev. Mr. Sanders, a thoroughly educated colored man has been elected president of that institution, and while others in other Protestant denominations are expressing their "predispositions," against the election of Negro bishops; and while we record the fact, our eyes fall on an item about a certain American Roman Catholic Bishop, who is described as "persona mixta sanguinis, patre albo, et matre nigra, et lana in capite ejus hoc probat." That is, "A person of mixed blood, father white, and mother black, and the wool on his head proves it." Herein is a terrible warning to Protestant Americans.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Sparks that from the Anvil
Flew at the Presiding Elders' Convention.

PROF. A. W. M'KINNEY.

If the Convention should accomplish nothing more than to bring out the SOUTHWESTERN it would be a success.—Dr. Albert.

It was in my mind when I started the SOUTHWESTERN that New Orleans would be the first place from which a colored man would be elected to a General Conference office. During twenty-four years I traveled and administered to our people in the plantations and swamps of Louisiana, and I never refused the hospitality they offered; and to this as much as anything else, I attribute my safety.—Dr. J. C. Hartzell.

Religion without warmth, to the Negro is no religion. Nothing suits him better than red hot religion. The Negro is American by birth and education, intensified by religion. He possesses nothing of Africa save his black face, kinky hair and shining eyes; and he is getting rid of these far too fast for his own good.—Mack Henson.

Character is greater than either denominational or race pride. Let us build three tabernacles; one for Shem; one for Japheth, and one for Ham.—E. W. S. Hammond, D.D.

Every colored man that is worth two bits is in the M. E. Church. The M. E. Church South, after being out forty-seven years, now wants to come back; and if the church is good enough for them to come back to, it is good enough for me to stay in.—P. Morgau, of Texas.

Our people have been damaged by too much help. We must sacrifice, must give till we feel it. We must come to self-reliance. The sooner the better.—Dr. H. R. Revels.

We have been carried long enough. Let us be men. I preach temperance, and men and women on my district throw their bottles, snuff boxes and tobacco away.—E. M. Collett, of North Carolina.

I deny the charge that we have received too much missionary money. Many of our preachers on going to their appointments have been met by bulldozers, and had to hide out and take the first train. Had it not been for such help what could they have done? Other denominations that have gone into these places and built up, have had "meat to eat that ye know not of." I am for retrenchment, but let it come gradually.—J. M. Shum-pert.

Many of the other denominations build finer churches than we do, but Gabriel will have to blow the third trumpet before they are paid for.—Dr. L. M. Hagood.

Guard well the doors of your church. No church official board or quarterly conference ought to license a man to preach or recommend him to the Annual Conference unless they are willing that the Bishop should send that brother back to preach for them. It is too often the case that a brother is recommended to the Annual Conference, because he is not wanted at home.—Dr. J. Braden.

The Chattanooga *Evening News* in giving the proceedings of the Convention, said: "That these meetings are doing good to the colored race of this city and the country at large, can readily be seen by the attention with which the proceedings of the Convention are listened to by the audience."

"Among the visiting delegates are some of the brightest lights of the colored race, notably being Dr.

Hammond, of Ohio, who is a celebrated speaker, and Dr. Revels. The latter was for six years a U. S. Senator from the State of Mississippi. He is a man about 80 years of age, with fine features and snowy white hair, and is respected as the oldest and one of the ablest delegates in the Convention.

"The Negro race is a highly progressive one. It has shown itself to be endowed with an energy and characteristic traits that fit it for great deeds in the onward march of the world's civilization. This statement is forcibly emphasized in the deliberations of the presiding elders of the Southern conferences of the M. E. Church, who have just closed their session in the Wiley Memorial Church in this city. For a long time this race of people was loaded with peculiar contempt and referred to with expressions of sarcastic utterance by those who professed to see nothing in them more than the mere brute, and fit only for the most degrading manual labor. But after twenty-five years of freedom, they have exhibited a progress in civilization and the arts never seen in any other people, and are challenging the admiration even of those who formerly regarded them only as beasts of burden on a level with the ox and the ass. No one who witnessed any of the proceedings of the body above referred to, could but be greatly impressed with the acumen and knowledge, the sound common sense and the practical wisdom manifested by these representatives of this race as they sat in counsel together upon the issues pertaining to the better advancement of their kith and kin. The proceedings would have done credit to any body of men, of whatever nationality or color, and we are glad to take this opportunity in emphasizing the remarkable development of this erstwhile degraded and enslaved people.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

From Canada.

J. BRADEN.

On the 10th of July we left Nashville for Toronto, the place of holding the annual session of the National Educational Association. Farmers were bringing in their newly threshed wheat as we left home. In Ohio we found them cutting the crop, in New York the wheat was ripening for the harvest. The strawberry ripens in Tennessee in May. We found this berry on the table here in July. A delightful sail on Lake Ontario, touching at Lorne and Grimsby Parks, closes the week, and we retire to the Elliott House and to bed, amid the bustle of a busy city and the rattle of wheels, over the stones, and the patter of the feet of the street car horses and the jingling of their bells.

Sunday morning, bright as day well can be, the city is nearly as quiet as a country village. No street cars run on Sunday, and Toronto is a prosperous, growing city of nearly 200,000 inhabitants. No saloon is open from Saturday night at 7 o'clock till Monday morning. Not the sign of an open store, except drug stores. Then that other pest of our cities, the Sunday newspaper, is not known here. No street cars, no saloons, no open stores, no newspapers in Toronto on Sunday. But Toronto is called the city of churches. The Methodists have, I am told, about forty churches. Some of them are very fine. To be known as a city of churches is much more desirable than to be called a city of saloons. There is some opposition to the quiet restful Sunday. The saloonists, the mere pleasure seekers, the communists and the Godless, generally oppose it. True Christians, patriots and philanthro-

pists, favor it. It is an object lesson to see churches well filled with out the aid of street cars, and to know that hundreds of horses and scores of street car conductors and drivers have a day of rest. At 11 o'clock we worship in Elm Street Church, and hear an excellent sermon from the words, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man." The preacher did not get much out of the text, but he put a good deal into it. At 3 p. m. We attended the Metropolitan Sunday school. This school has about 600 scholars, and is divided into primary, intermediate, and senior departments. There is also a Chinese department, where we found seventeen celestials with their seventeen teachers at work teaching these heathen the way of life. The night service began in this church, as in all the churches in Toronto, while the sun was yet shining. But the congregation, over fifteen hundred, was present. The service was begun by the choir chanting the Lord's Prayer. Then the doxology, the congregation standing and joining in the singing. The hymn announced by the preacher, true played by the organist, first stanza of the hymn read by preacher, sung by choir and congregation, and each successive stanza read and sung in same way. Then the prayer, anthem by choir, then the Scripture lesson, then a hymn read and sung as the first. Sermon from the text Acts 19. 1: "Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus," which was treated, 1st. A great city. 2d. A great man, Paul. 3d. A great revolution the result of his coming. The preacher put much into the text. It was an excellent discourse. At the close of the sermon, prayer, collection by passing the baskets, while the organ gave forth its sweetest notes. Then the closing hymn, and benediction. After it the whole congregation sat down, and with bowed heads remained in perfect quiet for a moment, the sweet, soft notes of the organ being the signal for rising and dispersing. The singing was hearty and congregational. The organ and choir leading. The congregation standing during all the singing. We went to bed rejoicing in the exercises of our first Sunday in Canada.

Schools and Colleges.

One Thousand Students in New Orleans University.

That is the number I want to see enrolled in New Orleans University during 1891-92. Last year the enrollment was 562.

How can this be accomplished?

First: The faculty we have now is supported almost wholly by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. It will take four or five additional teachers. These can be supported by the increase of tuition that will come by 438 more students.

Second: The building now under way must be completed before next school year opens, and what is specially important now is the money to complete it must be raised in Louisiana. The society cannot now make more appropriations for building for New Orleans University. Other schools, including Alexandria, must be sheltered. But this the society will do—it will make an appropriation of \$6,000 for next year for the support of the faculty, and let all the pastors raise this conference year go into the new building except what is raised in the Alexandria district. That district must take care of Alexandria Academy.

The apportionments have already been made by the Presiding Elders of Louisiana to the charges. Let every pastor be prepared to report

his full apportionment raised at his approaching district conference.

I hope to be at the approaching district conference of the Shreveport, Alexandria, and the North and South New Orleans districts.

One thousand students in New Orleans University for 1891-92! Let that be our motto and let every man help to bring it to pass.

J. C. HARTZELL.

The death of ex-Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin on July 4th, recalls the interesting fact that ex-President Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4th, 1826, and ex-President Monroe on July 4th, 1831.

Bishop Tanners's daughter, who has recently gained such prominence in medical circles, has just been appointed resident physician of the medical college at Tuscaloosa, Ala.—*Courant*.

A young woman has been admitted to Yale College; and the University of New York has conferred the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy, and Master of Pedagogy on Mary E. Cato, Emily J. Conant and Harriet E. Hunt, colored ladies. We rejoice with the women of both races.

Miss Sarah Hayes, who has been teaching at Baker, La., has just closed a very successful session. The exhibition and examinations were highly spoken of. She delivered a splendid address on education, which we would gladly publish but for lack of space.

The Executive Board of the South Mississippi Teachers Association met at Brookhaven, July 11th; transacted some very important business, and adjourned to meet at Hazlehurst, Miss., May 9th and 10th, 1892. All teachers of South Mississippi are expected to attend. J. M. May, president, Miss I. M. Harris, secretary.

The Editor of the *Centrill Methodist* (M. E. Church South) is terribly exercised over the prospect of colored students being admitted in the great Methodist University to be established at the national capital in Washington, D. C.

Out of his prejudiced little soul he cries out: "And this is the institution that Southern Methodists are asked to help establish, and some of our chief men are already on its board of management." Terrible, isn't it?

Teachers desiring schools to teach; and communities in need of teachers can find no better means of securing what they want than by advertising their wants through the SOUTHWESTERN. Forty thousand people read our paper every week. Write for terms.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

A Monument for Jeff. Davis.

BY MRS. ALICE E. ALBERT.

I clip the following from the *Times Democrat* of July 21.

Texarkana, July 20.—The colored people who came originally from the ante-bellum home of Jefferson Davis, in Mississippi, will give an entertainment at Ghio's Opera House Wednesday night, the proceeds of which are to go to the benefit of the Jeff. Davis monument fund.

This is an outrageous shame! What has Jefferson Davis done for the colored people that they should want to help raise funds to help build a monument for him? The cause for which he fought and spent his life, I should say, left enough monuments on the backs of our poor fathers and mothers, to satisfy any people. The Lost Friend column in the SOUTHWESTERN is another imperishable monument to his memory. Why not devise plans to erect monuments to Abraham Lincoln, U. S. Grant, Wm. T. Sherman, Sumner and Sheridan instead? Such are the ones we should honor with monuments.

The charitable thing for our people to do is to try to forget such men as Jeff. Davis. The white people of the South would respect us more for it. They know as well as we, that no people honestly feel like building monuments for anybody that fought to keep them in slavery, under the lash, and that sold their children, parents, and husbands and wives from each other. The thing is unnatural.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

The Union Meeting at LaHarpe Church, June 28, resulted in the collection of \$95.60.

The committee on the Old Folks' Home, from First Street M. E. Church, has been discharged. The stewards will hereafter take up the money for that cause, and turn it over to the Old Folks' Home treasurer. T. G. Montgomery, P. C.

Rev. H. C. Wilson, Gretna, informs us of the baptism of little Frank J. Folzon, in his church, July 12. The occasion brought over from this city, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Prudhomme, Misses Maggie Gallagher, R. Carter, L. Hawkins, Fannie Brown and Mrs. M. J. Carter, to the Inncheon prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Folzon, the child's parents.

In Memoriam.—E. H. Gammon.

Our Augusta, Ga., church, Rev. H. H. Manzon pastor, observed memorial services Sunday, July 19, in honor of our friend and benefactor, Rev. E. H. Gammon, founder and beneficiary of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. The church has been draped in mourning.

PROF. I. G. Stone, 230 St. Joseph street (up stairs), has opened a school of telegraphy for colored students. A profession that has hitherto been debarred the colored race owing to there being no school established for their training and preparatory study. The system of telegraphy was admirably demonstrated a few nights ago at the First Street M. E. Church, Rev. T. G. Montgomery, pastor. On that occasion the professor was present at the church accompanied by Mr. John A. Morris Pittman, one of his advanced students, who, during the latter portion of the evening, (after an explanatory address had been made touching upon the art of telegraphy and the benefits accruing therefrom) sent and received numerous messages over the wire, to the admiration and astonishment of all present. The professor's terms for tuition are reasonable, being only ten dollars per month, and the instrument simple and easy to learn. Should you feel so inclined call and inspect his school at any time. He will be pleased to have you do so.

RIGHTEOUSNESS is springing right here in the South, and we will have reason to thank God and take courage. Speaking of the election farces in vogue in this State, and in the South, to maintain "white supremacy," Bishop Galloway, of the M. E. Church South, said recently: "It would be better for every office—State, county and city—to be filled by colored men, than for your sons to have done what they have been doing for the past few days."

The Southwestern Female University at Florence, Ala., is one of the new schools of the Southland that has flattering prospects for great usefulness. It expects to open next September, with 200 boarders.

Letters from the Districts.

West Tennessee District Conference Program.

The second district conference of the West Tennessee District will convene in Mason, Tenn., August 27.

Words of welcome, Prof. G. D. Field.

Our duty to brother preachers, B. F. Anderson.

Why we should attend district conference, J. S. Foster.

Should children be baptized? Geo. Sanford.

Should the officers and members of the Church attend the Sunday school? H. Dunlap.

Repentance, Richard Rogers.

Family worship, Silas L. Edwards.

Should we be interested in benevolent collections, and why? A. Swift.

The duty of a member to his church? E. F. Douglas.

How we should spend the Sabbath, T. E. Woods.

The SOUTHWESTERN and what she is doing, F. J. Yeargin.

The M. E. Church is the mother of what other churches? R. A. Fletcher.

The relation of the Sunday School to the Church, Ambrose Bland.

Temperance, P. Martin.

Our duty to Central Tennessee College, A. Burdette.

Our Discipline, C. L. Field.

The use of prayer meeting, J. W. Hall.

How to build up a mission, Robt. Palmer.

Holiness, A. Porter.

Is the Methodist Episcopal Church cosmopolitan? H. W. Key.

Thursday, August 27, at 8 p. m., introductory sermon, by T. E. Woods; alternate, R. A. Fletcher.

All of the local preachers and exhorters will select their own subjects and come prepared.

The Sunday-school superintendents will come prepared to take a part in those discussions.

No candidate for license to exhort or preach will get his license renewed unless able to pass a satisfactory examination, unless beyond 40 years of age. No reports received unless written. The members will be here promptly at 9 a. m., on August 27, and we hope no one will ask to be excused until conference adjourns.

The Theological Institute will meet Saturday, August 29.

For reduced rates, you will pay full fare for your tickets to come, at the same time getting a certificate from your agent, or the agent at your depot, and if you change cars get a certificate from that agent also; these certificates being signed by the secretary of the district conference, will entitle you to a return ticket at one-third fare.

J. S. Foster, secretary; H. W. Key, assistant secretary; B. F. Anderson, Presiding Elder.

The first annual session of the Sunday School Institute, Huntsville District, Texas Conference, will be held at St. James M. E. Church, Huntsville, August 5th.

Rev. F. Parker, Presiding Elder, conductor.

Pastors, parents, Sunday school officers and teachers, the scholars and members, and all others who are interested in the study of the Word of God, are cordially invited to attend.

PROGRAM.

Papers:—

The early church a school and all its members disciples, C. G. Curtis.

The model superintendent, Bona Carter.

Should blackboards be used in our Sunday school? Prof. R. D. Young.

How best to acquire a knowledge of each Sunday school lesson? W. L. Duncan.

Duties of Sunday school officers, Misses Hattie Watson and M. D. Alexander.

How to win the love of scholars, Miss Sallie J. Carrington and W. M. Thomas.

Why and how to keep up country Sunday schools through the winter? J. C. Pitts and J. H. Butcher.

Select reading, "Methodist Literature," Mrs. H. Parks.

What are the pastor's duties to the Sunday school while making his pastoral visits? S. H. Grant.

The relation of the pastor to the Sunday school, Misses H. E. Palmer and Mollie Andrews.

How may we lead our young people to become intelligent, stable and useful church members? L. J. Hogan.

The Sunday School Missionary societies—how can they be made more efficient? Prof. R. B. Smith.

Teachers' meetings—where, when and how to hold them and by whom to be conducted? J. W. Justice and Mrs. S. M. Crawford.

The kind of music needed—when and how should new tunes be taught in the Sunday school? W. H. Baines.

Topics for Discussion:—

Duty of Church members to Sunday school, T. Scott.

SOUTHWESTERN in our Sunday schools, T. Ward.

Sunday school board meetings, H. Dickson.

Temperance cause in Sunday school, A. Alexander.

How to promote the spirit of benevolence in the Sunday school, Spencer Kelley.

What may the Sunday school do for the homes of the degraded? Papers by L. Felder and M. Carter.

How may we secure the regular attendance of our pupils? Misses M. McGowan and M. Runnels.

To what peculiar dangers are our young people exposed? Prof. D. S. Wheatly.

Lectures:—

The Bible from God.

How to study the Bible.

The scope and aims of the Sunday school.

The duty of M. E. Sunday schools to use Methodist literature.

Revs. W. H. Logan, P. Morgan, Dr. Scott, W. Hamilton, W. Wesley, M. S., and J. A. Featherston, are expected to be present and to accommodate us with special lectures.

Write Rev. W. L. Duncan, Huntsville, and he will provide names.

Beaufort District, S. C. Conference.

District Conference and Sunday School Institute will be held at Midway, Mt. Zion Church, Wednesday, August 26 to 31.

Rev. D. M. Minus, A. M., Presiding Elder.

PROGRAM.

Address of welcome, T. G. Robinson. Reply, Rev. P. D. Harris.

Introductory sermon, Rev. W. J. Smith.

Alternate, Rev. A. Thomas.

Sketches and criticisms by several ministers.

The nature of conversion, J. C. Pendergrass.

Pulpit eloquence, R. L. Hickson.

Predestination, E. M. Pinckney.

The intermediate state, W. G. White.

Scriptural mode of baptism, E. J. Frederick.

The immortality of the soul, W. J. Smith.

The perseverance of saints, O. C. Jacobs.

Recognition of friends in heaven, E. J. Frederick.

Query: Can a man fall from Grace?

Justification, G. W. Gant.

Free grace, R. A. Thomas.

The foreknowledge of God, S. S. Lawton.

Missionary sermon, R. L. Hickson. Alternate, C. H. Harleston.

Educational sermon by O. C. Jacobs, A. B. Alternate, Rev. E. M. Pinckney.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

T. H. Moses, superintendent; Rev. S. S. Lawton and M. M. Brown, Esq., assistants.

Essays:—

What should be the qualifications of our Sunday school superintendents? L. J. Rickenbacker.

How to make the Sunday schools attractive, Miss Mamie Jackson.

The need of temperance work in

the Sunday schools, M. M. Brown.

How to conduct the Sunday schools, Miss Mattie Gray.

Should the work of our Sunday schools be discontinued during the winter months? C. C. Robinson.

Should our Sunday schools be graded? C. W. Brown.

Query: Should unconverted persons be permitted to teach in our Sunday schools? Aff., S. D. Williams; Neg., J. F. Robinson.

Preaching by Rev. D. M. Minus, A. M., Presiding Elder.

Sunday school mass meeting addressed by Revs. E. M. Pinckney, S. S. Lawton, C. C. Jacobs, W. J. Smith and others.

Preaching by Rev. E. M. Pinckney; alternate, Rev. H. Baker.

All local preachers and exhorters are required to be present and submit a sketch of their own selection.

Each charge is entitled to one class leader, Sabbath school superintendent, district steward, and one delegate to the Institute.

Committee: D. M. Minus, A. M., Presiding Elder, S. S. Lawton, T. H. Moses, C. C. Jacobs, E. J. Frederick, W. G. White, W. J. Smith, secretary.

Pine Bluff District Conference.

G. W. LACEY, P. E.

The Pine Bluff district conference will convene in Pine Bluff, Aug. 26, 1891. Every member of the conference is requested to be present on the first day with written reports.

PROGRAM.

Introductory sermon, T. R. Wamble.

Missionary sermon, C. H. Taylor.

Relation of the minister to the people, W. Brooks.

Relation of the colored man to the M. E. Church, E. D. Spencer.

The work of the Holy Spirit, J. C. Crawley.

Relation of the pastor to the Presiding Elder, H. P. Coulter.

Why ought pastors remain on their own work? A. Hardeman.

The church and an educated ministry, John Qualls.

The best method of gathering the children in the Sunday school, J. W. Burns.

The good of the Board of Church Extension in the South, B. J. Thornton.

Duties of local preachers to their pastors, R. C. Coleman.

Duties of class leaders, H. W. Bright.

The need of the SOUTHWESTERN amongst our people, C. G. Brooks.

Our educational work in the Little Rock Conference, Dr. Mason or Prof. Cox.

Bring your Freedmen's Aid collections, so that they can be turned over to the proper parties.

Remember our watchword, souls for Christ and a collection for every cause.

Sister Martha Shelby, a motherly, settled woman of kindly disposition, whose health will not permit her to do anything else, is anxious to get employment as a nurse for one or more children. Her charges are very reasonable. Any one in need of such help would confer a favor by calling on or addressing her at our risk? Electric Treatment Co., 259 Broadway New York City.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

P. M. Carmichael, Wesley Chapel, Austin, Texas.

Some things have prevented us from reporting a large number of conversions this quarter. However, some have been saved. I have thought with others that in every service there should be some one saved, and that the service was about lost without it. The church fails to have that earnestness and burning desire for the salvation of souls that was characteristic of the early church. For this we cannot account. It may

be that we preach the Word not seasoned with faith. And where there is this earnestness among the ministers and a few of our members, there are so many that mix with the world in such a way as to destroy all their Christian influence. It takes the concerted efforts of both preachers and members to insure spiritual, and I think financial success. Our labors have not altogether been fruitless this quarter. Up to June 14 we have had 16 conversions and 20 accessions to the church; 735 full members and 20 on probation, making an enrollment of 755. An increase in membership since last quarter of 45, and of 12 probationers. Collections, \$675.50, not including the amount raised in the Sunday school. We have done some very necessary repairs on church and parsonage property, which add to its value and beauty. Our second quarterly conference convened June 13, 14, Rev. Mack Henson, our much esteemed Presiding Elder, in the chair. Reports from church and Sunday school were quite encouraging. Elder Henson preached an able sermon on marriage, that was very timely and well received by our large congregation. At night he gave the Lord's Supper to the largest number that ever partook in old Wesley Church, and on Monday morning, the 15th, he took his leave for Troy, Ala., to see his mother, who he had not seen in 38 years. Also, to attend the Presiding Elders' Convention, that met in Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 23d. I must say that I do heartily endorse the Convention, and think it is one of the best things that could have been gotten up to discuss the general interest of our work among the colored conferences. I have confidence in the men that met there, believe that they were true and loyal to the old church, and that great good will come out of the meeting. I will endeavor to get up a financial rally for the benevolent purposes and Samuel Huston College, from now until the 16th of December. I have never forgotten the dear old SOUTHWESTERN, and shall continue to do all I can for it.

D. Shelby, Shreveport, La.

Our second quarterly conference convened at Fairview Church, May 23, 25, Rev. S. Duncan in the chair. Our people all rejoiced to meet him. Converts, 9; backsliders reclaimed, 5; from other churches, 4; probationers, 14. We are getting ready to come up with our missionary money.

C. G. Curran, Willis, Texas.

The first week after the Annual Conference found me at Willis. I found things in very good shape. Presiding Elder came and held his first quarter. We raised \$5 for pastor and \$12.35 for Presiding Elder. On Easter we raised \$12, \$3 for Church Extension and \$9 Jubilee day. We have bought a large church bell, weighing 550 pounds. Paid pastor during quarter, \$68; Presiding Elder, \$24; Bishop, \$2. Added to the church, 10 persons. Our camp meeting will convene July 21. Our preachers are cordially invited. The SOUTHWESTERN is one of our great swords in the defense of our church here at Willis, as it brings facts and figures of what Methodism is doing every week. May she live long.

Presiding Elder Mack Henson's recent visit to the Cedar creek circuit, Tex., was a source of great joy to that people. The work prospers and Rev. Joseph Harrison the pastor is happy.

Rev. G. Orange, Ackerman, Miss., says his estimated salary is \$375 and not \$875, as published some weeks ago.

N. H. Williams, Greenville, Miss.

We have recently moved into our new home near Asbury M. E. Church, and were agreeably surprised, and presented with a nice wash bowl and pitcher, and a beautiful wall picture by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, and a basket of family groceries by Mrs. Fannie Sanders, faithful members of our church.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,650
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Prayers for Peru.

Christian Brethren everywhere:

Pray for Peru and for me. I have been appointed to move from Buenos Aires to Lima, and take up the work of evangelization there. The demands of that work seem greater than I can bear. Pray for me.

The moral condition of the country reveals a crisis in its history, that must hasten its progress in a singular manner or set it back fearfully. Pray for Peru.

The imprisonment of Rev. Francisco Penzotti in that country has attracted the attention of the christian world, as a case of religious persecution demanding universal sympathy. My interest in that case has been intensified, from the first, by my affection for Penzotti, and is made thrilling now, by my appointment to move to the scene of his trials and enter into his labors. Pray for Penzotti and for me.

I go to Peru, confiding not in my own prudence, for I cannot hope to be more prudent than Penzotti has been,—nor in my own righteousness, for he has had to suffer prolonged imprisonment, though found innocent by the civil authorities and tribunals of all grades, from first to last. Nor can I trust to human aid. He has had active in his behalf the legations of both Italy and the United States in Peru, with the press and all the liberal and progressive elements of the country, and with influences brought to bear from the River Platte Republics, from the press of the United States and Great Britain, from the Governments at Washington and at London, from the American Bible Society, and from the Evangelical Alliance,—and all combined has not saved him from a long confinement in a dungeon of the vilest sort, among condemned criminals. What more could I hope for if arrested on false charges, as he has been, and caught in the snares of the dominant priestcraft in Peru? Pray for a country where such things are possible, and for us who must face such a situation, not knowing what awaits us.

Imagine the afflictions of Bro. Penzotti's family,—and possibly of mine. His daughters have been subjected to such insufferable insults that they were sent out of the country for relief. I am taking my daughters into that country. Pray for these missionary girls, his and mine. And pray for our wives, and for my venerable mother, who, in her eighty-fourth year, accompanies my pilgrimages in these ends of the earth.

A little church has gathered about Penzotti. Among its own members have arisen those who have ministered to the rest in word and doctrine, as best they could, during his imprisonment. Pray for them, and for the efforts that I must make to train them for wider usefulness. Oh, for a baptism of power and love and soundness of mind, for what is before me in that field!

And, finally, brethren, pray for the work I am leaving in Argentina and Uruguay,—the two training schools that I have had under my direction, the two bands of students that are linked to my heart and whose aspirations are precious to my faith.

THOMAS B. WOOD.

Buenos Aires, May 29, '91.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: Please let me enquire for my husband Eli Alexander. Upon the death of his master Thomas Alexander, his mistress took him to North Carolina in 1848. My husband was also known by the name of Eli Paten. I had two children Henry and Isabella. Any information will be gladly received. Address Margaret Paten, care of Rev. I. M. Lampkin, Houston, Miss.

Mr. Editor: Please let me give many praises to you and the grand old SOUTHWESTERN for having put me in communication with my brother, whom I had not seen for 30 years. Please let the world know what the paper is worth by publishing this letter and oblige Annie Harris.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my brothers and sisters. I left them in North Carolina during the war. My mother is dead. Her name was Sallie Gaskins. My brothers and sisters were Frank, Bale, Ben, and Marks Gaskins. My sister's names were Anne and Celia Gaskins. I am the youngest of all. Any one knowing them will please address, Pleasant Mosby, Greenville, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my mother, father and uncle. My father's name was Sam; mother's Rebecca. She belonged to Tom Woldridge, in Warren, Bradley county, Ark. My uncle was named Nucks. His weight was about 250 pounds. I was brought to Texas by Tom Woldridge when a small boy, about 40 years ago. My mistress' name was Celia Woldridge, from the Thurman family, Arkansas. My name is Henry. Any information concerning them will be rewarded. Address Henry Pierson, care of Rev. Tenola Edwards, Sloan street, Houston, Tex.

Letters from the Laity.

The Competitive Exhibition.

The undersigned citizens were selected to decide a friendly contest consisting of a concert, tableaux, recitations, drills, etc., between the pupils of St. James, Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, and St. Paul, Rev. T. J. Johnson, M. E. Churches. The exhibition occurred at the Fair Grounds, Exposition Building, Friday evening, July 10, and witnessed by a large concourse of people, who preserved admirable order. After carefully noticing each contestant the decision was in favor of the scholars of the St. James Church. Be it said that this award was reached by the casting vote of the fifth judge, selected in the event of a tie vote by ballot, which was the case. The result was attributable to the dominant literary character of the St. James contestants, while the St. Paul pupils exhibited rare proficiency in amateur character delineations and specialties.

The pupils of both churches are warmly commended for their highly creditable exhibition, their surprising powers of memory, eloquence, elocution and especially musical training.

The recitation of "The Maniac," heretofore undecided, between Jessie Norman and Mande Simon of St. Paul's church was awarded to the latter on the ground of greatest proficiency in elocution, expression and conception of character. Both did exceedingly well.

Judges: R. T. Vinson, W. O. Perrin, W. T. Dewing, W. H. Tunard, V. Grosjean.

"Daily Canaanian," Shreveport, La. L. L. Porter, Alexandria, La.

We have had grand times since April. Our church (St. James M. E.) is on a spiritual "boom." During our revival seventy-four souls stepped from the dungeon of sin into the sunlight of God's holiness, bringing "good news and glad tidings" of their deliverance. Gamblers and drunkards are changed, and are now called the sons of God, and are now doing business for the Master. The sleepy hand

of neglect can be seen around the doors of the dram shops, the noise of the dice and card players are hushed, and the unconverted gambler has moved to more congenial olives. Children's Day was duly celebrated, the program being carried out to the letter. Much credit is due to the pastor, Bro. A. J. Ford, Sisters Thomas and Eckley, and Bros. Young and Oquano. Ten dollars was collected and duly forwarded. Bro. E. Lyon, the Sunday school agent, visited us on the 28th ultimo, and preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation, doing full justice to the cause.

B. J. Jackson, Harmony Grove, Ga., reports a terrible thunder storm in that neighborhood, in which his wife and daughter narrowly escaped with their lives. The lightning struck both of them as they were returning from class-meeting; and they were scorched and terribly shocked, but as the Lord willed it they escaped serious injury. A neighboring stable and mule were burnt up by the lightning.

R. H. Johnson, Bellwood, Tenn.

Our third quarterly conference was held May 30, Rev. A. Phillips, P. E., in the chair. Reports showed that the work is in good condition. Paid pastor \$35.15, Presiding Elder \$7.25. Benevolent collections \$10.15. Sunday, 31, was a grand day with us. The elder lectured to the Sunday school, and his sermon was exceedingly interesting. Fifty persons were at the communion table. Every department of the church was looked after, even our paper, the SOUTHWESTERN, was not forgotten.

John H. Gibson, Anderson, Tex.

We are having a very good Sunday school. I was at Yarbrough Chapel on the 10th inst. to a quarterly conference, and was in the Sunday school on Sunday morning and was very much pleased with the way they conducted their Sabbath school. The elder preached a very interesting sermon. A fine collection was taken up. We have a fine young minister on the work and everybody seems to like him. Elder Logan is a good man, and is liked on this work by white and colored.

H. Gales, Chunkey circuit, Miss.

Rev. J. M. Shumpert held our quarterly conference June 20, at Mt. Zion. Collection \$11. The elder preached and administered the sacrament to 44. At night our beloved pastor preached.

Davis White, Texarkana, Ark.

My attention was called to this paper by many of your readers, which I have had the pleasure of reading with much interest. I think it is just what the mind needs. We had a grand time at our church on Easter Sunday. Rev. J. S. Hailley preached the Easter sermon.

Books and Current Literature.

Bennie Winkelfield, by Alice M. Muzzy, is another of those excellent stories recently issued from our Book Concern. Price 75 cents. New Orleans and New York, Hunt & Eaton. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

We have received from the author Rev. Nathan Hubbell, a copy of his book entitled My Journey to Jerusalem, including travels in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Italy, Greece, Palestine, etc. It is a very interesting and valuable work, containing 64 illustrations. Price \$1. Printed by Hunt & Eaton, New York.

The report of thirty-second and thirty-third year of the New York Sabbath Committee is before us. It exhibits the most faithful work on the part of the committee, in the prosecution of its divine mission of rescuing the Sabbath from the devil and giving it wholly to God. It appeals to the American conscience in favor of closing the Columbian Exposition on the Lord's day. It succeeded in getting the State Department to order the American Department in the Paris Exposition about to be held, to close on the Sabbath. It notes the progress of Sabbath observance in England and in the several states in this country. Every slave of capital has reason to be thankful

for the existence of the committee. New York Sabbath Committee, 31 Bible House, New York.

No periodic work on the subject, published in this country, is to be compared with the American Anti-Quarian and Oriental Journal. It is a bi-monthly. Terms \$4 per year. Address S. D. Peet, Mendon, Ill., or 175 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Those interested in this attractive and important branch of education, should subscribe for the Social Science Library, (monthly), published by the Humboldt Publishing Co., New York. Price 25 cents a number. Six Centuries of Work and Wages, by J. E. Thorold Rogers, recently issued is a typical number, which will pay a careful perusal.

To Deum Landams in A, composed by J. Wiegand, has been published by J. Fisher & Bro., 7 Bible House, New York. Price 35 cents. Like other musical publications by this popular house this is one of the finest sacred music compositions that has come to our hands recently.

W. A. Wilde & Co., Boston, Mass., have favored us with samples of their Sunday School Quarterlies and Lesson Helps. Children's S. S. Quarterly 16 cents a year; The S. S. Quarterly 20 cents a year, and the Intermediate S. S. Quarterly. The series is complete.

Consecrated Talent, by Rev. Irving E. Lowery, A.M., of the South Carolina Conference M. E. Church, published by McDonald, Gill & Co., Boston, Mass., is before us. It is a very interesting and instructive, neatly bound volume of 110 pages, which will do good wherever it circulates; and we take real pleasure in commending it to our readers. The author has therein made a name for himself, and has contributed to christian literature, a volume which deserves a place in every library. Bro. Lowery, as far as we know, is the first colored author that has ever utilized his ability, to explain and emphasize christian perfection or entire consecration. That he has done his work well, is but public praise to his eminently successful effort.

How to Learn How. Addresses. 1. Dealing with Doubt. 2. Preparations for Learning, by Henry Drummond, F. R. S., and F. G. S., has just been published by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago. This is a booklet of 32 pages packed with good things.

One of the most timely contributions recently added to help the study of the life of Christ, is the Calendar and Chart, illustrating the years' periods and events recorded in the life of our Lord in their chronological order; prepared by Rev. George P. Perry, for the use of Sunday schools, normal classes, etc. Cloth 5 feet square \$3.50, on rollers \$5. Paper 20x24 inches each 40 cents, per dozen by express not prepaid \$3.60. Folded in cloth cover 15 cents. New Orleans and New York, Hunt & Eaton. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

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BOYNTON M. E. CHURCH—Lafayette street and Main street, Rev. Hiram Wilson, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting at 5 a. m.; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., 2 and 3 p. m.; class, Monday evening at 7 p. m.; communion monthly, third Sunday; general class, every first Monday evening.

CAMP PARAPET CHURCH—Rev. Simon Evans, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting at 6 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m.; Sabbath school 1 p. m.; class meeting Thursday evening.

CUSHMAN CHAPEL, on Carrollton avenue—Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath-school at 1 p. m.

FIRST STREET CHURCH—corner of First and Dryades sts.; Rev. T. G. Montgomery, pastor. Sabbath: 5 a. m., prayer meeting, 11, 3 and 7 p. m.; communion monthly, on the first Sunday; Sunday-school 1 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening; general class every fourth Monday evening; preaching Thursday night.

HAYES CHAPEL—Jefferson street, Carrollton, La.; Rev. W. S. Harris, pastor. Services: 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school 9 a. m.; class meeting Monday evening; preaching Tuesday night.

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MAIDEN CHAPEL—Washington street; Rev. W. J. M. Price, pastor. Public worship Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school at 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 p. m.

NASHUA CHAPEL—Union street, cor. of Claiborne; Sunday school, 11 a. m.; preaching, Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Wednesday, at 7 p. m.; class meeting Monday at 7 p. m.

PLEASANT PLAIN CHURCH—Perrito street, between Johnson and First; Rev. R. D. Price, pastor. Sunday services: preaching at 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school at 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting, Monday evening, at 5:30 p. m.; preaching Tuesday night at 7 o'clock; prayer meeting, Monday evening, at 5:30 p. m.

ST. MATTHEW M. E. CHURCH—Varnet street, Algiers, La.; Rev. Frank Walker, pastor. Services: preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting 6:30 a. m.; class meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.; Sunday-school at 1 p. m.

SIMPSON CHAPEL—Valence street, between Camp and Chestnut; Rev. J. W. Hilton, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m., every Sunday.

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THOMSON CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH—Post and Rampart; Rev. Wm. F. Forest, pastor. Sunday services: 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting at 5 a. m.; class meetings 3:30 p. m.

UNION CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH—Rev. J. W. Hilton, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting, 6 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m.; class meeting Tuesday night; preaching Thursday night; prayer meeting Friday night. Sacrament second Sunday night in each month.

WESLEY CHAPEL—Liberty street, between Perdido and Poydras; Rev. F. T. Chinn, pastor. Sunday services: 6 a. m.; prayer meeting, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening; preaching Thursday evening.

WILLIAM'S CHAPEL—On Olmsted street, St. Charles avenue; Rev. R. Taylor, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting at 5 a. m.; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting Monday evening. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Communion first Sunday in every month at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST GERMAN M. E. CHURCH—Corner St. Andrew and Franklin streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday-school at 9 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 9 p.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Fall Conferences, 1891.

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Conferences in the United States.

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Nevada Miss. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Montana Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Idaho Sunday, July 22. Bowman

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Utah Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Black Hills Miss. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Cincinnati Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Iowa Sunday, July 22. Bowman

N. W. Nor. & Minn. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Chicago German, Chicago, Ill. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

West German, St. Joseph, Mo. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Louis Ger. Miss. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Norway & Dan. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

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Northwest Iowa, Ia. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Wisconsin Sunday, July 22. Bowman

W. Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls, Wis. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Columbia R. V. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Detroit Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Indiana Sunday, July 22. Bowman

North Nebraska, Omaha, Neb. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

West Indiana, Aurora, Ind. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Minnesota Sunday, July 22. Bowman

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Rock River Sunday, July 22. Bowman

South California, Los Angeles, Cal. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

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North Ohio Sunday, July 22. Bowman

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North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

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Central New York, Cortland, N. Y. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

West Nebraska, North Platte, Neb. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Arizona Miss. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

North Carolina, Winston, N. C. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

East Tennessee, Morristown, Tenn. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

New Mex. Span. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

South America Miss. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Hawaii Sunday, July 22. Bowman

Central Tennessee, Erin, Tenn. Sunday, July 22. Bowman

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THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1891.

PUSH the revival work, brethren; Our business is to save the world to Christ.

THE full program of the Alexandria District Conference will appear next week.

THE West Alabama Sunlight, published at Forkland, Ala., is among the latest ventures in journalism. We bespeak for it a long and useful career.

THANKS to the McKinley tariff law, sugar was never so cheap in this country, and its production was never so profitable to American sugar producers. The free importation of sugar and the bounty feature of that law make it so.

FROM the extravagant reports of the corner stone laying of the A. M. E. Church at Donaldsonville, La., a few Sundays ago, one would think that thousands of dollars were collected on that occasion. The facts are that they collected only \$31.

THAT staunch friend of our people, President L. M. Dutton, D.D., of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., sends us the following cheering words: "I wish you, your paper and the great cause you represent, the most pronounced success, and I shall continue to cherish the hope that God will spare you many years to be one of the foremost leaders in the South."

JUDGE Eugene Staes, aged 65 years, one of the best known citizens of New Orleans, died July 14. He was a staunch Republican, prominent in public affairs, having filled the important position of Judge of the Second Recorder's Court for several years, with credit and honor. His death is a loss to his city and State. His funeral was attended by many of our first citizens of both races.

IT being understood that there would not be sufficient funds in the city treasury to open the schools Sept. 1st, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, by a unanimous vote, propose to give an entertainment for the benefit of the School Teachers' Benevolent Association, to raise sufficient money to open them. The plan is to issue one hundred thousand tickets at 25c. each. The entertainment to take place at the Fair Grounds during the latter part of August. The proposition has been accepted by the Teachers' Association, and bids fair to be a grand success. As this offer applies to the colored public schools as well as the white, we hope our people will heartily endorse the enterprise and purchase liberally of the tickets. We understand the entire proceeds will go to the teachers.

THE conferences in our territory having all expressed themselves upon the question of the admission of women to the General Conference, we have long since dismissed both sides of the controversy from our columns, although we have quite a batch of contributed articles against their admission unpublished on our table. We have published every one in favor of their admission that has reached us from every quarter, with one exception. This last we deem best not to publish, because it has just come to hand, and we do not see the wisdom or propriety of reopening the question after all those in our territory have already expressed themselves in the premises. We prefer to fill our columns with other subjects, bearing upon revival work and church building generally.

Our Sunday School Agent.

In view of the tremendous efforts being put forth by the Roman Catholic, Lutheran and other churches and agencies for the seduction and capture of our young people in this section, the Louisiana Conference, at its last session in this city, unanimously requested Bishop Newman to appoint the Rev. Ernest Lyon, A. M., as Conference Sunday School Agent, to travel through the State, organize Sunday schools, hold teachers' institutes, and to otherwise labor to counteract those influences, so as to save our young people to Christ and our Methodism. The Sunday School Union, through Bishops Newman and Mallahan, was most earnestly requested to appropriate at least \$400 toward the support of this work; while the several charges in the conference were requested to supplement that sum, so as to afford a comfortable support for the Agent. With nothing more in the way of support but the plighted faith of the Conference and the strength of the plea which the necessities of the work presented to the Sunday School Union, Bro. Lyon entered upon his work so soon as the Conference had adjourned.

He kindled a lively inspiration in every direction. Old Sunday schools were revived, new ones multiplied, many young people especially converted, and a general uplift felt wherever he went. The one source of weakness, however, has been in the matter of the financial support of the Agent. Thus far, the Sunday School Union has not appropriated anything to this work. In the meantime, Bro. Lyon has had to depend entirely upon the free-will offerings of the people for his support. This, we regret to record, has been entirely inadequate. Some of the churches and Sunday schools have come up nobly, but others have done little, or absolutely nothing. Bro. Lyon does not complain. His self-respect does not permit him to do that. But he is not getting a comfortable support out of this work, and the brethren ought to know it. Having been called to this work by the unanimous voice of the Conference, every presiding elder, pastor and congregation in the Louisiana Conference is in honor bound to see that he is comfortably supported in his work.

In the absence of outside help, it is absolutely necessary, if we would not be guilty of doing a great wrong to a faithful and efficient worker, whom we employed, that every charge in the Conference raise its quarterly assessment for the support of the Sunday School Agent, and turn it over to the presiding elder, or to forward it directly to Bro. Lyon.

Raise his assessment, just as you raise the Bishop's assessment, and send it to him; and he will visit you whenever, and as often as he can.

There is no field so productive of good results to our church, that presents more urgent needs for its cultivation. With full knowledge of this whole Southern work, we give it as our deliberate judgment that the Sunday School Union could not better serve the church and the people interested, than by taking hold of this work, and employ say about two or three agents, to do for this whole section just what Bro. Lyon has been employed to do for the Louisiana Conference. Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas might be given to one agent, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, etc., might be given to another, etc. Our faith is that the increase in church membership, conversions, Sunday schools, benevolent collections, etc., would be felt in every direction, so as to greatly overbalance any and all expenses incurred. Will the Sunday School Union venture in this direction? In the name of every interest that is sacred to the church, we fervently hope she may; and that she will not allow any idea of misdirected economy keep her from doing so. "There is that scattereth,

and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Employ the agents and reap the harvest.

Surely Sometime.

The Western Christian Advocate gives an unanswerable quietus to the Nashville Christian Advocate (M. E. Church South), in answer to its unfriendly thrusts at the Methodist Episcopal Church, because "The good natured discussion between Dr. Albert, of the SOUTHWESTERN, and Dr. Potts, of the Michigan Advocate, on the election by the next General Conference of a colored bishop." Dr. Moore never misses the mark.

Read the conclusion of his very friendly and able article: "Bearing in mind that eminent qualification is admitted and urged by the colored man himself to be the prime requisite in a bishop, white or black, what would be the probable effect upon our work of electing such a colored bishop? Possibly it would drive a few out of our communion in the North. It may be that we have some so prejudiced that they would spurn a church catholic enough to ignore color. But they could do very well in other communions, so long as they lived on earth. What they would do in heaven, is not so plain. But the church, after such a purging, would be homogenous, and, if not numerically (though we believe that, once exhibiting the Spirit of the Master, it would gain much more than it could lose, even in numbers), spiritually it would be stronger than ever.

Doubtless it would cut us off from attracting members in the Old South; but we are not attracting any as it is. It might cause us to lose some in the border conferences. But it would put those remaining upon a platform, against which the gates of hell could not prevail. They would be in harmony with the doctrines and traditions of our Methodism, which then, South and North, would face the same way.

How would our bishops relish it? It were strange if there would not be a contest of honor who should consecrate their 'brother in black.'

How would our ministers receive him? Just as they receive a white bishop; for, by the supposition, he is to be the peer of any on the Board of Bishops, in scholarship, culture, ability and piety. Such being the case, a white minister refusing to take his appointment at his hand, would be an object either of curiosity, pity, or contempt.

We do not venture an opinion as to whether the man and the hour now coincide; but we occupy the only tenable and consistent position, viz: That, if 'not yet, surely some time we shall have a colored bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.'

Another Victim.

As is always done in such cases, Sam Gillespie who was riddled with bullets by a mob while in charge of a deputy sheriff, at Love Station, Miss., Sunday, July 13, has been painted in the most frightful color, as a desperado and a dangerous character; hence the justification of his foul and brutal murder. The facts in the case are as follows: A colored man and a white man got into a difficulty. A second white man interposed and doubled-teamed against the colored man. As there were two against one, Gillespie took the part of the colored man. Gillespie was arrested, and was in charge of a deputy sheriff, when a mob of seventy-five or more white men came upon him and riddled him with bullets. His real crime was in his bravery which did not allow himself nor his people to be outraged in his presence without resenting it. The trouble began at a colored picnic, where imposing white young men gave offense by their outrageous conduct. They had no business there, and came only to insult and abuse colored girls. It is an outrageous shame, that even under such cir-

cumstances, brave and manly colored men should be thus foully and brutally murdered, without anything being done to punish the guilty parties.

THE Rev. Dr. Potts, of the Michigan Christian Advocate, appears to be considerably nettled over our recent editorial in answer to his on the subject of the election of a colored bishop. He charges that he is therein, "as usual, more or less misrepresented; the chief intention being that (we) he is prejudiced against the Negroes." We regret to be so charged by our friend Dr. Potts, but it is not our fault, but his. We have never purposely misrepresented him. Whatever observations we made were entirely in keeping with his own language, as fairly and clearly interpreted, by several disinterested parties, white and colored, who read his editorial.

He says: "Had Dr. Albert published our little article in full, as he was in honor bound to do, this result might have been avoided."

We do not know that we were in honor bound to publish Dr. Potts' "article in full" any more than he was to publish the several articles which we have published in which he joined issue with us. Although our criticism of the Doctor was in keeping with the wording of his previous editorial, on the subject, we are glad that he now tells us that he did not really mean what his editorial clearly implied, as we inferred. He expresses his attitude toward our people in the following language: "We do not believe our colored brethren have a sincerer friend than we are in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and it is not pleasing to be represented to them as the partaker of a spirit so repulsive to us."

Political Review.

Secretary Blaine's health is now generally conceded not to be quiet as bad as some would make it appear.

Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, Senator Sherman, Secretary Foster, and ex-Governor Foraker, are united in their support of Major McKinley for Governor of Ohio, and are not quarrelling over the succession of the U. S. Senatorship. This question, for the time being, has been wisely relegated to the rear until the anticipated sweeping Republican triumph is announced at the polls. The only serious question that confronts the Republicans in that state, is that presented by the many plea of colored Republicans for larger recognition for their support. The plea is a righteous one, and will no doubt be satisfied; thereby insuring the solidity of that vote to the Republican party.

The Republicans of Massachusetts will hold their state nominating convention in Tremont Temple, Boston, Sept. 16. Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, of the Federal Election Law fame, will preside.

It is reported that U. S. Senator Quay, chairman, and Col. W. W. Dudley, treasurer of the Republican National Committee will resign during the meeting of the committee in Philadelphia, this week.

The reported white Republican movement in South Carolina will amount to about a hill of beans.

In this state, one can scarcely hear of anything except the lottery. The one question is will the state sell itself root and branch to the lottery and the devil for another twenty-five years? The prayer of all good people is that it will not. The enemy is goaded to fury however and will have to be met with a manly and united front by all the friends of God and common decency.

The registration office, on Camp street, opposite Lafayette square, is open daily, from 9 o'clock a. m., to 3 o'clock p. m., for the registration of voters. Under a law enacted at the last session of the Legislature, an entirely new registration for new Orleans is required.

Remember that you cannot vote unless you are registered anew, nor will you be permitted to participate in your ward clubs.

Personal.

—Rev. Dr. J. W. Olmstead has resigned the editorship of the Boston Watchman, owing to protracted illness, and is succeeded in the editorship by Rev. Dr. George E. Horr, who has been filling the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Charlestown, Mass.

—Hon. D. M. Key of Chattanooga, Postmaster General under President Hayes, has accepted the position of dean of the law school of Grant University, Chattanooga, Tenn.

—At Dodd City, Tex., on the glorious Fourth, Rev. Dr. Crawford, the Congregationalist missionary of Orleans, was threatened with personal violence and driven away because he lectured to the colored people on the Declaration of Independence.—Crusader.

—The Rev. C. T. Walker, D.D., of Augusta, Ga., Sentinel has returned from his trip to the Holy Land. His reception at home amounted to an ovation.

—Rev. J. P. Duffy, A.M., of Philadelphia, has become editor of the Children's Department of Your Helper and Christian Endeavor. The young folks are fortunate.

—President Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., is enjoying a well earned and much needed vacation among the hills of New England. He was greatly weakened by the gripe last winter, and was for months thereafter so prostrated that his work was a real burden, and it was all that he could do to finish up his year's work in good shape. We hope he will be fully braced up by his vacation for many, more years of good work in his God-chosen sphere.

—Miss Anna M. Harris, of Baton Rouge, La., has been employed by the Baptist Church of Baton Rouge as a Sabbath school organizer. She is working as a King's Daughter and is teaching there in Rev. H. Green's church. Although of the Baptist Church, Miss Harris is a subscriber and devoted friend of the SOUTHWESTERN. This fact puts to shame many of our members and officers who are not subscribers to their church paper.

—We regret to learn that Rev. Reese Thompson, pastor at Franklin, is ill and confined to his bed.

—The Florida Sentinel of July 10, contained an excellent cut and sketch of Bishop John P. Newman, D.D., LL.D.

—Dr. D. W. Fields of Memphis, Tenn., has gone to Chicago, to further his proficiency in his profession, by taking a post graduate course in dentistry. He will be absent about six weeks.

—Rev. George W. Gray, D.D., assistant corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has changed his postoffice address from Oak Park to Evanston, Ill.

—Mrs. Prof. Geo. W. Wells, we are sorry to learn is in very poor health, and is being specially treated by Dr. I. E. Mullen, in this city.

—Rev. P. W. Clark, Wilson, La., mourns the death of his wife and eight children; and is now suffering from neuralgia of the heart. We deeply sympathize with him. He is thankful for the words of comfort that the brethren have sent him. Notwithstanding his unparalleled affliction he reports a new church building on foot; and his church alive. The storm of the 6th inst. did much damage to his work.

—Charges affecting the character of Rev. Wm. Emmett, of Grand Cane, La., having been presented, to his Presiding Elder, Rev. S. Duncan, an investigation was had July 14; and he was duly acquitted. Rev. E. Hutcherson represented the church, and Rev. T. J. Johnson the accused. The following were the committee, viz: Revs. C. D.

Shallowhorne, chairman, S. Carroll, S. Armistead, D. Shelby, and S. R. Hason, secretary.

—Prof. B. M. Hubbard, A.M., principal of Alexandria Academy, is teaching a summer school at Bastrop. He says "peace and quiet reigns" in that section.

—It is reported that Bishop T. M. D. Ward, of the A. M. E. Church, is expected to wed an intelligent young lady of St. Louis at an early day.

—Our presiding Elders like the most of our pastors, are busy men, and find no time to sit on fence rails whittling sticks. They flit about like sunbeams reflected from revolving mirrors.

Presiding Elder Landry stepped in last week and went out the same day, on some other portion of his work; Presiding Elder Priestley came in, ordered a corner stone, went to Vicksburg, came back again, and is almost ready to go out again; Presiding Elder Marshall comes in and goes out so that one can scarcely keep up with him. He moves about like the Irishman's flea, "Now you've got him and now you haven't;" Presiding Elders Morant and Duncan, don't get here at all; unless a chance turns up of getting Church Extension money to build some churches on their districts; Dr. McLaughlin is always in a hurry, pushing things forward in English, French, Italian, and Scandinavian, or denouncing the lottery iniquity in stout solid English. Presiding Elder Cline, works like a beaver and sticks to it, and is never seen nor heard from till his year's work is done; Presiding Elder Emperor Williams, cool, firm, faithful, and fatherly, keeps his work before him in good shape; and does the same thing for all the many brethren that crowd around him for advice and direction out of his rich and successful experience.

It is gratifying to learn that all of these brethren bring or send in good reports from their districts. Churches are being built, Sunday schools organized or improved, sinners converted, the church edified, the benevolent collections being taken, and the SOUTHWESTERN pushed into regions beyond.

—The Rev. Dr. Berry of the Epworth Herald, mourns the death of a younger brother Mr. J. Charles Berry, a successful lawyer in Detroit, Mich.

—President L. G. Adkinson, has returned from the camp meeting on the Mississippi Coast and has left for Kansas, and will be gone about ten days. We bespeak for him a pleasant and profitable trip.

—Miss M. M. Price, the daughter of Rev. J. P. and Mrs. Elizabeth Price was united in wedlock to Mr. B. H. Ransom, June 22, in the Central Tennessee College Chapel, Nashville, Tenn. Reception at the residence of parents. The occasion was a grand one. Our best wishes follow the happy couple.

That Preachers' Convention.

The proposed pastor's convention which was to have met at Baton Rouge July 15-17, was a complete failure, there being only three in attendance—the caller, the preacher in charge and one other pastor. There is a mystery in connection with this affair which it is hoped will be solved by the potent light of facts. Let the blame of this un-Methodistic scheme fall upon the guilty shoulders. Time will tell.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E., Baton Rouge District.

How a Student Makes Money. DEAR READERS:—I am able to pay my board and tuition, wear good clothes and have money in my pocket by spending my odd hours and vacations plating jewelry and tableware and selling platters. I have made \$20 per day, never less than \$4. I paid \$5 for my plater to H. C. Delno & Co., Columbus, O. Any one can profit by my experience by writing there for circulars.

A. STUDENT.

The Vanduzen & Tift Co., proprietors of the Buckeye Bell Foundry, have just sent a splendid bell to East India, the gift of friends in Baltimore, Md. It is a very gratifying compliment to the excellence of the Buckeye bells.

DAILY BREAD.

Who waits until the wind shall silent keep,
Who never finds the ready hour to sow,
Who watcheth clouds, will have no time to reap.

—Heien Hunt Jackson.

Nothing can cost so much as sin.

The devil never gives any presents.

Christ loves to go where he is expected.

A prayer that has no blood in it means nothing.

Every man is rich who has a living trust in God.

No man can live low who is always looking high.

No man has a right to be a curse to his neighbor.

A look towards the devil is as dangerous as a leap.

When you surrender to God, do it unconditionally.

All things work together for good to them that love God.

People never get the big head because they know too much.

When sin hides it forgets that it cannot cover up its tracks.

God loves to have his children ask him for what they need.

There is death in your heart that will be death in your life.

Giving us needs is one of God's ways of bringing us to himself.

The man who does not begin the day with prayer begins wrong.

He is one degree worse than the thief which it tries to conceal.

On the back seat in prayer-meeting is a poor place to grow in grace.

There are no promises in the Bible for people who are not in earnest.

No man can have peace with God who is not at war with the devil.

The devil never gets the man who is willing to be saved in God's way.

One can't tell who belongs to God by looking over the church roster.

The man who can not be caught by whisky may be ruined by it.

The evil that is the most dangerous is the one that looks the most harmless.

A Christian has no more right to pry than he has to steal chickens.

Whenever a man gains a victory over himself the devil is disappointed.

The church will do great things for the Lord when all the people are men.

The man who is not a blessing to his brother robs him of a God-given right.

The devil has no fault to find with a man who is well satisfied with himself.

Apoet is a man who lets other people look at things through his spectacles.—*Ram's Horn.*

No man can pass into eternity, for he is already in it.—*Canon Farrar.*

If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

He enjoys much who is thankful for little. A grateful mind is a great mind.—*Seeker.*

All the precepts of the divine law are linked together. Negligence in one single point may lead to the destruction of all.—*St. John Chrysostom.*

Tongue cannot describe the love of Christ; finite minds cannot conceive of it, and those who know most of it can only say, with inspiration, that it "passeth knowledge."—*Payson.*

When we have learned to offer up every duty connected with our situation in life as a sacrifice to God, a settled employment becomes just a settled habit of prayer.—*Thomas Erskine.*

To dare is great. To bear is greater. Bravery we share with the brutes; fortitude with saints.—*Charles F. Deems.*

When I am well I do my praying, and when I am sick I trust.—*Dr. Abel Stevens.*

Wanted—a boy. A brave, courageous, manly, hopeful boy; one who is not afraid of the truth; one who scorns a lie; one who hates deceit; one who loves his mother; one who does not know more than his parents; one who has the courage to say no, and stick to it; one who is willing to begin at the bottom of the ladder and work upwards; one who thinks it would be unmanly to smoke; one who thinks an education is worth striving for; one who is willing to obey his superiors; one who knows his home is better than the street; one who doesn't believe the marvelous tales told in the story papers, and will not read the vile stuff; one who won't cheat in a fair game; one who won't be a sneak and do a mean act when unseen; one who won't spend every penny he earns or gets; one who thinks he should respect himself and keep himself in decent appearance; one who won't attack an old man because he is feeble and defenseless; one who won't torture dumb animals; one who won't steal; one who won't revile and jeer at drunken persons on the street; one who won't do a dirty act for another boy who is too cowardly to do his own mean-ness; who loves to do right because it is right. Wanted—a boy, a whole souled, earnest, honorable, square hauled. Where can he be found? Does he live in your neighborhood? Is he a member of your family? Do you know him?—*Selected.*

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You are born unsaved and if you have not been born again, you are yet unsaved.

You must be saved in this life or lost forever.

You will never drift into salvation; it must be earnestly sought and found.

You cannot save yourself by any works you can do.

God has provided a great salvation, through the life and death of His Son Jesus Christ.

This salvation provides for the full pardon of all your sins, the renewal and purity of your heart, and your eternal happiness.

It is offered freely, as a gift of grace, to all sinful men, who will accept it, and so God offers it to you now.

It is accepted by sincerely turning from your sin to God and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every man who hears the Gospel can thus believe; God commands all to believe, and you will be lost for not believing.

Every sincere and penitent sinner, who comes to Jesus, is authorized to believe certainly, that he is fully accepted and saved forever.

Will you now believe and receive eternal life?

One day Robert's uncle gave him a penny.

"Now," said he, "I'll have some candy, for I've been wanting some for a long while."

"Is that the best way you can use your penny?" asked his mother.

"O, yes! I want the candy very much." And he hurried on his cap and off he ran in great haste.

His mother was sitting at the window and saw him running along and then he stopped. She thought he had lost his penny; but he started off again and soon reached the door of the candy store, and then he stood there awhile with his hand on the latch, and his eye on the candy.

His mother was wondering what he was waiting for; then she was more surprised to see him come off the step and run back home without going in.

In a minute he rushed into the parlor with a bright glance in his eye, as he exclaimed:

"Nother, the heathen have beat! the heathen have beat!"

"What do you mean by 'the heathen have beat!'"

"Why, mother, as I went along, I kept hearing the heathen say, 'Give us your penny to help to send us good missionaries. We want Bibles and tracts. Help us, little boy, won't you?' And I kept saying, 'O, I want the candy.' At last the heathen beat; and I am going to put my penny into the missionary box. It shall go to the heathen.—*Missionary Echoes.*

Marriages.

On the evening of July 23, at Boynton M. E. Church, Gretna, La., Mr. Major Minde to Miss Emily Smith. Rev. H. C. Wilson officiating.

Baton Rouge, La.—Mr. Wm. Miles to Miss Annie Standhope, July 8. July 6, Mr. Thomas Straiter of New Orleans to Miss Lottie Richardson of Baton Rouge. Rev. W. R. Butler officiating.

Obituary.

Indianola, Miss.—Bro. Edmund Hall, a young brother member of our church at Indianola, was drowned June 27. He and his two brothers were swimming in the river, when he was accidentally drowned. He was a teacher in our Sunday school, and had been licensed as an exhorter only a few weeks before. Bro. Hall leaves father, mother and other relatives.

Moses Adams, P. C. Oneonta, Ala.—Sister Lucinda Staton died June 15, aged 64 years. She was loved by all who knew her. Her husband had died December 28, 1887. G. W. Rieves, P. C.

New Berne, Ala.—Bro. Henry Laverder, an officer and member of our church at New Berne, Ala., departed this life June 28. He was a faithful member, and will be greatly missed. He went home shouting, "Glory." He leaves a wife and three children. Wm. Perry, P. C.

Morgan City, La.—James Harden, aged 20 years, son of David and Eliza Harden, was drowned Monday, July 13, while bathing in Lake Palourde, near Morgan City. James confessed Christ in Union Chapel M. E. Church, and received baptism and first sacrament July 5. He was a member of the Sunday school. His many friends sympathize with his aged father and mother. Joshua Thomas.

Bro. Jordan Baker departed this life June 25, 1891. He was born near Griffin, Ga., about the year 1828. He joined the M. E. Church at Zebulon, Ga., in 1871, in which church he lived a faithful member and leader until he was called to join the church triumphant. He leaves a wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. J. W. Queen.

Campt, La.—July 4, Bro. Alex. Turner departed this life at 5 o'clock this morning, in the full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife, sister and seven children to mourn his loss. B. J. Reddix, P. C.

Industry, Tex.—June 30, Sister Susan Jera departed this life in full triumph of faith. She was a member of the M. E. Church. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. J. H. Holden, P. C.

Fayetteville, Tex.—June 29, Little Minnie Miller departed this life, seven months and a half months old. She was baptized on the 28th and buried on the 29th. J. H. Holden, P. C.

Columbia, Tex.—Sister Martha Walters, wife of Rev. B. O. Walters and mother of Rev. O. Walters, after one week's illness at Oyster Creek, fell asleep in Jesus July 6. Age, 81 years, 4 months and 9 days. She was born in Tompkinsville, Ky., in 1810, was converted to God in 1856, and was faithful unto death. Funeral was attended by Revs. A. C. Culbreath and S. S. Lund, P. C.

Huntsville, Ala.—Bro. Nathan McCauley, aged 63 years, died June 27. He was a faithful member of the M. E. Church at Huntsville, and a Christian gentleman. Bro. McCauley meets the greater part of his family on the other side of the river. While the Church loses one of her best members, heaven gains a saint. J. S. Todd, P. C.

Glade Spring, Va.—Sister Jennie Gay, of Meadowview, fell asleep in Christ July 8. She was a member of the M. E. Church for about 60 years. She had been sick in bed for 17 years, and blind 16 years. Age 55. R. T. Smith, P. C.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Richard D. Lacey, the only child of Rev. D. C. Lacey, aged 4 years and 3 months, died. A. R. Norris.

Hondo City, Tex.—Sister Mary Glover, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, after suffering several months, died May 22, in full triumph of faith, aged about 67 years. She joined the Church long before the war, lived a Christian, and was loved by all. She leaves two daughters, a husband and thirteen grandchildren. W. H. Moseby, P. C. [Rec'd July 20.—Ed.]

Howells Cross Roads, Ala.—Bro. Louis Jackson, a local preacher for four years, had been in bad health. He showed great heroism in trying to secure an education. His sickness compelled him

We'll write it down till everybody sees it

Till everybody is sick of seeing it

Till everybody knows it without seeing it—

that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures the worst cases of chronic catarrh in the head, catarrhal headache, and "cold in the head."

In perfect faith, its makers, the World's Dispensary Medical Association of Buffalo, N. Y., offers to pay \$500 to any one suffering from chronic catarrh in the head whom they cannot cure.

Now if the conditions were reversed—if they asked you to pay \$500 for a positive cure you might hesitate. Here are reputable men, with years of honorable dealing; thousands of dollars and a great name back of them and they say—"We can cure you because we've cured thousands like you—if we can't we'll pay you \$500 for the knowledge that there's one whom we can't cure."

They believe in themselves. Isn't it worth a trial? Isn't any trial preferable to catarrh?

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

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to leave Gammon School of Theology last January. He departed this life June 11, in full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife, four children, a mother and six sisters to mourn his loss. Age, 29. D. Richardson, P. C.

Stony Point, La.—Sister Ann Nutter departed this life in full triumph June 23, after an illness of six months. She leaves a husband, son, and a number of relatives to mourn her loss. Age, 56. B. Carr, P. C.

Clarksburg Circuit, Tex.—Bro. General Young, a loving father and a devout Christian, passed from labor to rest April 22. He leaves a devoted wife, nine children and a host of friends. P. L. Jackson, P. C. [Rec'd July 13.—Ed.]

THE Christian Advocate pays the following deserving compliment to ex-Gov. Evans, upon his election for the sixth time as a delegate from the Colorado to the General Conference:

"We congratulate the Colorado Conference upon its good judgment.

When a layman displays peculiar ability for the discharge of these duties, he should be re-elected. The laity of any conference cannot hope to exert its proportional influence in the General Conference if different men appear at every session, while the ministry in many cases are re-elected in proportion to their competence and devotion to the work. It takes one full term for either minister or layman to learn how to use his influence in the highest and best sense. That, however, is long enough to show his constituents whether he is adapted to the work." Some of our brethren down this way might profit from the last observation from the Great Official.

Communion Sets.

Next to a good bell, every church should have a nice communion set. We can supply both on the most advantageous terms, and solicit the orders of our people. Recently we sent an elegant set with gold lined goblets to our church at Franklin, La., and here is what is said of it:

Dear Brother: We received the communion set this morning. It is simply beautiful and we are well pleased with it. I am perfectly satisfied with your selection. The committee is also very much pleased.

R. THOMPSON, P. C.

This set was from the house of A. B. Griswold & Co., Canal street, one of the oldest and most reliable firms in this city.

HAVE you sent for a copy of the House of Bondage Price 75 cts. For sale at this

The Household.

Personal Hygiene.

BY G. W. HUBBARD, M.D.

Care of the Skin.

The skin is one of the most complex and important structures of the body. It serves as a protection to the underlying tissues; it is a poor conductor of heat and thus tends to maintain an even temperature of the body; it is the organ of general sensation, and has the power of secretion, excretion and absorption. It is divided into two principal layers, the true skin or corium and the scarf skin or epidermis; the former is subdivided into a deep layer and an internal layer.

There are two sets of glands in the skin, the sudoriferous or sweat glands and the sebaceous glands which secrete an oily substance which lubricates the skin and hair. The skin contains over two millions perspiratory glands, each about one four hundredth of an inch long, and their united length is about two and one half miles, and they excrete about two pounds of fluid daily. It has been actually demonstrated that death will result from closing these pores. The oily secretion from the sebaceous glands and their functions are interfered with. It is necessary to have the skin frequently and thoroughly cleansed in order to remove this deposit; and to do this soap as well as water must be used. Some people can use cold water for bathing purposes, while others prefer to have it moderately warm. The following directions are given by Dr. Kellogg for taking sponge baths: "Wash the face, then the neck, chest, shoulders, arms, trunk and back. Rub vigorously until the skin is red, to prevent chilling. After thoroughly bathing the upper portion of the body, turn the attention to the lower portion, continuing rapidly the rubbing of the upper parts at brief intervals to prevent chilliness. As soon as the bathing is concluded, envelop the body in a sheet and rub dry, or dry the skin with a towel. When the surface is nearly or quite dry, rub the whole body vigorously with the bare hand. Five minutes is sufficient to secure all the benefits of the bath."

Persons should not bathe after eating a hearty meal.

The use of face powders and paints should never be tolerated.

Our Symposium.

Time Will Bring the Remedy.

A good idea of the senseless prejudice of the Southern man may be found in the editorial comment of the Columbus, Miss., Times upon a fair and humane principle, enunciated by Grand Master Powderly at the late Cincinnati meeting. Said this fair man to the Southern people:

"When you Southern men recognize the Negro as a man of the East will join with you heart and hand for reform."

At this the Times grows eloquent in resenting the suggestion. Said the Times:

"Such language as this is a gross insult to our Southern people. The colored man to-day is in the midst of the best friends he has on earth and he is better treated here than

elsewhere. Southern people will die in poverty, rags, and despair before they will join Powderly in violating the laws of nature in putting the "brother in black" in that strange position which the God of nature and of grace never intended he should occupy. On noble Southern farmers are standing upon the solid and immutable rock of pure Democracy against which the wild waves of human fanaticism will beat in vain.

It is a poor commentary upon the intelligence of the South when its leading editors express such horror at the idea of treating the Negro as a man.—*Conservator.*

Since the arrival of Frederick Douglass in America the daily papers have been trying hard to get him to give his version of his trouble about Mole St. Nicholas. Mr. Douglass has been very careful and says that he will report to the Secretary of State first then he may talk to the public.

He is however reported briefly on Haytian affairs and in response thereto he said:

"I fear it is said that I have become more Haytian than American—an absurd statement. When I went to Hayti I had two objects in view, which I talked over with the President, and which he was interested in and fully approved of. One was to serve my own country and to secure for it the concession it sought, and the other was to aid as far as possible the 'Black Republic' in proving to the world that my race was capable of governing themselves, and that they could form a stable government."

The *Advance* noticing the fact that the *Globe-Democrat* of St. Louis takes pleasure in saying that the Haytians are not capable of self-government answers that journal as follows:

The *Globe-Democrat* infers from the slaughter of the Haytian conspirators that the Negro is not capable of self-government. These conspirators had entered into a plot to assassinate the President and produce another bloody revolution in that little Republic, but the President discovered the plot and set to work at once and crushed it in the same manner that these conspirators proposed to crush him and his little government.

When Brutus stabbed Caesar he was an honorable man, when the New Orleans Grand Jury confesses that the law is weak and the juries corrupt and that the mob is the only corrective force for evils existing, nothing is said about the white man and self government.

Let us pay a little attention to the thousands who are lynched in our country before we become so thoroughly horrified by this little episode in Hayti.

General News Items.

Mr. Howard Day of Lonoke, Ark., was in this office Saturday and reported that he was brutally assaulted by three white men last Tuesday week. He was 17 miles from Lonoke running a farm for his brother and owned a rag and bone shop in Lonoke. He says they wanted to know where he got money to run such a shop and farm; and they took him out in the woods and one of them, Gov. Eagle's nephew, held the pistol while the others whipped him till the blood ran, and would not let him return to Lonoke to let his people know what had happened, but gave him so many hours to leave the country. He says Bob Dandry, D. Bains, and Bob Eagle, the Governors nephew, were the men who did this deed.—*Ex.*

Eight hundred thousand colored citizens of Georgia are represented by 500 well established colored stores, 20 undertakers, 250 colored graduates residing in the state, 4 colored lawyers, 16 saw mills, 2 private banks, 60 real estate dealers, 7 colored colleges, of the highest order, 27 colored doctors, 4 dentists, 12 engineers, 800 brick masons, 600 plasterers, several thousand acres of land, 20 short hand writers, 4 operators, 10 grist mills, 3 steam boats, 8 fruit farms, several hundred mules and horses,

12 newspapers, and one hundred machinists.—*Ex.*

Robert Purvis, the well known Philadelphian, has been appointed State Commissioner to the Columbian Exposition. This is the first appointment of a colored man to a position of this kind.

A party of Mississippian, in the neighborhood of Port Gibson, went out "nigger" hunting last week. When near Russum Station one of the guards mistook his best friend for a "coon," and shot him to death.

Two boys were drowned in Lake Pouchatrain while swimming in there on a recent Sunday.

The City of Santiago, Chili, has just been visited with the severest fire ever known in South America, the loss being estimated at over two million dollars. The British legation was completely consumed, including all of the archives and personal property of the minister. The fire started in a restaurant.

Important Notice.

All pastors, presiding elders and other members of our church who attended the Presiding Elder's Convention at Chattanooga, are requested to send their names and postoffice addresses at once to Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D.D., 805 Russell street, Covington, Ky., also, all who delivered addresses, or in anywise partook in the deliberations of the convention are requested to reduce to writing whatever they delivered to that body and forward it at once to Dr. Hammond.

General Church News.

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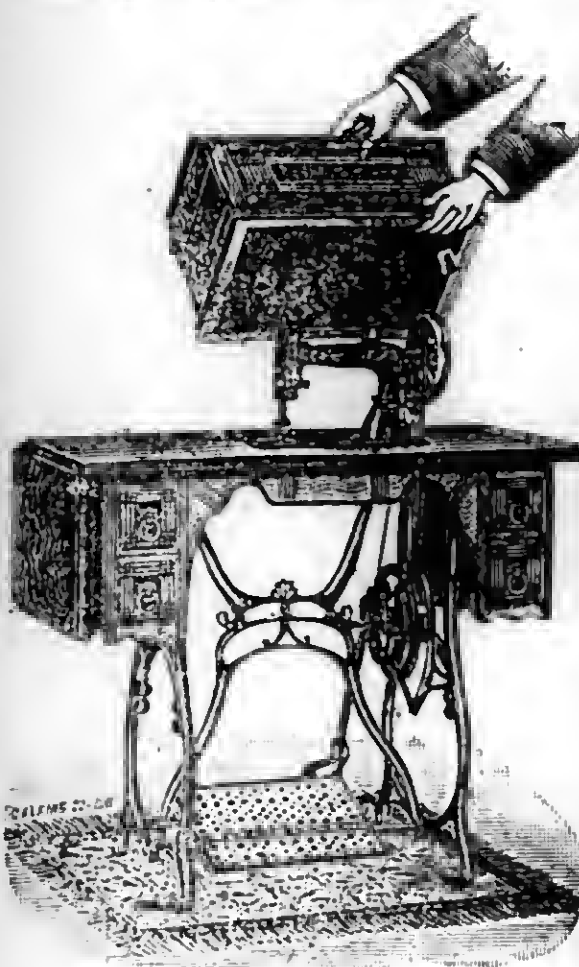
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SECOND QUARTER.—Studies in the Gospel of St. John. Lesson V. Christ at Jacob's Well. John 5:5-26. Commit to memory verses 13-14. Aug. 2, 1891. A. D. 27 or 28.

HOME READINGS.
M. John 4, 5:15. Tu. John 4, 16-26. W. Gen. 33, 16-20. Th. Psa. 96, 1-9. F. Heb. 10, 16-25. S. Psa. 24, 1-6. S. Rev. 22, 1-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.
Whoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Rev. 22, 17.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

What grace, O Lord, and beauty shone
Around thy steps below!
What patient love was seen in all
Thy life and death of woe!

Thy foes might hate, despise, revile,
Thy friends unfaithful prove;
Unwearied in forgiveness still,
Thy heart could only love.

O give us hearts to love like thee,
Like thee, O Lord, to grieve
Far more for others' sins, than all
The wrongs that we receive.

Time—A. D. 27 or 28.

Place—Jacob's well, in the valley of Shechem.

Rulers—Herod in Gallilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting links—The date of this interview between Christ and the Samaritan woman is not very certain. Jesus was doubtless returning from attendance at a feast in Jerusalem, and, as he did not cross the Jordan, the territory of Samaria had to be traversed before he reached his Galilean home.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. At Jacob's Well, v. 5, 9. Near what city was Jacob's well? By what name was it known in early times? (Josh. 24, 32.)

Why was the well so called? What weary traveler sat by the well?

At what time in the day was this? What visitor came to the well, and on what errand?

Where were the disciples of Jesus? What question did the woman ask?

What reason did she give for her surprise?

2. The Living Water, v. 10, 15. What did Jesus say about the living water?

What did the woman say in reply? What question did she ask about Jacob?

What did Jesus say about the water from the well?

What about the living water? What request did the woman make?

What says the Golden Text to all such?

3. The True Worshipers, v. 16-26. What was the woman bidden to do?

What did she reply?

What did Jesus tell about her past life?

Of what did this convince the woman?

What did she say about a place of worship?

To this what did Jesus reply?

What did he say about the object of worship?

What about true worshipers? How must God be worshiped?

What did the woman say about the Messiah?

What then did Jesus declare?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. Whom to worship?
2. How to worship?
3. Why we should worship?

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Why the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans.

When Jesus afterward invited men to come to him and drink.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

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1. Near what famous spring did the weary Lord sit down? Near Jacob's Well.
2. For what did he ask the Samaritan woman who came down to draw water? For a drink.
3. Why did she object? Because he was a Jew.
4. What did Jesus say she would ask if she knew him? For living water.
5. What did Jesus say he would

give to believers? A well of water springing up into everlasting life.

6. What did Jesus say about God's worship? God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Doctrinal suggestion—The Messiahship of Jesus.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

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Forest City district conference, Ark. Forest, Ark., July 30 to Aug. 3.

Waco Dist. Conf., Marlin, Tex. Aug. 4-10.

Baton Rouge district conference, Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 5-9.

Huntsville district Sunday School Inst., Huntsville, Tex., Aug. 5.

Greenville Dist., Greenville, Miss., Aug. 5.

Birmingham Dist. Conf., Birmingham Ala., Aug. 5-11.

Anstint district conference, Belton, Tex., Aug. 6.

Indiana Dist. Conf., Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 6-9.

Dadilla district conference, Savannah district conference, Ga., Aug. 12.

San Antonio district conference, Cuero, Texas, Aug. 12.

Alexandria district conference, Washington, La., Aug. 12.

Gainesville Dist., Elberton, Ga., Aug. 12.

Shreveport district conference, Natchitoches, La., Aug. 13.

Honston district Sunday School Institute, Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 13.

Camp meeting, Shubuta, Miss., Aug. 13.

Monroe district conference, Ba-ton Rouge, La., Aug. 21.

Cumberland River district conference, Gordonsville, Tenn., Aug. 25.

Marshall district conference, Queen City, Tex., Aug. 6.

Huntsville district conference, Courtland, Ala., Aug. 31.

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Paris District, Texas Conference.

Third Round.

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Wolfe City Aug. 8-9

Blossom and Bagwell Aug. 12-13

Clarksville cir. Aug. 15-16

Freehope cir. Aug. 19-20

Clarksville sta. Aug. 22-23

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Texarkana Aug. 29-30

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Gibson cir. Sept. 9-10

Red River cir. Sept. 12-13

Bonham Sept. 16-17

Honey Grove Sept. 19-20

Brookston Sept. 23-24

The second district conference will convene at Clarksville, Tex., October 20, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The Paris District Sunday School Institute will convene at the same place Oct. 23. Have all of your business fixed up. We are all going to Bagwell and camp against Satan on August 17-31. Come one, come all, and bring your tents.

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EMPEROR WILLIAMS, P. E.

Houston District, Texas Conference.

Third Round.

Liberty cir. Aug. 1-2

Sloan street Aug. 9-10

Richmond Aug. 7-9

Richmond cir. Aug. 8-9

Mt. Vernon Aug. 15-16

Trinity Aug. 16-17

Boynton Aug. 21-23

St. James Aug. 22-23

Tabernacle Aug. 28-30

St. Paul Aug. 29-30

Wallisville Sept. 5-6

Harrisburg Sept. 13-14

Beaumont Sept. 11-13

Orange Sept. 12-13

Columbia Sept. 19-20

Braxton Sept. 20-21

Oyster Creek Sept. 26-27

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I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

West Tennessee District, Tennessee Conference.

Third Round.

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Martin sta. Aug. 8-9

Alamo sta. Aug. 15-16

Friendship cir. Aug. 22-23

Crockett Mills Aug. 23-24

Memphis cir. Sept. 5-6

Warren's Chapel Sept. 6-7

Memphis sta. Sept. 12-13

Memphis Mission Sept. 14

Galloway cir. Sept. 19-20

Mason sta. Sept. 25-27

Mason cir. Sept. 26-27

Atoka cir. Oct. 3-4

Funkles sta. Oct. 10-11

Clarksburg cir. Oct. 17-18

Atwood Oct. 19

Kenton Oct. 20

Second district convenes in Alexander's Chapel, Mason, Tenn., August 19-21. Conference will open at 2 o'clock p. m., August 19. Let every pastor come prepared to report all conference collections.

B. F. ANDERSON, P. E.

Forest City District, Little Rock Conference.

Third Round.

Oak Forest Aug. 1-2

Marietta Aug. 5-6

Forrest City Sept. 5-6

Forrest cir. Sept. 5-6

Crawfordsville Sept. 12-13

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Cotton Plant Sept. 26-27

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Newport Oct. 24-25

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THE thrill of joy which is felt all over our territory over the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A. M., B. D., as Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, is evidenced by the scores of letters which have reached us from nearly every State in the South.

AMONG the scores of letters commending our editorial on the election of a colored bishop which we have received we give the following excerpt from the letter of one of the most prominent ministers in our Methodism. It is typical of the others received: "Your recent editorials on the colored bishop are on the right line. I admire the position taken thereon by the Western and the Epworth Herald. What a mighty impetus would be given the movement if the rest of the advocates would also come to the front at this moment! Anyhow the wave has been set in motion, and its course will be straightforward until the farther shore is reached."

THE Iberville (La.) Pilot of July 25 contains a column and a half of matter descriptive of the work being done by the Hon. T. T. Allain, a levee contractor in that section of the State. His contracts enable him to offer to the laboring people of our State 100,000 yards of levee work at 13 cents per yard, which will put in circulation in that section \$13,000 in cash money. His laborers and sub-contractors are white and colored. Mr. Allain's system of operation is so perfect as to ensure him the most substantial support by his neighbors of both races, which enables him to fulfill every contract he makes. In this capacity he is doing more for the substantial help of his race than the scores of politicians that are wasting their means in waiting for an office, or licking the hands of the Federal official bosses in the Custom House, in order to retain their present petty positions. Let others profit from Mr. Allain's example.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Christianity and Woman.

BY MRS. M. B. ALBERT.

After reading Miss Griffin's beautiful article in last week's SOUTHWESTERN I fell to thinking of what Christianity has not done for woman.

It is true that woman is no longer a slave to her male relatives, but she is a slave, nevertheless, to fashion, to the demands of the social circle in which she moves and to the opinions of those whom she desires to please.

We see Christian women striving daily to gain the friendship of other women who have the reputation of being society leaders, and have the means to live well and dress well.

Even in our own land Christianity has not yet fully emancipated woman from brutality, while in enlightened Christian England a wife may not free herself from a drunken, brutal husband so long as he desires to live with her, and her earnings are not her own. Her better half (?) has a right to draw her wages and spend them as best suits him.

Her children are not her own; her husband may give them away, or will them away at his death, and she has no redress in the courts. She is a minor in the sight of the law, and yet no Christian clergyman lifts up his voice against these evils, and this too in the home of Calvin and Wesley and other great reformers, whose names are household words all over Christendom. Truly,

"The wheels of the gods grind slowly."

Yes, Christianity has done much for woman, but only a very small portion of what she might have done. There is very, very much yet to be done, despite the fact that Christianity is 1800 years old.

We know that in many, alas! too many, Christian households, the wife and mother are little better than servants; a maid-of-all-work in fact; the household drudge, although the husband and father may be a model church member, a deacon, trustee, or even a minister of the Gospel.

"Man's work is from sun to sun,
But woman's work is never done."

There is the cooking and baking, the sewing and mending, nursing of the sick ones, washing and ironing, sweeping and dusting day after day, for the whole seven days of the week.

To how many Christian wives of God-fearing husbands does the Sabbath bring rest from unnecessary labor?

In this matter we would all do well to follow the example of the good people of New England and of some other sections of the country.

I know families in which nothing is done on Sunday that is not absolutely necessary. All cooking is done on Saturday, while a cold luncheon suffices for Sunday's dinner. Every member of the household has leisure to observe the Lord's day according to the dictates of his own conscience, and this too in houses where several servants are employed.

What a contrast to the manner in which it is observed in thousands of families all over the land!

In too many Christian households it is only a day of extra cooking and feasting—a heathen festival rather than a Christian Sabbath. The wife must too often remain at home to prepare the banquet for her better-half; and while he sits in the cool, pleasant room, enjoying the blessed Gospel tidings she is fretting and fuming over a hot kitchen fire. In course of time he returns home, "at peace with the world and the rest of mankind," fully prepared

to do justice to the dinner which his Sabbath-breaking wife has prepared for him. Has she no soul to save, or does his religion cover her sins like charity's mantle?

If she may break the fourth command with impunity, why may she not break any other one of them as well?

Mary, the sister of Lazarus, chose rather to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to his teachings than to worry with household affairs, and soon over-worked, over-anxious Martha was rebuked because she was "troubled about many things." Force of circumstances turns many a would-be Mary into a Martha in these days. Many times the weary housewife longs, yea her soul, like the Psalmist's, faints for the courts of the Lord, but she has no time, no leisure to gratify this longing, and no one tries to make a little leisure for her. She seems to have no rights which her husband is bound to respect. Christ while on earth recognized woman as his equal; so did the apostles, and we read of them working together as co-laborers. There is nothing in the New Testament to prove that woman's sphere is necessarily a menial one, but, unfortunately, she has gotten into a rut, and it will take almost superhuman force to pull her out of it.

But I beg of you, husbands who have professed to be followers of His name, to look into this matter.

Emancipate that poor Martha in your household from the pots and dishes once a week at least. Practice a little self-denial on Sundays in the matter of food! Be satisfied with a little cold luncheon on that day and let your wife go to church once in a while on Sunday morning. Your home will be more cheerful and your wife's temper will be better during the week. Try it and see for yourself.

St. Paul says: "He who strives for the mastery must be temperate in all things," and it seems to me that a Christian is in duty bound to be temperate in eating as well as in drinking; but, unfortunately for poor woman, gluttony is a besetting sin among those who profess religion, but cannot be among those who practice it.

I desire to touch on one more point before I stop, and it relates to woman's charity toward woman.

Alas for the rarity of Christian charity under the sun.
Oh! it was pitiful! Near a whole city full.
Friends she had none.

As a woman myself I am forced to confess that Christianity has not yet taught us to be charitable toward each other. How quickly we forgive and forget a man's falling from grace if he only professes penitence and shows a willingness to do better!

How is it with our own sex? If it is a Christian duty to help one fallen brother rise, why is it any less a duty to help one fallen sister rise as well? Why are we Christian women ready to shut our eyes to a man's vices and even go so far as to accept him as a lover and husband, to welcome him to our homes and allow him to associate with our innocent daughters, while we refuse to countenance in any way whatever one of our own sex against whom the least word of suspicion is raised? Is this all our 1800 years of Christianity has done for us as women?

And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. Let us practice it.

Washington, D. C.

THANKS to the manly and persistent fight of the *Crusader* and its editor, the children of this State will share equally in the Congressional appropriation to the States, for agricultural and mechanical colleges.

The New Brick Church at Yazoo City, Miss.

REV. J. C. HOUSTON.

Dear Dr. Albert: We moved out of the old church February, 1889. Rented the M. and T. Hall at \$75 a year. Paid a debt of \$200 on the old church. Cost about \$250 to tear the old church down and move it. Started the new church near 1890 with \$800. Laid the corner stone May 11, 1890. Raised \$1,180. Entered the church September 21. Raised \$1,300. Collection April 26, \$420. Dedication July 26. Raised \$1,372. We raised about \$700 by smaller collections from time to time. At dedication the following paid \$10 each: Zid Green, Wash Rose, N. N. Sidney, J. M. McKenney, M. B. Merryman, Jacob Williamson, E. Coats, Joe Hudson, J. E. Holmes, G. M. R. Husbands, \$13; J. L. Rucker, \$11; Silas Johnson, Kinzy Green, Philips Clark, Eliza Johnson, V. N. Nelson, M. J. Madkins, Ross Grace, Ann Green, Nancy Carter, \$25; Missie Collins, \$9; Alex Gasaway, \$7; Loney Falls, \$6; Milton Barney, \$10; L. M. Newman, \$10; Peter Thomas, \$7.

The following paid \$5: Wallace Gasaway, Hannah Brickel, C. E. Covington, Sarah Chambers, L. Grear, Annie Cheers, Bettie Britton, Lela Young, Bettie Hemphill, B. Lehard, Mary Sidney, Lon McKeney, Lucy Perry, Betty E. Rose.

The following \$5: Martha Low, Annie Gipson, R. Chambers, H. Johnson, M. Robinson, M. Frazier, C. Thomas, Mary Bragg, Eliza Hall, W. O. Covington, Hannah Grace, Ann Hudson, Lucy Gibbs, Lou Collins, Silvey Turner, U. Phillips, E. Guice, E. Wells, C. V. Major Robertson, R. Pickett, M. J. Tucker, F. Hemphill, Orinshall, F. Pocket, Jane H. O. Nelson, Mollie Hooper, G. Newman, T. B. Washburn, S. McKissic, P. Sims, S. M. Honston, W. Green, L. Clark, Ed Jackson, Mary Perkins, Emily Scots, A. Briggs, Tempy Longstreet, B. Robinson, B. Holt, M. E. Robinson, Mary J. Robinson, A. Blackman, Mary Newman, H. Matthews, Albert Washington, Ella Washington, L. Montgomery, L. Washington, J. Booker, S. Yarber, S. Williams, J. Perry, M. Stewart, D. McBride, E. Jackson, W. Harbich, S. Kerk, A. Johnson, Mrs. Croffort, I. R. Logan, C. Newman, M. Luse, Bitha Morris, Leanna Phipps, Add Thurman, Jennie Jones, Mamie Augustus, Henry Stein, \$4. Ann Hunter, L. Collins, Hattie Berryman, J. Woods, \$6; M. Dean, \$6.50; J. Roberson, A. Johnson, L. Newman, \$6; Robert Turner, Sophia Coats, Amelia Newman, Sarah Williamson.

Following paid \$3 each: Bettie Newman, M. Hudson, Mattie Weathers, V. Thomas, V. Carson, Clara Meeks, Mollie Booker, Gracy Robertson, Tibby Johnson, Hickey Davis, Susan Mathews.

M. J. Kimbrow, H. Washburn, \$4; Esther Thomas, \$3.70; Susan Grear, Pollie Fletcher, Lucinda Ricks, \$4.

Following paid \$2.50 each: Selda Davis, Emma Burns, A. J. Oaks, Maggie Golden, Sofa Burns, H. Williams, Harriett Matthews, S. Falls, A. Williams, Rosey Clay, J. Scales, A. McKereble, J. Mitchell, H. James.

Following paid \$2: R. Preston, H. James, T. Kint, Josephine Johnson, S. O. Holmes, Mary McBride, Cassie Smith, A. Wilson, A. Mathews, D. Brown, Mrs. Small, A. Mosley, S. Wells.

A great many paid smaller amounts. In the building of the church many of the above members have paid from \$25 to \$50.

Each leader raised the amount

which follows his name on dedication day:

Class 1, Wash Rose, \$250; class 2, H. Gipson, \$183; class 3, Z. Green, \$152; class 4, N. N. Sidney, \$146; class 5, M. B. Berryman, \$118; class 6, E. Coats, \$95; class 7, Joe Hudson, \$92; class 8, J. E. Holmes, \$88; class 9, Jacob Williamson, \$67; class 10, G. M. R. Husbands, \$63; class 11, Joe McKinney, \$39; table collection, \$77.

J. C. HOUSTON, P. C.
Yazoo City, Miss., July 27.

Our African Letter.

Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Coast of Africa, June 6, 1891.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., Editor Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La., U. S. A.

Dear Brother: I write you for the purpose of requesting you to furnish a copy of your paper, free of charge, to the Methodist Seminary, Cape Palmas, Liberia, west coast of Africa.

The history of this school in brief is as follows:

It was founded by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in 1854. For many years the society supported the school, but finally, the results not proving satisfactory, it was left to itself. Then the school commenced to decline, and about ten years ago it was discontinued and the building was permitted to fall into decay. About two years ago Bishop Taylor commenced to repair it with the view of making a training school for his native helpers. Last month the repairs were so far completed that a school was opened in it, I having been transferred from the Oregon Conference to take charge of it.

We have about ninety pupils in attendance and a large majority are first class. Now, we wish to furnish a reading room for our students and we wish to supply it with our papers. But to do so they will have to be furnished us free of charge, for, as we serve without salary, we cannot pay for them, and there is no fund for this purpose. You will see the absolute necessity for the reading room when you take into consideration the fact that there is no periodical of any kind published in Liberia, and that in this town of 1000 inhabitants there is but one paper taken by Liberians so far as I know.

Our church numbers 300 members, yet not one of our periodicals finds its way to their homes. This sad state does not result from an indisposition on their part to read, for they love to peruse the newspapers, but from their poverty. The people are very poor. Therefore you see the reading room is a necessary appendage to our service, and it should be furnished with our papers. Especially is this so, as this is a training school for our native helpers in the mission fields.

I make this appeal to you personally, and I hope you will see your way clear to comply with it. We shall be truly grateful for any other reading matter you may furnish for our young folks and acknowledge its receipt. I remain yours fraternally,

W. D. NICHOLS,
Principal of Cape Palmas Seminary.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Notes by the Way.

BY REV. JOHN BRADEN, D.D.

Honesty is the best policy and is clearly proven by a visit to Canada. The United States issues a silver dollar, said to be worth 100 cents, but as compared with the silver of Canada it is worth only 92 cents. Hence our silver coin is not worth its face and is decidedly inconvenient.

Our paper money is taken without any discount. The National Educational Association has adjourned and the twenty thousand teachers and visitors have mostly left the city. That it is no easy matter to handle such a crowd, may be judged from the fact, that the largest building in the city holding five thousand people, could not hold more than half of those who crowded for admission. The Grand Trunk Railroad sent out one evening a train of twelve sleeping cars all crowded, in addition to the usual number of common passenger cars. The steamers crossing Lake Ontario were tested to their utmost capacity. In the hotels the rooms and halls were occupied, and there was complaint of overcrowding; but those who were disposed to take lodgings in private families, and would take the trouble to look round a little, found plenty of room at reasonable prices.

The National Educational Association meeting in Toronto, will be remembered as among the most successful and pleasant in its history. The Toronto people had made special arrangements to entertain a large crowd. The building where the association and its various departments were to meet, were easily found and reached by the several lines of street cars. The meetings were well attended, although, perhaps not more than half of those who come to these annual meetings, are actually present at more than a single meeting. It is an occasion for a cheap excursion. The papers read and addresses delivered were fully up to the standard of the average, on such occasions. The religious element seemed more prominent than usual in the addresses, as a power in the formation of character. The paper of superintendent J. R. Preston, of Miss., on Teaching Patriotism in the Public Schools was excellent in spirit and broad as the whole country; and was an agreeable surprise to those who anticipated something of the Southern idea of love of country.

Toronto, Canada, July 21, '91.

Our Jubilee Edition.

It was very creditable.—Epworth Herald.

Your Jubilee number of the SOUTHWESTERN is thoroughly creditable. It ought to make a profound impression on behalf of our cause in all the South. I wish a copy of that paper could be placed in the hands of every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South.—Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D.

The Jubilee edition of the SOUTHWESTERN, Thursday, July 23, is a credit to Dr. Albert. It contains, among other matters of interest, a full account of the M. E. Church educational work in the South, with cuts and sketches of its institutions.—Crusader.

The SOUTHWESTERN is out with a Jubilee edition, giving a history of the Christian and educational work of the M. E. Church and their friends in the South during the last twenty five years. It is a history and a true statement of the work done by those good people throughout the country. Cuts of the school buildings and colleges are well gotten up and beautifully displayed. It will be read with interest. Success to the SOUTHWESTERN and its good work.—Standard-Pelican.

The Jubilee edition of the SOUTHWESTERN this week is quite interesting. The grand work the M. E. Church is doing for both the white and colored people of the South deserves the praise of every true American.—Christian Recorder.

Letters from the Districts.

Jeannerette, La., July 18.

Dear Editor: Please put down one more church erected on the Alexandria District, this time at Cade, Bro. Richard Drake pastor. You will next hear from Bro. M. J. Dyer, at Pattonville. Presiding Elder Marshall planned well his work. I only carry out his plans. S. E. H. MORANT.

Rev. W. H. Coffey, D.D., Presiding Elder in the Delaware Conference, returned from the Presiding Elder's Convention filled with admiration, good-will and commendation of our good people in the South, aglow with inspiration and love for God and the church, even the grand old Methodist Episcopal Church. He is leading the host on his district to victory all along the line.

Convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Met at Ebenezer M. E. Church, Marshall, Texas.

Mrs. V. M. Cole, conference president, presided. Miss Hannah McNair was elected secretary; Miss Lula Green, assistant.

Among the delegates present were: Mrs. James M. Brown, district president of the Navasota district; Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Marshall district manager; Mrs. H. A. Jones, from the Houston district. Palestine district was represented by the Rev. Mrs. T. L. Moore. Paris district, by Rev. P. Morgan as proxy. Huntsville district, by Presiding Elder F. Parker. W. Wesley, Presiding Elder of Palestine; Dr. I. B. Scott, Presiding Elder of Houston; W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder of Navasota; R. Williams, of Queen City; Rev. Mrs. A. Williams, from Mineola Home Mission; Mrs. Sylvia Edwards Concordia; Miss Edith V. Green, Jefferson W. H. M. Society.

The president made an encouraging address.

The Presiding Elder of the Marshall district, Rev. Wade Hamilton, addressed the convention and encouraged them in their work.

Prof. E. S. Reid delivered the welcome address.

Rev. W. Wesley made some touching remarks.

The following persons were introduced: Rev. H. Lee, of the O. M. E. Church; Rev. V. M. Cole, of Trinity Church, Houston; Miss Parker, preceptress of Wiley University.

Navasota district reported twelve societies, 270 members, and a growing interest.

Dr. G. W. Whitaker, president of Wiley University, was introduced, and addressed the Convention and commended the work of the Society.

Mrs. Dr. I. B. Scott, Mrs. Dr. Whitaker, Mrs. F. McNair, and Misses H. McNair, H. Kendall and others, fully placed the work of the Society before the Convention.

The Convention decided to place a worker in the field, and Mrs. M. A. Johnson, president of the Marshall district, was selected as a traveling missionary.

Rev. S. M. Bolden, of Jefferson, and Prof. H. L. Billups, were introduced and addressed the Convention.

The Presiding Elders all promised the sisters to help them.

The Convention adjourned, to meet at Navasota, Texas, in October, 1892.

All the districts were represented and reported progress. Resolutions were adopted requesting the cooperation of the presiding elders, pastors, members and friends, to contribute freely to finish King's Home, so as to have it ready for the fall session of Wiley University, September, 1891; and that all money be forwarded by the first of August, and not later than the 25th, to Mrs. M. A. Johnson, district manager, Marshall, Texas, who will furnish receipts for the same.

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Bowling Green District Conference.

R. L. DICKERSON.

The first session of the Bowling Green District Conference met at Princeton, Ky., July 3, and continued until July 6.

Princeton is a beautiful town, and though our church has only been planted there one year, it has made wonderful progress, and by the assistance of the kind members of other churches, the conference was provided for grandly.

Dr. L. M. Hagood, Presiding Elder, presided with marked ability. His pointed lectures, interspersed with wit, were very instructive and entertaining. His report showed considerable improvement on the district, in building up the waste places and repairing church houses, etc. He so stirred up the local preachers and exhorters on his first round that several came who had never been to a district conference before.

When the roll was called every brother, with a single exception, was present and answered to his name.

Local preachers, exhorters and delegates increased our number to an unusual size.

The following pastors made their reports, showing their charges to be in good condition: Revs. J. W. Russell, I. W. Horton, F. Hinton, J. Monday, L. C. Harris, D. T. Birch, A. Posey (by letter), C. H. Pyles, W. B. Louis, J. W. Burnett, W. H. Riley, R. Acton, R. L. Dickerson, J. E. Warren.

Quite a number of them reported their benevolent collections as half taken.

A. B. Bland and S. Cook were granted licenses to preach.

D. T. Birch, G. W. Burnett, J. E. Warren and A. Beard were advanced to the second year's course of study.

The following local preachers had their licenses renewed: W. M. Hocker, R. Kilgore and J. W. Frazier.

A Sunday School Institute was organized, from which much good may be expected.

Several very interesting papers were read and discussed at some length by several of the brethren. The exercises were made very interesting.

Rev. A. Morrison, Presiding Elder of the O. M. E. Church; J. W. Mitchell, and I. Jones, pastors of the O. M. E. Church, were introduced and joined in the discussion. Dr. Hagood furnished music, singing, "Put the cookies on the lower shelf," and other selections from the song series.

Our service on the Sabbath was good. All the accessible pulpits in the town were filled.

At the opera house, 11 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Russell; at 3 o'clock, Dr. Hagood; and at 7:30, Rev. W. H. Riley. The opera house, with seating capacity of a thousand, was filled at each service. The preachers put their souls into their sermons, and the people, with loud acclamations and amens, made the opera house vocal with praises.

Bro. I. W. Horton lead the class in the afternoon, and with his usual warmth of soul, he soon had the house animated with holy fire, and some of the sisters spake as with tongues of fire. God was with us. Collection for the day, \$35.67. Entire amount for the session, \$55.67. Benevolent collections reported, \$76.78.

Pastors were urged to take the SOUTHWESTERN.

A set of resolutions were offered by Rev. B. J. Coleman, returning thanks to citizens and railroad companies, and also setting forth

the merits of Dr. Hagood's book, which were unanimously adopted. Our next district conference will convene at Leitchfield, Ky. Come, and we will make it pleasant for you.

PROGRAM SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Opening sermon, Rev. C. H. Piles.

Kind of man for a Presiding Elder, Rev. A. Posey.

Kind of woman for a minister's wife, Rev. W. H. Riley.

How pastors should treat local preachers, Rev. R. L. Dickerson.

Difference between justification and regeneration, Rev. R. Acton.

How to have a pleasant official meeting, Rev. S. W. Horton.

How to induce our lay members to read the Discipline, I. B. Hecker.

Outline of book called "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church," Rev. L. C. Harris.

Advantage of school training, Rev. B. J. Coleman.

Everyday experience (twenty minutes), pastors.

How to promote peace and contentment in the pastor's family (special to the wives of presiding elders), Dr. L. M. Hagood, Presiding Elder.

Secretaries: R. L. Dickerson, W. H. Riley.

"Just as Good,"

say some dealers who try to sell a substitute preparation when a customer calls for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Do not allow any such false statements as this induce you to buy what you do not want. Remember that the only reason for making it is that a few cents more profit will be made on the substitute. Insist upon having the best medicine—Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is Peculiar to Itself.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscripts.

J. H. Pierre, Marshallville, La.

On the 13th and 14th of July, Presiding Elder S. Duncan held our quarterly conference at Allen-ville. Reports showed marked improvement. At night he preached to a large mixed congregation. Had a grand time. The people, white and colored, love and respect Elder Duncan.

A. A. Lacey, Slaughter, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 8, Rev. J. F. Marshall presiding. Rev. P. W. Clark preached us a good soul-stirring sermon. We have raised this quarter \$64.50; paid Presiding Elder, \$5; preacher, \$56.50; sent to Dr. J. C. Hartzell, June 16, \$2.50 for education.

Rev. B. J. Reddix, Campt, La., was agreeably surprised by members and friends of his church, among them Baptists and Roman Catholics, who awoke him out of his slumbers to bestow their favors and presents on him. Miss L. E. Curtis, of New Orleans University, presided at the organ.

O. Nelson, Selma, Ala.

For many years have we tried to build a church at this place. At last the door of the old Mother Church is open, and her children are gathering home from all parts of the city. In 1890 Rev. H. N. Brown, Presiding Elder, with the aid of the pastors on his district, raised enough money to erect the church independent of the people of Selma. The building, when complete, will be worth more than \$3000. It stands on Griffin street, near the E. T. V. & G. R. R., a place convenient for all. The writer was appointed to this charge by Bishop E. G. Andrews, Feb. 1, 1891. On arriving everything seemed dark; no Sunday school, no members, and no church ready to preach in, for there was no floor. Though a stranger, I went to all, telling them of the grand old M. E. Church and the work done by her. Some cried out on "black bishops," but we rejoice in the religious and moral training of our boys and girls, also of their education. As was said by Dr. Albert in last week's issue, such training is worth more to us than a hundred "black bishops." I am for holy men of God. I now

have on the roll 45 active members, and 33 bright boys and girls in the Sunday school. The people are fast learning to love the church and the Savior. One evening last week a little band of thirteen gave us quite an agreeable surprise at the parsonage; to them we give many thanks. Rev. H. N. Brown held his first quarterly meeting for us May 3. We had a glorious time and a large congregation.

James H. Saunders, Sparks, Ga.

Coming from the conference here, I found a church frame about two-thirds weatherboarded, and advertised for sale for \$35 for labor done last year. Twenty members and ten probationers were reported, but not one of that number was to be found. By God's help, however, this indebtedness has been cancelled, the church completed, nicely seated, and we can report thirteen accessions and two happily converted.

G. W. Beaman, Jackson Circuit, Miss.

May 10th we raised \$10, our assessment for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, and forwarded it to the proper authority. We expect to raise all of our assessments. Our grand rally May 30, resulted in collection of \$117.65. The following brethren assisted in the services: Revs. A. M. Trotter, S. Jossels, Rodgers, Walker and Thomas. June 6, 7, my second quarterly conference was held at Mt. Salem, by Elder Campbell. The Elder's visit was a benediction to all. His talks, lectures and sermons edified every heart. The work is alive, and we have had several accessions and conversions. We baptized nine persons. Paid Presiding Elder, \$7.25; pastor, \$49.10; benevolent causes, \$14.35. Total, \$128.20 for this quarter. The SOUTHWESTERN is not forgotten. It is making its way in every body's heart that reads it. On Children's Day nearly 300 Scripture verses were recited. Collection, \$3.30. We are now erecting a new church, and expect to have it completed by the fifth Sunday in August, which will be entering day. A great number of Mississippi's eminent divines will be present to participate in the services.

D. P. Shaw, Vaiden Circuit, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held June 13, 14, by Rev. H. R. Revels. He preached an able sermon to a crowded house. We are always proud of such men as Drs. Revels and Albert. Paid pastor, \$122; Elder, \$10.20; received into full membership, 80. Our rally for the Good Hope church, on the third Sunday in June, resulted in a collection of \$42.60.

W. H. Scott, Duck Hill, Miss.

Our second district conference was held by Dr. Revels, at Green's Chapel, June 20, 21. Reports showed progress. The Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Collection, \$26.95. We have not held our protracted meeting yet, but we have taken twenty-one in the church. We are spiritually alive.

J. Jordan, Longview, Texas.

My second quarter was held June 20, 21, by Elder Hamilton. Paid pastor, \$36.60; Elder, \$12.50. The Lord is with us. The Elder is loved by all. Easter Sunday we raised \$8.10 for missions. Collection during quarter, \$54.55.

F. M. Lashington, Desiard, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held at Mt. Sinai M. E. Church, June 29. Rev. S. Priestley made our hearts glad to see him. The Elder preached three edifying sermons. Collection this quarter, \$139.05.

P. F. Robinson, Oayka, Miss.

We are going to try to finish our church building here by Oct. 1. We will lay the corner-stone August 13. Our lot is paid for and everything is going on successfully. As soon as I can finish the church here, we are going to organize in Chatawa, three and one-half miles above, and put a church there also. We have the place selected and 1300 feet of lumber to start on. The pastor of the Oayka A. M. E. Church has

sold out his church and turned over the whole work to me. He says he could not get his hands on his members any more after I came here. I have been here three months. Our Presiding Elder was surprised to see our rapid progress. We want to have a grand time on corner-stone day. We hope to have Dr. Albert with us on that day.

J. I. Garrett, Benton, Miss.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Double Spring July 4, with Rev. J. Campbell in the chair. The reports showed that the work is in a prosperous condition spiritually and financially. Paid pastor, \$150.65; Presiding Elder, \$15; Bishop, \$1.25; missions, \$6.30; Freedmen's Aid, \$3; Wesley Chapel, on Children's Day, \$7.25; Mt. Pleasant school, \$5.25. Number of Bible verses recited on Children's Day, 520. Eight accessions and two deaths. Elder Campbell preached a grand sermon, and administered the Lord's Supper to forty souls. Our Sunday schools are in a fine condition. Wesley Chapel and Mt. Pleasant schools had a reunion on Children's Day; H. Witherspoon is superintendent of Wesley Chapel and Bro. P. H. Gill of Mt. Pleasant, both fine young men.

S. J. Harris, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Presiding Elders' Convention was a great success, and much good will be the result. The men were all portly, fine looking and far above the average in intelligence. Many enigmas have been paid them by our people, both white and colored. Our greatest regret was their short stay among us. Our pulpit was filled on the following Sabbath by Drs. H. R. Revels and L. M. Hagood, and Elder B. Dilworth, to the great delight of our people. We would be glad to have them come again. We also had good success in our rally.

A. N. Jackson, LaFayette, Ala.

Under the inspiration of the fact that the Rev. W. H. Nelson, pastor of the Blifton M. E. Church, has been honored by the University of Buffalo, N. Y., with the degree of D.D., the citizens of West Point, Ga., met June 25 and tendered him a grand ovation. The audience was large and composed of both races, the leading spirit being Rev. C. S. Wilkins, pastor of the Baptist Church, who had arranged an excellent program, consisting of addresses, music, solos, duets, etc. The following ministers were present: Revs. M. T. Thomas, of the O. M. E. Church; Isa Perry, of the M. E. Church; and Robt. Boyd and E. B. Ash, of the Baptist Church, and the writer; Bro. Wilkins; Capt. J. W. Little, postmaster, and others. Dr. Nelson can with fluency read Greek, Hebrew, Assyrian and Aramaic. By request, Dr. Nelson read some in the ancient languages, translating the same into English as he read. He presented his diplomas, giving him the following degrees: A. B., A. M., Ph.D., D.D., all from leading colleges of the land. He has also been elected a member of the Scientific and Literary Association of Pennsylvania. The exercises were interspersed with music, Mrs. Dr. Nelson singing several solos to the delight of all present.

J. R. Reasonover, Hillsborough, Tenn.

My third quarterly conference was held at Snrmonia, July 4. Reports showed a grand increase. Paid Presiding Elder, \$8.40; pastor \$14.65; raised for missions, \$2; Freedmen's Aid, \$3; Sunday school, \$2.50; tracts, \$1. Elder Price preached two grand sermons. The Hillsborough charge feels proud of the Elder's grand administration.

H. O. Williams, Shady Grove, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 21. Owing to the Presiding Elders' Convention, our Presiding Elder was not here to hold the quarter. Rev. R. O. Barrow held it. Reports showed that \$40.91 had been collected, 56 souls converted to God and added to the church, and eight backsliders reclaimed. Shady Grove is alive, and men and women are crying, "What shall we do to be saved?"

Pray for me. This is my third hard place. First at Morrow, then Bunkie, and now Shady Grove. But thank God I have been able to stand the test for the Lord.

P. Bennett, Milford and Italy, Texas.

My second quarterly conference was held May 23, 24, Rev. A. Foster in the chair. Reports showed great progress. Converted two and received four into full membership. The Elder preached a soul-reviving sermon on Sunday, and administered the Lord's Supper to a large number. Paid Elder, \$11.50; pastor, \$82.15. I did not forget to mention the good old SOUTHWESTERN.

Our people at McMinnville, Tenn., whose church was burnt down some time ago, are fixing to rebuild. The old bricks have been taken out of the rubbish and cleaned, and on the first Sunday in June they had a grand financial rally for the rebuilding. Collection, \$106.50. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Richmond, was assisted by Revs. F. W. Baker of the Baptist, and J. T. Brown of the A. M. E. Church; and D. Scott, of Sparta, and his people, sent their contribution of \$10. Bro. Henry Anderson brought \$16.50. The plan is to complete the church in time for the district conference in August.

A. M. Quinn, DeSoto, Miss.

My second quarterly conference convened June 10. Rev. J. M. Shumpert, Presiding Elder, being absent, Rev. A. J. Mackener presided. He preached a soul-reviving sermon on Sunday and administered the Lord's Supper to 60 persons. Paid pastor, \$7; Presiding Elder, \$8. The entertainment given by F. Smith and A. B. Britten realized \$100.50.

A. Handy, Summit, Miss.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was observed. We had a grand time. The following contributed: Miss Dicy Dillon, \$2; Miss Mattie Middleton, \$1; Miss Lizzie Sperlark, \$1; Victoria Tolbert, \$1; Selia James, \$1; Rosa Cohee, \$1; Sellsan Wilson, \$1. Total amount raised, \$22.10. The good people here gave us two surprises, which were led by some of the prominent members of the church. They brought many good things. We will be glad to have them come again.

Children's Day Gleanings.

N. B. Blackman, French camp, Miss.

Children's Day at St. Paul M. E. Church was nicely carried out by our worthy Sunday school superintendent Adaline Yates, assisted by the pastor. Collection \$7.10.

Mary Henderson, Hubbard, Texas.

June 14, we had a grand time. Collection \$3.25. Our pastor is such a good man. N. J. Johnson is his name. I believe he is loved by all who know him.

R. S. Stacey, Mount Vernon, Ga.

Our Children's Day at Mt. Vernon, Ga., under the management of Mrs. Alice J. Stacey, and S. Collins, superintendent of Wesley Chapel Sunday school, will be long remembered. Mrs. Sarah Horn was our queen. Collection for Mt. Vernon and Wesley Chapel Sunday school \$4.36. Riddle Still Sunday school, Rev. S. Ross superintendent, \$1.40. Total collection \$5.76.

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Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Why do the Methodists Plant Missions in Germany?

Here is a partial answer to the question in a speech made by the emperor himself, as quoted in the New York Tribune of a recent date:

"The Emperor William arrived at Carlsruhe from Bonn, and was welcomed by his uncle, the Grand Duke of Baden, and enthusiastically received by the inhabitants. On the evening before leaving Bonn the emperor spent several hours at the 'beer commers,' which was held to open the summer session of the Bonn University, such symposia always being attended by all the corps or fighting clubs. Of these the crack corps is that of the Borussia, of which the emperor or himself, when studying at Bonn, was a nominal member; but at this general 'commers' he acted as chairman of the revels. In reply to the health of the emperor, which was effusively proposed and drunk in what is called a 'thundering salamander,' his majesty rose and begged to subscribe to every word which had been spoken in praise of all the habits and customs of German student-life and their educational importance." He said:

"It is my firm conviction that every youth who enters a corps or beer-drinking and dueling club will receive the true direction of his life from the spirit which prevails in them. It is the best education which a young man can get for his future life, and he who scoffs at the German students' corps does not penetrate their real meaning. I hope as long as there are German corps-students the spirit which is fostered in their corps, and which is steered by strength and courage, will be preserved, and that you will always take delight in handling the dueling blade. There are many people who do not understand what our duels really mean, but that must not lead us astray. You and I, who have been corps students, know better than that. As in the Middle Ages manly strength and courage were steered by the practice of jousting or tournaments, so the spirits and habits which are acquired from membership of a corps furnish us with that degree of fortitude which is necessary to us when we go out into the world, and which will last as long as there are German universities. You have been good enough to refer to my son (the crown prince), and I give you my hearty thanks for doing so. I trust that the young man, when he is advanced enough, will matriculate here and join your clubs, and that he will then meet with the same kindly sentiments that were extended to me. And now a word to those young freshmen who are but beginning to lead a corps life. Train your courage, your discipline, and your obedience, without which we cannot as a state continue to live, and I trust that many officials and officers will emerge from your midst."

This remarkable speech by the emperor was applauded to the echo by his youthful hearers, though it is certain enough to provoke a bitter controversy in other quarters. The emperor remained among the beer-drinkers and song-singers till midnight, and then withdrew with his brother-in-law, Prince Adolph, of Schaumburg-Lippe, amid a scene of great enthusiasm.

Think of an emperor teaching such barbarous sentiments to

young men as that the practice of dening is necessary to the existence of the state! We did not find it so in our great war. In the regiment of which I was chaplain there were three hundred and twenty men who could lead in prayer in our prayer-meetings. As for their courage, that was tested at Winchester, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, in the Shenandoah Valley under Phil. Sheridan, and on to Appomattox. That regiment did not think it necessary to cultivate their courage by fighting duels and getting drunk.

Ah, your majesty, your address to the young men of Germany is unworthy of the ruler of a great people! You have helped us, however, to explain the necessity of Methodist Missions in Germany.—C. C. McCabe, in World-Wide Missions.

Letters from the Laity.

J. Simmons, Canton circuit, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference convened at Rick's Chapel, Presiding Elder Joseph Campbell in the chair. We had a grand time, the elder preached a soul stirring sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to seventy-four members. Collection \$15.10. Our pastor is much beloved, and our circuit is prospering. We have paid him about \$200. We have completed a fine building at King Solomon, and have purchased a new set of seats for Hopewell, at an expense of fifty dollars. We are happy to say we will be able to report a better state of affairs morally, spiritually and financially, than ever before.

J. T. Wheatly, Cold Springs, Tex.

My wife takes your paper and I read it. I am glad to get it to study the Sunday school lesson. We have a good Sunday school, and also a good preacher. My wife is a member of the church and she loves the cause of Christ.

W. A. Canner, New Birmingham, Tex.

We are very small in membership, being only about one year old. We are having good Sunday school and congregations however. We had a good time in celebrating the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Day. God grant that many such men as our pastor J. H. Anderson, may be sent to such places as this.

A. H. Colwell, Hearne, Tex.

Our quarterly meeting June 14, was a success. Our little town is on the move, a building and railroad boom having struck it broadside; and, by the way, we boast of a colored "railroad project"—Mr. J. N. Gillett, of the firm of Gillett & Dixon, merchants, Re, with other progressive colored men of the state, have a scheme on foot and well under way to charter the "Huston, Brazos Valley, and Langston City R. R." The cry is "on to Langston!" Mr. Gillett is just energetic enough to push the move, and it looks much like we are going to have a railroad, managed and manipulated by colored men. Mr. Gillett is daily receiving the most flattering letters from colored men of wealth and influence, encouraging the move and promising active assistance.

H. C. Route, Forest, Miss.

Our pastor Rev. K. P. Crump, is the right man in the right place. Our circuit is improving financially and spiritually. Children's Day was observed at Lynch's Chapel. It was a glorious occasion. We are delighted with our Presiding Elder, Rev. J. M. Shimpert. The SOUTHWESTERN is a welcome week ly visitor. I could not do without it. God bless its editor.

Our people at Castilian Springs, Tenn., are rejoicing over the fact that their public school is now being taught by Mrs. Fanny Bats, a member of our church. All previous teachers there were of the Baptist Church. The church is gaining ground, so writes Bro. F. F. Webster.

S. S. Rogers, Mansfield, La.

The second quarterly conference of Wesley Chapel, was held June 20, Presiding Elder S. Duncan in

the chair. Paid pastor 72 85; P. E., \$8. The conference closed with a grand old-time love-feast. On Sunday the elder preached to a very large audience. He was in one of his spiritual moods for preaching. Every one was made happy. Collection \$25 80. Children's Day was observed according to program. The pastor Rev. E. Hutchinson, spared no pains in having everything in trim. Misses Birdie Mayo, Sally Johnson, M. J. Wilson, F. A. Clark, Bros. David Mayo, Cooper Howard, Mrs. F. A. Clark, Miss Philis Canine, and Prof. T. H. Monson, deserve much credit for the part they took. Collection \$4.40.

A mass meeting of colored citizens was held at St. Paul Church, Aberdeen, Miss., June 15, in which resolutions were unanimously adopted as follows:

1. That we discountenance in every possible way, all persons who insidiously or openly attack the virtue of our women.
2. That we will not hold social intercourse with immoral characters, and those who act as agents for the destruction of good moral character.
3. That we who favor the foregoing, and will stand by and act accordingly, submit our names for the purpose of organizing, to use every effort to put down such immoral conduct; and to do all in our power to encourage a wholesome moral tone of the highest type.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my people, whom I have not seen in many years. I left my father's people in Hanson county, Ky. My father was Sam Chinn, and mother Betsey Chinn. Brother's were Sam, Nat and George Chinn. Sister's Sarah Melissa Chinn, and aunt Mary Abbott. She belonged to Nat Abbott. Father belonged to Billie Barnett. He was sold to a Negro trader in 1853. Any information will be thankfully received. Address Henry H. Chinn, Lindsay, La.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my boy. He left home Sunday night, July 12, with two other boys. I was not aware that he was going off. His name is Henry Ward, age 15 years. He is very bright complexioned, tall, and slenderly built. The boys that he went with were Sam Bell and Charley Willis. If any one knows of such a boy please address me secretly, Lizzie Dean, Sweet Home, Ark.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for some of my relatives. I had three brothers and one sister; Andrew Washington, and Jerry; My sister was Siller; our mother and father Thomas and Rachel. We all belonged to James Austin, a speculator. We were living in Grimes county, near Lawrenceville, Ga. James Austin bought my mother and father in 1836. He brought us to Alabama. When I left Alabama I was 12 years old. There were then three brothers of the Austins, James, Starling and Bill Austin. The last I heard of my sister she had three children. And I heard since I have been free that James Austin was killed by a young man he raised, name Eleck. Address Thomas Austin, Centerville, Tex.

General Church News.

Seventy-five per cent of business men in the United States are Protestants. Of the sixty-eight richest men in America sixty-four are Protestants, four are Catholics; 400 Christian families have an average income \$500,000; 8,000 have an income of \$25,000; 100,000 an income of \$10,000.

John Jasper, the famous Negro preacher of Richmond, has been pastor of his church for fifty one years. He has 3,000 members, and an average audience of about 1,500.

George Muller has under his care 75 schools, of which 13 are in Spain, 2 in Italy, 2 in the East Indies, and 7 in the English colonies. In May of last year these schools contained 6,250 pupils, and the total number since the first one was opened in 1834, was 112,937. The expenses have been \$480,000. Mr. Muller planned to go out as a missionary to India, but insuperable obstacles prevented. But, remaining at home, he has been able to raise and distribute for missions \$1,116,800.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Fall

Conferences, 1891.

(CHRONOLOGICAL).

Conferences in the United States.

Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishops.
Nevada Miss.	San Jose, Cal.	July 22.	Bowman
Montana	Great Falls, Mont.	30.	Bowman
Idaho	Boise City, Idaho	Aug. 12.	Bowman
Oregon	Salem, Ore.	19.	Gerald
Washington	Olympia, Wash.	26.	Gerald
Black Hills Miss.	Spearfish, S. Dak.	27.	Merrill
Cincinnati	Urbandale, Ia.	29.	Post
Iowa	Des Moines, Ia.	30.	Post
N. W. Nor.	Dan. Miss. Seattle, Wash.	31.	Post
Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2.	Newman
West German	St. Joseph, Mo.	2.	Goodell
St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.	9.	Newman
Norweg.	Dan. Chicago, Ill.	9.	Merrill
California	Pacific Grove, Cal.	9.	Mallan
Eric.	Madison, Pa.	9.	Powder
Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	10.	Newman
Cent. Illinois	Moline, Ill.	9.	Joyce
Michigan	Grand Rapids, Mich.	9.	Newman
Conf. German	Cincinnati, O.	9.	Post
N. Pac. Ger.	Miss. Seattle, Wash.	9.	Fitzgerald
North German	St. Paul, Minn.	16.	Merrill
Illinois	Bloomington, Ill.	16.	Warren
Des Moines	Des Moines, Ia.	16.	Warren
Cal. Germ.	Miss. San Jose, Cal.	16.	Mallan
Northwest Iowa	Fa. Dodge, Ia.	16.	Nindo
East Ohio	Akron, O.	16.	Fowler
W. Virginia	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	16.	Newman
Colombia R. V.	Spokane Falls, Wash.	16.	Fitzgerald
Detroit	Detroit, Mich.	16.	Newman
Indiana	Washington, Ind.	16.	Joyce
Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.	16.	Newman
East Ohio	Akron, O.	16.	Post
Minnesota	Red Wing, Minn.	23.	Merrill
S. Illinois	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	23.	Warren
Rock River	Chicago, Ill.	23.	Newman
San Francisco	San Francisco, Cal.	23.	Nindo
Ohio	Zanesville, O.	23.	Fowler
Upper Iowa	Decorah, Ia.	23.	Newman
North Ohio	Mansfield, O.	23.	Joyce
Central Ohio	Toledo, O.	23.	Newman
Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	23.	Goodell
Kentucky	Newport, Ky.	30.	Post
North Dakota	Grand Forks, N. Dak.	30.	Merrill
Georgia	Danville, N. Y.	30.	Andrews
West Virginia	Wheeling, W. Va.	30.	Warren
Dakota	Siox Falls, S. Dak.	30.	Foss
W. Indiana	South Bend, Ind.	30.	Nindo
Pittsburg	Uniontown, Pa.	30.	Fowler
Upper Iowa	Decorah, Ia.	30.	Newman
Central New York	Cortland, N. Y.	30.	Joyce
West Nebraska	North Platte, Neb.	30.	Goodell
Wisconsin	Flagstaff, Ariz.	30.	Mallan
North Carolina	Winston, N. C.	15.	Warren
East Tennessee	Morrisville, Tenn.	15.	Nindo
New Mex.	Spao. Miss. Pecos, N. M.	15.	Mallan
Hine Ridge	Ashville, N. C.	21.	Warren
Holston	Chattanooga, Tenn.	21.	Nindo
New Mex. Eng.	Miss. Las Vegas, N. M.	21.	Mallan
Tennessee	Memphis, Tenn.	21.	Vincent
Central Tennessee	Erin, Tenn.	21.	Joyce
Austin	Waco, Tex.	21.	Hurst
Texas	Houston, Tex.	21.	Hurst
Southern German	Seguin, Tex.	21.	Hurst
West Texas	Victoria, Tex.	21.	Hurst

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Korea Miss. Seoul, Korea, June 10.
Switzerland. Zurich Switzerland.
Germany. Berlin, Germany.
Denmark Miss. Vello, Denmark. July 1.
Japan. Tokyo, Japan.
Norway. Bergen, Norway.
Sweden. Upsala, Sweden.
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THURSDAY, AUG. 6, 1891.

WHY don't you get the boarding houses and different business houses with whom our people trade, to advertise in the SOUTHWESTERN?

THE Times Democrat is making a fuss about the exclusion of non-Protestant tenters from the Seashore Camp Grounds. The grounds are the private property of the Methodist Church, and, of course, the authorities have the right to manage their grounds. To admit tenters who are not Protestants would be to open the way for a subversion of their own authority. Catholic grounds are exclusively for Catholics. Why should not Methodist grounds be occupied exclusively by Methodists? Would the Times Democrat rent the editor of the New Delta a part of the office? The exclusion refers solely to tent holders and not to visitors. —N. O. Christian Advocate.

Judging from the unreasonable howl set up by the Times Democrat one would be led to believe that some great outrage had been committed against Roman Catholics. The facts in the case are that the Roman Catholic Church generally excommunicates its members for even entering such grounds. Why does not the Times Democrat plead for the release of our Protestant Missionary Penzotti, whom Roman Catholics hold in a dungeon, bound with chains, for holding religious services, just a little above a whisper, in a private house in Peru? The same degree of interest in that direction might result in effecting some good results.

DE. W. H. Coffey, of the Delaware Conference, is delighted over his observations at the recent Presiding Elder's Convention. Addressing his district conference recently he said:

"The convention did some things that a great deal of good will come out of. They urged Negro representation, and we fought hard to bring it about. I think we will have transfers from the Southern Conferences in the near future. We need a little more blood in the Southern Conferences from the North, and a little more blood in the Northern Conferences from the South. There seemed to be no jealousy among themselves. They seemed to be glad when one of their number came forward who could do something. I want to say something now concerning Dr. Hammond, of the Lexington Conference. He is a whole man. He measured up with any white Doctor with whom I met. I think the brethren should write more to the SOUTHWESTERN, and also the New York Christian Advocate. Now, after all that I have seen in the South, I am not ashamed of the ability of the young men of the Delaware Conference. I do not think your delegation disgraced you there. They seemed to pass it as a joke that they intended to capture the delegation from the Delaware Conference. Now, I am proud of my trip. As poor as I am, I would rather have the benefit of that trip than \$5,000 to-day and be without it. Brethren, pray for the Philadelphia district. We know no district lines. I know your leader. I know you will have victory."

We heartily invite our Delaware brethren to our columns; and thank Dr. Coffey for his request to his brethren that they do so.

The Dedication at Yazoo, Miss.

Sunday July 26th, the Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, assisted by Rev. J. C. Hibbler, of Vicksburg, Miss., dedicated the beautiful new brick church, which our people at Yazoo City, Miss., completed and entered last September. The collection of the day was \$1,372, which enabled them to dedicate the church free of debts. The day and the occasion was one of wonderful interest and success, and will long be remembered in the history of that people. We have never seen such liberality equaled anywhere. There was no element of sing-song claptrap displayed anywhere. The day opened with a fervent season of prayer at 5:30 a. m.; a Sunday school session, wherein the most abundant interest and instruction were brought out at 9 a. m.; and at 11 a. m., Bro. Hibbler preached; no collection was then taken. At 3 p. m., Dr. Albert preached; after which every leader rallied his class, and contested for the first number, or for the next nearest to the succeeding numbers. The result was a collection of nearly \$1,100. At 7:30 p. m., Dr. Albert preached again, when over \$275 were collected; making a total for the day of \$1,372, incalculable. After this the church, worth over \$11,000, was dedicated to the service of Almighty God, amid the shouts of the people, without the shadow of a debt overhanging it. We have never seen the like before. How much better was this method, than that which obtains among our people, to run all day union and basket meetings, when local preachers, visiting pastors, etc., preach a five minutes money sermon, and ding dong the people for "only one more nickel" ten minutes each, to close up with \$30 or \$100 at the most. We hope all our people will pattern after our church at Yazoo City, and Rev. J. C. Houston, the champion church builder and money raiser of our church in the South.

Cornerstone Day, May 11, 1890, they raised \$1130.

Entrance Day, September 21, 1890, \$1300.

Rally Day, April 26, 1891, \$420.

Dedication Day, July 26, 1891, \$1372.

Total in four collections \$4,272.

Match that if you can. We were more than delighted with everything we saw and heard. The relation of the races is amicable, and our people give every evidence of material prosperity, and intellectual and moral culture. No pastor in our Methodism need fear going to Yazoo City. The church is one of the finest in the South, and the people one of the best looking, refined and hospitable to be found anywhere.

The writer and Bro. Hibbler were feasted at the bountiful tables of Mrs. Rev. J. C. Houston, Mrs. Zid Green, Mrs. Emma Bell, Mrs. E. J. Madkins, Mrs. N. N. Sidney, and J. E. Holmes. We met here, Revs. J. S. Woods, I. L. Garrett and I. W. Davis, pastors of neighboring circuits, who accompanied us to Jackson, Miss., where it was our privilege to meet Rev. A. M. Trotter and to preach to his people at Jackson Miss., on Monday night, July 27. The whole trip was very profitable to the SOUTHWESTERN, which is very much appreciated throughout that section.

Who Will Help Them?

We publish in another column a letter from Africa, where it is shown that there is but one paper taken in the whole of Cape Palmas, a town of 1000 inhabitants and in which we have 300 members. "This sad state does not result from an indisposition to read, for they love to read, but from their poverty." Will not some one send us the means whereby we may supply those needy ones and answer their Macedonian cry with a few copies of the SOUTHWESTERN? We will send a copy of the paper a year for \$2 to as many as our readers may pay for. Please help them. Amounts received will be duly acknowledged in our columns.

Wholesale Butchery.

Dispatches from the Jefferson Plantation, in Tennessee, announce the massacre of eight Negroes who had refused to work because they were not receiving enough pay.

These men were not killed in a fight where they might have had a chance to defend themselves, but they were cowardly butchered while asleep in their quarters.

We believe that as long as they conduct themselves as law-abiding citizens, they are entitled to the protection of the laws, and of those who have a spark of justice in their hearts. If these Negroes were killed in the manner related by the sole survivor, Thomas Bell, then we say that it will leave a stigma of infamy upon the State in which it was committed, unless prompt and effective measures are taken to bring the murderers to justice.

Nothing short of the hanging of every one connected with this diabolical outrage should satisfy the authorities of the State of Tennessee. —Down Town Herald.

What They Say of Our Position on the Colored Bishop Question.

You are striking the key-note and voicing the sentiment of the colored membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, except that of a few in a hurry, aspirants, or snail creepers. May God give you great wisdom to speak out boldly the truth in the best way and at the right time. —Rev. J. C. Hibbler, Vicksburg, Miss.

I have just read your editorial, "Our Colored Membership and the New Bishops," and desire to say that you have correctly voiced the sense of our people on this most important and peculiar question. Long may live the present editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, to vigilantly guard the interests of our oppressed people. —Rev. A. M. Trotter, Jackson, Miss.

THE Rev. Dr. Arthur Edwards, of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, usually correct and straight upon every question affecting our people as the proverbial straight shingle, makes a very unfortunate remark in his otherwise admirable editorial on the question of the election of a colored bishop. He says:

"It is to the credit of German, Scandinavian and other Methodists in this country that no German or Scandinavian or other has been as snubbed for the episcopacy."

It is to the credit of the American people, too, that no German, Scandinavian or other people, as such, is discriminated against at every turn and in every avocation in life because he is a German or a Scandinavian. The Negro, as our friend, Dr. Edwards, knows and condemns, is discriminated against because he is a Negro. Under the circumstances it is but natural for him to conclude that he is overlooked because of his race or color whenever and wherever he is denied representation, unless his personal lack of fitness is clearly demonstrated. It is uncharitable to say that our people ask for the election of a colored man because he is colored. They make no snub plea. They ask that the race or color of a Negro shall not keep him as effectually out of our episcopacy as it keeps him out of a first class car, a railroad dining room and hotel, and as it keeps him out of a white school, church or cemetery. The questions of character, culture and competency are not considered in the premises. The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, or any other of our most cultured and refined ministers, would be as readily turned away from snob places as the most worthless of the race, while the most worthless "German, Scandinavian and other people" would be welcome.

Another thing: Some of our bishops may be German and Scandinavian for aught we know. We know, however, that none of them are Negroes, at least none of them are suspected of being of that race. Perhaps Dr. Edwards will now see some difference.

THE Western Advocate, of recent date, has an editorial on the subject of a Negro Methodist Bishop being one of the things of the near future. It says in conclusion:

We do not venture an opinion as to whether the man and the hour now coincide; but we occupy the only tenable and consistent position, namely, that, if "not yet," surely sometime we shall have a colored Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

To this, Dr. Smith, of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, says:

This is, to say the least, a little bold in statement, whatever may be the merits of the case.

Surely, as fair and charitable a man as Dr. Smith, cannot take any exception to the opinion that "sometime," sooner or later, "we shall have a colored Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Dr. Moore has stated the position of our churches on this subject exactly, as understood by the colored people in this country. It is the only reasonable and consistent position which she can occupy, and to shake and show signs of weakening in the presence of this logical deduction from the policy which our church has pursued in her work among their people since the war, is to become frightened at one's own shadow. Surely sometime!

Political Review.

As predicted last week, Senator Quay and Col. Dudley have resigned their offices as chairman and treasurer, respectively, of the Republican National Committee. Gen. Clarkson, the popular Republican leader, was selected as chairman.

The Maryland Democratic State Convention nominated a full ticket, gave Senator Gorman a boom as a presidential possibility, indorsed him for the U. S. Senatorial succession, passed a long list of indictments against the Republican party, and adjourned.

Hon. Joel B. Erhardt has resigned the collectorship of the port of New York. Rumor has it that Secretary of the Interior Nobles has also resigned.

Speaker Reed has returned from Europe.

Secretary Blaine is getting well; and political speculators associate his name with that of Gen. Alger, of Michigan, as a political team for the nomination of president and vice-president. Whatever may be the future development, it is now quite evident that President Harrison will be his own successor.

President Harrison, we hope, will not be hoodwinked by unscrupulous white politicians into the folly of appointing a white minister to succeed the Hon. Fred Douglass to Hayti, on the absurd pretensions that a white minister is necessary to protect our interests there. What is needed is an intelligent, young and progressive colored diplomat, like the Hon. L. A. Martinet, of this city, who is thoroughly equipped in native manhood, mental vigor and diplomacy, and who withal is thoroughly conversant with French, the national language of Hayti.

In its reference to the New Orleans University Medical School, the Crusader says:

"The New Orleans University Medical School is as broad as the charity that has founded it, and knows no race, color, creed or sect."

That is the foundation upon which every Methodist institution is established. We have schools and churches "among the white people" and the like institutions among the colored people, but all operating under the following action of the General Conference of 1884, viz:

"Resolved, That this General Conference declares the policy of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be, that no member of any society within the church shall be excluded from public worship in any and every edifice of the denomination, and no student shall be excluded from instruction in any and

every school under the supervision of the Church, because of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

This was adopted in answer to the action of a certain white pastor in Alabama that denied colored people admission to his services, and to the assertion in certain quarters that colored students would be denied admission to some of our schools. This is official. We hope it will answer all the color line questions that may exist in the mind of the *Crusader* and its readers.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

Bro. Isaac Morgan, Gretna, La., Sunday school superintendent, says: "Monday, July 27, we had our Sunday school picnic at Harvey's Canal. We had a grand time."

Personal.

—Rev. P. Hirth, one of the old fathers in the Mississippi Conference, who located at his own request some years ago, is now living at Brownsville, Miss. He is as devoted to the old church as ever, and is doing us good service in assisting to spread the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN.

—Rev. H. S. McMillan, of Galveston, Texas, called last week. He reported his church in a prosperous condition.

—Rev. Stephen Duncan, of the Shreveport district, has been spending a few days in the city. He returns to the work on his district to-morrow. He reports many conversions and a general spirit of revival and church building all over his district.

—We have been remembered with invitations to the marriage of Rev. F. M. Hamilton, editor of the *Christian Index*, Jackson, Tenn., to Miss Hattie S. Babridge, of Columbia, S. C. The Marriage takes place August 12, at Columbia, S. C. We extend best wishes to the contracting parties.

—Prof. John Reed passed through Shreveport en route to Minden, La., and preached on Sunday to a crowded house, and all were pleased with him and his sermon.

—Mrs. Rev. T. J. Johnson has left Shreveport, La., for Hot Springs, Ark., in search of health. May God take care of her and return her back home in good health.

—A note from Presiding Elder Landry, Donaldsonville, La., says: "I left Woodlawn Monday fully intending to come down Tuesday, but was overtaken by an attack of bilious fever by which I am still confined to my room. I regret very much, on this account, to have disappointed Elders Smith at Thibodaux and Monroe at Schriever, and their good people on the 24th and 25th. I hope to be able to meet my appointment at Beattleville on the 25th and 26th." We hope the Elder is now alright again.

—A note from President Braden, of Central Tennessee College, dated Toronto, Can., says: "Hope you are keeping cool; we are here, where the thermometer hardly touches seventy degrees in shade, and where winter wraps and overcoats are decidedly comfortable in the street cars and an absolute necessity riding on Lake Ontario. We leave here for Montreal and New York via. Lakes Champlain and George and Hudson River. If you were here we could ride in the same car, eat at the same table in the best hotels, and be men alike; you in the dark, I in the lighter clothing our own dear Father has put upon us. It is only a question of time and grace when it will be so at the gulf as well as by the lakes. Momo spoke to a crowd of four or five thousand and was heartily received."

We regret to learn that Rev. Ed. Fields, of Glencoe, La., is very sick with a severe attack of malarial fever. Let the church pray for his recovery. He has done a grand

work there and has built a beautiful and well planned parsonage.

—Joseph Story, Esq., of Cincinnati, a leading member of our church there, made a pleasant call last Monday, in company with the Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin, D. D.

—Dr. J. E. Mullan, of the N. O. University Medical School, called last week. He is kept quite busy in the practice of his profession.

—Rev. Jas. Drayden, a supernumerary preacher of the Mississippi Conference, is in very poor health and has been for four months. He has lost his mind. We had him brought from Hamburg to this city for medical treatment several weeks ago. His wife is sick and his family is in need of aid. Brother Drayden was a pure, upright Christian minister of our conference and deserves our help and sympathy. Any aid sent to the writer will reach them and will be acknowledged by receipt. Yours truly, SAM'L A. COWAN, Vicksburg, Miss.

—The Rev. D. J. Price, of Pleasant Plains M. E. Church, this city, was royally entertained during his recent visit to Monroe, his last year's charge.

—Hon. Warner Miller received the degree of LL. D. from Syracuse University at the recent commencement.

—The Rev. Dr. A. H. Tevis, of the Kansas Conference, was suspended from the ministry on the charge of falsehood. Dr. Tevis has since withdrawn from the M. E. Church, and it is understood that he will organize an independent church.

—Methodism mourns the translation of one of her ablest and most faithful ministers in the person of the Rev. D. P. Kidder, D. D., whose death occurred a few days ago at Evanston, Ill. Dr. Kidder will long be remembered as the author of Kidder's Homiletics and as corresponding secretary of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church.

REV. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph.D., delivered an address in Washington, D. C., recently, upon the race problem, which was pronounced on all sides as one of the best ever heard in that city.

Self-Denial Week Envelopes.

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Conference Notices.

Forest City District, Little Rock Conference. Third Round.

Oak Forest	Ang. 1-2
Burke	" 8-9
Forrest City	" 5-6
Forrest City	" 12-13
Crawfordsville	" 19-20
Brinkley and Clarendon	" 26-27
Cotton Plant	" 3-4
Brinkley City	" 10-11
Batesville	" 17-18
Jacksonport	" 24-25
Newport	" 27-28
Holmes	" 31 and Nov. 1
Bledsoe	" 3-4

Brethren will please raise their benevolent money in full by the third quarterly conference.

W. R. R. DUNCAN, P. E.

Macon District, Savannah Conference. Third Round.

Augusta	Ang. 1-2
Barton	" 8-9
Waynesboro	" 15-16
Millen	" 22-23
Bullock	" 29-30
Sylvania	" 5-6
Charlestown	" 12-13
Wadley	" 14
Swaynesboro	" 16
Eastman	" 19-20
Cordele	" 26-27
Abbeville	" 23-24
Columbus	" 25
Byron	" 26-27
Macon Sta. and City	" 3-4
Calloden	" 10-11
Forayth	" 10-11

Dear Brethren: Let us come up to the Annual Conference with the good news that we reached the "Macon District Jubilee Point" for missions, as mentioned at district conference.

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DAILY BREAD.

"A religion which will permit us to say what we please, and to do what we please, and go where we please, is not the religion we need. 'If any man be in Jesus Christ he is a new creature.' Any change less than this will not count."

When Gideon had sent home all the cowards of his army he had an easy victory by the help of the Lord. Let the cowards of every church be remanded to the rear and the brave, however few, will be the instruments of great conquest.

No man can live a Christian life who does not avail himself of all the powers given him on every side. There is work for the thought, work for the imagination, work for every mortal sentiment, work for every affection, work for all the combination of the faculties.

It is to be a "burning and a shining light." A glow-worm can shine and a fire-brand can burn, but the former may do but little good and the latter much harm. But Christians who are burning lamps as well as shining lights are needed in this dark, cold world.—Christian Witness

Dr. Talmage says: Unless our children are saved in early life they probably never will be. They who go over the twentieth year without Christ are apt to go all the way without Him. Grace, like flower seed, needs to be sown in spring. The first fifteen years of life, and often the first six, decide the eternal destiny. The first thing to do with a lamb is to put it in the arms of the Great Shepherd.

Some good workers are frightened from the sacred ministry of circulating good books lest they be called "book agents." As well might a minister vacate his pulpit because some people will insist that he preaches for hire. He who circulates a good book helps to preach a sermon that will speak when he is in the grave.—Revivalist.

Homiletics.

The following is a synopsis of a sermon recently delivered by Bishop Newman. After the opening exercises he announced his subject which was,—

THE ONLY REMEDY.

"The history of humanity," said the Bishop; "is a funeral march" from first to last, it marches to the music of sighs and groans. Were all the tears shed from first to last collected together, there would be a new ocean, deeper than the Atlantic and broader than the Pacific. Were all the groans uttered from first to last gathered in one volume, there would be a peal of thunder louder than has ever yet been heard. How long will this condition of things last? Is there "no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Jesus will remedy it! Sin and suffering are stupendous facts. Our subject is one of no ordinary limit. It touches the cases of all men everywhere. May those who hear be inspired to accept Christ! What are the conditions of the world for the sick and suffering? What is the remedy for the evils of society? In law! The home of law is the bosom of God, yet there are some things that cannot be done by law. For instance; law cannot purify. Under the best governments of the world some of the worst men have lived; it was not the fault of the law under which they lived that they were so corrupt. The law was good. Under the worst forms of law some of the best people have lived. You need but to refer to the law of human slavery. If law could purify every man in the penitentiary would become virtuous and every soul in hell would become a saint. Law has but its sphere. Punishment cannot refrain, human or divine. Government has failed to suppress vice and develop virtue. The scholar

tells us that the only thing to suppress vice and develop virtue is education. What is there in chemistry to refuse? What is there in the knowledge of botany, geology or physiology to refuse? This world never lacked for knowledge and it never will. Who would speak against education? What would America be without it? But I, standing before you as your religious teacher, must be true to God and true to you. What has art done for Italy? Italy is a vast art gallery. Who would exchange the morality of Italy for morality of America? Next comes philanthropy in the name of charity, sweet charity. It comes from heaven, but seeks only the temporary relief of those to whom it ministers. In the name of Christianity we say to philanthropy, art, law and education to stand aside. You all failed to supply the wants of the human family. Stand aside and give place to something else. What shall it be? Let us ask the Divine Master from the skies what His theme is. He tells us the thing is in the heart. That is the greatest of all. It outweighs the conscience, the affection, the will. Jesus did not come as a scholar, a statesman or a philanthropist. His home is the right one. The things He did not do are as marvelous as the things which He did. He did not come to better the temporal conditions of men, but He wrought miracles, gave sight to the blind, raised the dead; He spake to the winds, and they, like children, went to sleep; touched nature and it obeyed. He did not come as a schoolmaster, though ignorance prevailed then as now. He might have surpassed all the inventors. His ear might have heard the telephone, His eye might have seen the telegraph, His feet have stood on the majestic steamer, but He did not come for that purpose; He came to save men. Social evils existed before him in Jerusalem, but He issued no proclamation against them. His method was, sin no more, do right. He did not organize societies, midnight missions or a republic; men could do this work. Neither did he form a temperance society, but wrote all over the face of the skies, no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven. That is prohibition enough for me. I believe in total annihilation of the infernal stuff. It is true, that while Jesus did not come to improve the temporal conditions of men, good naturally flowed from every act of his life to all conditions of humanity. While He did not come as a teacher, He put in the hand of every man a book giving him a knowledge of his creation and creator, of his life, his character and his destiny. Precious book! More precious than the beaded bubbles that sparkle on the rippling waves of immortality. More precious than the diamond dust that sparkles behind the chariot wheels of the Most High. That book declares the brotherhood of men and urges the principles of justice. Jesus did not issue a proclamation of emancipation, but nearly two thousand years later He appeared in the hearts of men and slavery was abolished. No man ever appeared on earth who was a stronger defender of woman than was Jesus. In His day woman was but a thing, but He took her up, made her a disciple and she preached His resurrection. The relation of woman to Christianity is a problem for little minds to discuss. Is she an individual? If so, what are the rights of an individual? I do not wonder that there are more women in the church than men. If two-thirds of the church members are women what will two-thirds of the population of heaven be? And what will two-thirds of the population of hell be? Grant was a man of peace; as his friend and pastor I was intimately acquainted with him. As we sat by the bedside he often told me of his dream in his cottage, the central thought of which was: "In this country we have a supreme court. So the time will come when there will be a supreme court of the world, be-

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here which all nations shall appear for justice. The question that concerns me most is, what will my condition be? Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. That is my text. Where are the lost? Who are the lost? Are they the heathen of India? All who do not know Christ as a personal Saviour are lost, whether they be in America or distant lands.

Marriages.

Clinton, La.—July 16, Miss Ella Johnson to Mr. Robert Hays. Rev. D. M. Seals officiating.

Jackson, La.—Mr. Willie Levy and Miss Ella Marshall, July 22. Rev. J. A. Tircut officiating.

Shreveport, La.—St. Paul M. E. Church, Mr. Luke Briggs and Mrs. Lizzie Hall, on June 3.

Mr. John Flucus and Mollie Berry, July 9.

At Mr. John Watts' residence, Mr. Joseph Reuben and Miss Daisy Watts, daughter of John and Lizzie Watts. Rev. T. J. Thompson officiating.

Webb, Miss.—June 28, Mr. Ben Price to Miss Emma Moses. Rev. L. W. Mosley officiating. [Rec'd July 28.—Ed.]

Donaldsonville, La.—July 23, Miss Clara Carroll to Mr. John Monday. Rev. H. J. Wright officiating.

Obituary.

Little Francis Hartfield Speight, infant son of Rev. N. H. and P. H. Speight, of Central Alabama Conference, was born at Tuscaloosa, Ala., June 24, 1889, and died at Oxford, Ala., July 23, 1891, aged two years and twenty-nine days. The funeral was conducted from the parsonage, July 24, at 10 o'clock a. m. Sweet he his rest.

Rev. P. G. Goins, of Anniston, Ala., officiating.

Bunkie, La.—Bro. John Hart departed this life June 21. He died in full triumph of faith, aged 68 years. He is the father of Rev. H. R. Hart, and leaves a wife, two children and a host of friends. Joseph Johnson, P. C.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Bro. Robert Aden, a member of St. James M. E. Church, departed this life in full triumph of faith July 15, aged 35 years. He leaves a wife and relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

John Qualls, P. C.

Prof. J. C. Burton, a member of Zion's Chapel M. E. Church, on the McCool circuit, Miss., departed this life in full triumph of faith July 19. Bro. Burton was a useful young man to his race. He taught public school in the county of Choctaw for ten years, and was Sunday school superintendent at Zion's Chapel for several years. He leaves a widowed mother, three brothers, one sister, and a host of friends. The funeral was attended by the writer, assisted by Rev. D. M. Corke, of the Baptist Church. F. G. Wilbon, P. C.

West Point, Texas.—Sister Mollie Moore departed this life July 20, in full triumph of faith. She leaves a husband and seven children. Wm. Reed, P. C.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Bro. James Green departed this life July 9. Bro. Green was a class leader and a dutiful member. He died in full triumph of faith, leaving a father, five brothers, three sisters and a host of friends. C. H. Johnson, P. C.

Eola, La.—July 19, Sister Lettie Moore, a faithful member of Eola M. E. Church for 25 years, departed this life at the age of 55. Her last words were, "Glory and honor to Jesus, and come let us go with Jesus." She leaves a mother and five sons to mourn her loss. They are all members of our church. Sister Moore was a mother in Israel. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, assisted by Rev. E. Harrison of Arkansas. A. H. Banks, P. C.

Nuhugh, Ala.—Philip McMorris, of Rockford circuit, Ala., departed this life June 27. He had been a member of the M. E. Church about thirty years, and a local preacher about 12 years. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his loss.

He was loved by all who knew him. In his departing he said that he was just waiting for the call of Jesus. He died in full triumph of faith. He was a faithful class leader. E. B. Smith, P. C. [Rec'd July 28.—Ed.]

Mary McKinney, wife of Rev. M. M. McKinney, has passed to her final reward. She was born March 6, 1890, in Montgomery county, Miss., and died June 29, 1891. She and Rev. M. M. McKinney were married March, 1879. Sister McKinney was baptized and received into the M. E. Church the same year, on the Grenada circuit, Mississippi Conference, under the pastorate of Rev. Thos. Burton, who has long since gone to his reward. Afterwards Bro. McKinney, with his wife, moved to Kansas, and there they joined the Kansas Conference. In 1883, they were transferred by Bishop Foss, from the Kansas to the Central Alabama Conference. For over 11 years she was the faithful Christian wife and helper of a Methodist minister. Sister McKinney was a devoted mother. In the struggles of death Sister McKinney was privileged to say to those in the room with her: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for the Lord is my shepherd. His rod and His staff—they comfort me." With these comforting words, she slept away in the arms of Jesus. To mourn her loss, she leaves three little children and a husband. Those who knew Sister McKinney only know her to love her. Peace to her ashes. J. S. Todd, P. C., Huntsville, Ala.

Huntsville, Tex.—Mr. B. Holmes, of Shreveport, La., father of William Holmes, of that place, died July 14. He came here from Palestine, Texas, last February. He was 70 years old and the father of two children, William and Bessie. These he had not seen in 12 years. His son arrived just in time to see him die, but was too late to make himself known. Bro. B. Holmes was converted in our church a short while after he came here. He has some property here which his son will take charge of. W. L. Duncan, P. C.

Hond City, Texas.—Bro. John F. Clark, a member of the M. E. Church, departed this life June 7. He called his son to his bed and said, "I want you to know I am alright." He joined the church in the year 1845. Age, 73 years. He leaves three sons and grand-children. W. H. Mosely, P. C.

Boyce, La.—Bro. Henry Jordan departed this life July 13, aged 35 years. He was a member of our church. He lived a Christian. He leaves a mother, five brothers and one sister.

Mr. John Johnson departed this life June 25. He was a sinner when taken sick, but professed religion on his death bed. Age, 39 years, 11 months, 15 days. He leaves a wife, six children, father, mother, three brothers and four sisters. P. C. Colton; P. C.

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But it ain't no use to pray."

"Your corn looks just twice good as mine,
Though you don't pretend to be
A shinin' light in the church to shine,
An' tell salvation's free."

"I've prayed to the Lord a thousand times
For to make that 'ere corn grow;
An' why yourn beats it so an' climbs
I'd give a deal to know."

Said Farmer Gray to his neighbor Jones,
In his quiet and easy way,
"When prayers get mixed with lazy bones
They don't make farmin' pay."

"Your weeds, I notice, are good and
In spite of all your prayers;
You may pray for corn till the heavens fall,
If you don't dig up the tares."

"I mix my prayers with a little toil,
Along in every row;
An' I work this mixture into the soil,
Quite vigorous with a hoe."

"An' I've discovered, though still in sin,
As sure as you are born,
This kind of compost well worked in,
Makes pretty decent corn."

"So while I'm praying I use my hoe,
An' do my little best
To keep down the weeds along each row,
An' the Lord, he does the rest."

"It's well for to pray both night an' morn,
As every farmer knows;
But the place to pray for thrifty corn
Is right between the rows."

"You must use your hands while prayin', though,
If answer you would get.
For prayer-worn knees and a rusty hoe
Never raised a big crop yet."

"An' so I believe, my good old friend,
If you mean to win the day,
From plowing, clean to the harvest end,
You must hoe as well as pray."

The Household.

Personal Hygiene.

BY G. W. HUBBARD, M.D.

Care of the Teeth.
It is quite rare to find a person fifty years of age who has a perfect set of teeth, while others lose all of them early in life. It is not yet fully understood why teeth are so liable to decay. Among the causes supposed to produce decay are, excessive use of candy and vinegar, smoking and chewing tobacco and dipping snuff, indigestion, imperfect mastication, hot or cold drinks, general ill health, and last, and probably the most important, lack of care in keeping them clean.

It has been said, that colored people formerly possessed better teeth than the whites, but at the present time, there seems to be but very little difference between them. From childhood the teeth should be frequently and carefully examined, and as soon as a tooth begins to decay it should immediately be filled. After each meal the teeth should be thoroughly cleaned and all particles of food lodged between them carefully removed by a wood, quill or ivory tooth-pick, and they should be washed at least once a day with soft tepid water, using a tooth brush. The frequent use of tooth powders is not to be recommended, as they tend to wear through the enamel and expose the teeth to decay.

A bad smelling breath usually proceeds from nuclear or decayed teeth or unhealthy gums. In addition to care and cleanliness; nothing is more effective in sweetening the breath, than a month-wash composed of a mixture of half a teaspoonful of the tincture of myrrh, in half a glass of water.

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General News Items.

More than three fourths of the colored voters at Oberlin, own their homes and are independently situated.

Bishop Tanner has a daughter who has recently been appointed resident physician of the medical college at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The Colored Farmer's Alliance of South Carolina contemplate establishing a bank in Charleston, with a capital of \$100,000.

The first colored man to be executed by electricity was Joseph Wood, who was under sentence of death in New York for several months.

Philadelphia boasts of a first-class jewelry store owned by a colored man. The proprietor spent his apprenticeship in England, and is said to be well fitted for his trade.

The Afro American League met at Knoxville, Tenn., July 14, and elected the following officers:

President, T. Thomas Fortune, of New York City; vice-president, John W. Hargo, of Knoxville; secretary, W. H. Anderson, of Detroit; treasurer, L. W. Wallace, of Milwaukee; attorney, J. W. Lyon, of Augusta, Ga.

New York has 5,000 Indians.

Japan has three of the world's largest cities.

The Jewish population in this country is 60,630.

The United States furnishes one-half of the silver product of the world.

Illinois has a larger railway mileage than any other state in the Union—14,017 miles.

It is said that not more than one-eighth of the people of Japan live in cities having more than 10,000 inhabitants; the vast majority are farmers or fishermen.

A line of steamships from Galveston, Texas, to South American ports, by a company with \$50,000,000 capital, is the latest big undertaking. The title adopted is the Pan-American Transportation Company, with headquarters at Galveston.

The following will give an idea of what Boston is spending upon some of its principal buildings: The new court house will cost perhaps from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000; the state house extension, \$3,000,000; the public library, \$2,500,000; syndicate building, on State street, \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000; Ames building, at the foot of Court street, \$700,000; and the Sears building and alterations, \$300,000.

Good News to Teachers.

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According to recent summaries the total estimated circulation of religious papers published in this country is very near 4,000,000, which would intimate that the papers are seen by at least two or three times that number of readers. The Roman Catholics head the list with 127 papers, having about 750,000 circulation, but the Methodists are close behind them with 147 papers, having about 660,000 circulation. Of nondenominational religious papers, it is reported that there are now thirty-nine with 265,000 subscribers.

Our Symposium.

When a man is converted and joins a church he takes upon himself voluntarily certain vows, and assumes certain obligations and subscribes to the doctrines and practices of that church. He has no right to come in with mental

reservations or upon conditions, and would not be received into the fellowship of any church if such were expressed when he applied for admission. If a man is not in harmony with the church to which he gave allegiance, he should not grumble about it, and complain that he does not agree with this or that practice, but he ought to pursue the manly and honest course of joining some church with which he is in harmony. This is consistent and we have no patience with these milk and cider christians who remain in a church, enjoy its privileges and then constantly find fault with its doctrines and practices.—*American Baptist.*

The colored ladies in the vicinity of Tunica, have organized and the line between the good and the bad is being closely drawn. If some men and women continue to disgrace themselves let us see to it that the whole race is not carried down on a level with them. The colored woman who drinks whiskey and many do it, is not only paving the way to her own ruin but for the ruin and disgrace of others. Let the bad habit be discontinued. The colored man who offers a lady a drink is doing much toward the moral degradation of his race.

Colored men must have more respect for their wives. We are informed that many men think it perfectly right to whip their wives when they do not do to suit them. This, too, must be stopped, because it is not right.

Another thing, virtue must be protected and respected at all hazards, and until we learn this important lesson we may always expect the same treatment. We sincerely trust that the grand jury of our approaching court will repeat the work of the grand jury of a year ago, which did so much for moral purification.—*Tunica, (Miss.) Citizen.*

Remember the presiding elder's claim. Too often there is an indifference on the part of the stewards in reference to it. The elder appears but once a quarter, and when absent, there is too great a tendency to forget him. He does his work, and as the pastor, is worthy of his hire. The disciplinary requirement is that "In all cases the presiding elder shall share with the preachers in his district, in proportion to what they have respectively received." It is wrong to pay your pastor in full and fail to pay the elder, and the pastor should see to it that it is not done.—*Southern California Christian Advocate.*

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HOME READINGS.

M. John 5. 17-23. Tu. John 5. 24-30. W. John 5. 31-39. Th. Dan. 7. 9-14. F. Luke 10. 17-24. S. John 10. 22-30. S. Heb. 1. 1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. (Matt. 28. 18.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save; It triumphed o'er disease and death, O'er darkness and the grave; To thee they went, the blind the dumb, The palsied and the lame, The leper with his tainted life, The sick with fevered frame.

Be thou our great Deliverer still, Thou Lord of life and death; Restore and quicken, soothe and bless With thine almighty breath. To hands that work, and eyes that see, Give wisdom's heavenly lore, That whole and sick, and weak and strong, May praise thee evermore.

Time—Probably A. D. 28. Place—The pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem.

Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting links—Jesus had cured an impotent man who had been laid at the pool of Bethesda, waiting for the angel whom the superstitions of the country expected to come down and touch the pool with healing properties. The miracle had been formed on the Sabbath day, and the Jews complained of this. Jesus in reply claimed that he was equal with God.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Power Given to Christ, v. 17-23.

What is said here about work and workers?

Who sought to kill Jesus?

What two reasons are given for their hatred?

What did Jesus say about the Father and the Son?

What about the Father's love?

What about power to raise the dead?

To whom has the Father committed judgment?

Why has he given the Son this power?

How much power is given to Christ? (Golden Text)

2. Life Through Christ, v. 24-30.

What believer has everlasting life?

Through what change has he passed?

Whose life-giving voice will the dead hear?

Who alone has life in himself?

What authority has been given to the Son?

Who will yet hear his voice?

What result will follow?

What two destinies await the dead?

Why will the judgment of Christ be just?

Who will be judged by him? (Rom. 14. 10-12; 2 Cor. 5. 10.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That Jesus is the Son of God?

2. That the dead will be raised?

3. That Jesus will judge the world?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS.

Find what Jesus said the Sabbath was made for.

Find a chapter in which St. Paul tells about the resurrection.

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THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Why did the Jews seek to kill Jesus? Because he claimed to be equal with God.

2. What did Jesus say he would do to dead souls? He would bring them to life.

3. To whom has God committed the judgment of the world? To his Son.

4. Who shall hear the voice of Jesus and come forth to life? All that are in the tombs.

5. What does Jesus say concern-

ing himself? (Golden Text) "All power is given," etc.

EXPLANATIONS.

My Father worketh—The Sabbath was originally instituted as a memorial of the rest of God after his "six days" of labor in the creation of the world. Nevertheless, as Jesus here shows, God works during this period of rest; the activity of nature; the changes of the seasons, the movements of the sun, the springing of the green things from the ground, all are simply the working out of God's will during that long Sabbath of years which follows his actual work of creation. "To kill him"—"This seeking to kill is a blood-red thread which runs through the whole of this section of the Gospel."

What he seeth—The Son of God living on earth in perfect Harmony with the Power above. The Son quickeneth whom he will—Jesus gives new spiritual life to all souls who seek him, as really a renewal of life as is the resurrection. The hour cometh—This passage refers to the literal resurrection of the dead.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The final judgment.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

78. What is the only sufficient rule of a Christian's faith and practice? The word of God, as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

79. How shall we use the Scriptures? We should seriously and diligently study God's holy word with prayer, that we may understand, believe, and practice the same. (John 5. 39.)

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Anstin district conference, Belton, Tex., " 6

Dadeville district conference, " 6-9

Savannah district conference, Mt. Vernon, Ga., Aug. 12

San Antonio district conference, Cuero, Texas, " 12

Alexandria district conference, Washington, La., " 12

Gainesville Dist., Elberton, Ga., Aug. 12

Shreveport district conference, Natchitoches, La., " 13

Houston district Sunday School Institute, Beaumont, Tex., " 13

Camp meeting, Shubuta, Miss., " 13

Monroe district conference, Bastrop, La., " 21

Comberland River district conference, Gordonsville, " 25

Marshall district conference, Queen City, Tex., Aug. 6

Huntsville district conference, Courtland, Ala., Aug. 31

The Editor or Business Manager will attend as many of these district conferences and special meetings as possible, but whether they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, when we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circulation. It can be done. Will you do it?

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Red Oak, " Aug. 8-9

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Jofferson sta., " 15-16

Lodi, " 22-23

Marshall-Ebenezer, " 29-30

Hawkins, " 29-30

Jefferson, " Sept. 5-6

Pleasant, " 12-13

Minneapolis, " 19-20

Pittsburg, " 26-27

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Missionary Convention—Second day.

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Agents call at 12 m. each day:

First day—Church Extension and Bible cause.

Second day—Missions and Tracts.

Third day—Education and Sunday School Union.

Fourth day—Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Episcopal, Presiding Elders' and Sunday School Agents' Fund.

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Presiding Elders' Fund—Edward Fields.

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FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

Roll call by secretary of last district conference.

Election of secretary.

Appointment of Conference Stewards and Committee on Divine Worship.

Appointment of standing committees: On 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th years' course of studies for local preachers. License, to preach and travelling connection on pastors, local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, class leaders, district stewards, resolutions, appointment of local preachers, and other business.

Introduction of visitors.

12 m.—Agents call of the Church Extension and Bible cause.

Notices of committees, etc.

Adjournment, doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of first day:

3 p. m.—Invocation and literary exercises.

1. Church Extension, its claims, H. T. O. Abbott.

2. How to examine persons moved to preach, Robt. Anderson.

3. Philosophy of religion, Jules Angustus.

4. How to read the Holy Scriptures, H. King.

5. The "Southwestern," its mission, S. E. H. Morant.

6. The use of Theology in the Church, A. H. Bank.

7. The best way to train young converts, N. Burton.

8. Power of prayer, P. Bibbs.

9. The best time for taking the benevolent collections, S. Tillman.

10. Relation of Presiding Elder and pastor in charge, J. W. Pierce.

7:30 p. m.—Introductory sermon by W. B. Anderson, and collection taken. Doxology and benediction.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUG. 13.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of second day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 14.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call for correction.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business.

4. 12 m., agents call of Education and Sunday School Union.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon of third day:

3 p. m.—Invocation and literary exercises.

1. Evidence of continual presence of the Holy Spirit, M. P. Franklin.

2. Visiting from house to house, Edward Fields.

3. Secrets of success, M. J. Dyer.

4. Triumphs of Christianity, A. J. Ford.

5. Ministerial self-control, H. W. Welsh.

6. Temperance, its significance, Willis Carr.

7. How to begin a successful revival, J. A. Vincent.

8. Relation of the Church of Rome to public schools, Prof. B. M. Hubbard.

9. Importance of justifications in the pulpit, G. W. Wells.

Adjournment, doxology and benediction.

7:30 p. m.—Revival sermon. Collection taken.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 15.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

2. Reading reports from committees and adoption.

3. Reading and adoption of resolutions.

4. Notices from committee for the Sabbath, etc.

12 m.—Agents' call of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Episcopal, Sunday School Agent's, Presiding Elders' and Delegates' Fund.

Adjournment, doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of fourth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Sunday School Convention.

2. Election of officers.

3. Sunday school work in the church, A. G. Davis.

4. The propriety of organizing a District Sunday School Convention, A. J. Proctor.

5. How to form Sunday school's into missionary societies, A. Moore.

6. Use of Catechism in the Sunday school, E. Powell.

7. Claims of the Sunday School Agent, J. Johnson.

8. Paper on Sunday school work, J. Thompson.

9. Address by Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday School Agent.

5th DAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of fifth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

6th DAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 17.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of sixth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

7th DAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of seventh day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

8th DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of eighth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

9th DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of ninth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

10th DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of tenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

11th DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of eleventh day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

12th DAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of twelfth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

13th DAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 24.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of thirteenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

14th DAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 25.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of fourteenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

15th DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of fifteenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

16th DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of sixteenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

17th DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of seventeenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

18th DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of eighteenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

19th DAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9 a. m.—Conference session opens.

1. Roll call of absentees.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Other business, etc.

4. 12 m., agent's call, Missions and Tracts.

5. Notice from committees, etc.

6. Introduction of visitors.

7. Adjournment.

Doxology and benediction.

Afternoon session of nineteenth day:

3 p. m.—Invocation.

1. Convening of Missionary Convention.

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Editorial Notes.

Above is God, come joy or ill.
Come life or death, come want and woe.

Changeless his love exists, and still
Boundless his great compassions flow.
O people, by his mercy crowned,
Through thy full lives his praises sound.
His ears are open to the softest cry.
His grace descends to meet the lifted eye;
He reads the language of a silent tear,
And sighs an incense from a heart sincere.

—Mrs. Barbauld.

We take pleasure in giving to our readers the excellent address of Mr. J. M. May, one of the senior class students in the New Orleans University, Medical School, published in another column.

You can make money during vacation canvassing for the SOUTHWESTERN, "The House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." Write for terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

THE appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason, as Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is universally regarded as the first fruit of many good things that are yet to be harvested from the late Presiding Elder's Convention.

REV. T. J. JOHNSON, St. Paul Church, Shreveport, La., in a note condemning the recent preachers' convention, called to meet at Baton Rouge, says: "A preacher ought to stay in his church and not be calling a convention. I hope to see the time when Methodists will fill Methodist pulpits and pastor Methodist people."

R. J. CROMWELL, president, and F. L. Lister, secretary, have issued a call to the colored people of Texas, interested in the cause of emigration from that to some other State or Territory, to meet in convention at Marshall, Texas, on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 11 a. m. Every society in the State interested in the cause is requested to send delegates.

THE Iberville (La.) Pilot is evidently on the fence in reference to the lottery amendment. Brothers Jones and Rogers should come down from off the fence, and as reliable and safe pilots guide their people into the channel of morality and not dodge around the lottery question. The simple question is, are we in for the perpetuation of this monstrous gambling infamy for another quarter of a century or are we against it? Our emphatic exhortation to our people is to demolish the swindling concern.

Moral and Religious Training in Schools.

BY J. M. MAY.

Delivered before the South Mississippi Colored Teachers' Association at Brookhaven, Miss.

Friends and Fellow Teachers: I cannot find words enough to express my great desire to say something for the encouragement of the teachers who have the youths of our land to instruct.

The more I think of how much the posterity of the future generation depends upon the manner in which they are now instructed the more I feel the sense of the responsibility for the moral and religious training upon the part of the teacher.

We have a system of public education. This demands of us to teach only a particular course of study, but our duty to humanity demands that we shall give them such training as shall make them better citizens, more patriotic, good husbands and better wives, more conscientious workers in every calling. As teachers we should impress upon their minds more exalted opinions of the duties they owe to God, to their country, to all the great human brotherhood and to the generations yet unborn.

Fellow teachers, I think the true teachers' mission is to labor "Pro Deo et humanitate," (For God and humanity.) This is of more importance than a system of diagraming or a system of gradation. Were it left to me to depreciate the value of moral and religious training, I would speak in the language of the holy writer: "These things ye ought to have done and not have left the others undone."

If we look at those who have grown up to manhood and womanhood, and who at one time were our pupils, bright, loving and affectionate, that have fallen victims to intemperance, immorality and continually going down to degradation and lowering themselves in the scale of humanity, how can we refrain asking ourselves the question, Did I try to impress them with a knowledge of the duties that would be demanded of them in the future? This is a serious reflection.

Our future citizens depend upon the youths of to-day, and, fellow teachers, I hope that all of the teachers here are Christians and seek aid and inspiration from the angust ruler of all and remain daily at the footstool of "Him who spake as never man spake," and in his teaching find directions for your lives and the responsibilities which are placed upon you as teachers.

We have in our schools many children who have no moral and religious training at home, who never hear a voice lifted up in prayer and no Bible read.

There are many parents and guardians who think they have done their duty when they have provided their children with clothes and food, and who never think of the thirst of the mind of the young immortals. Now if we neglect to prepare spiritual and mental food for the minds of these dear ones entrusted to our care, they will inevitably become dwarfed and never attain the glorious height that is possible for them to attain.

It has been advocated that parents, Sunday school teachers and preachers should do the work of the moral training of the youth of the land, but this duty should not be left altogether to them, for we have in our charge the forming matter of which the future farmers, legislators, judges, governors, lawyers, physicians, college professors,

etc., are to be made, and it is no irresponsible position.

Now, can we not as teachers aid those who are so unfortunate as to not have proper home training, which is absolutely necessary to enable them to act their part upon the great stage of life and to help them to be able to shun the pitfalls and temptations that waits them.

I don't think a true teacher can feel that he has accomplished his work when he has merely taught his pupils to read, write, cipher, diagram and the events of his country's history. Has he not made a failure when he has not endeavored to build up character and instill into the minds of the pupils right principles and a love of purity and virtue?

Dear teachers, our schools are certainly a failure if, instead of sending out from her walls earnest and thoughtful young men and women, who are ready to take their places in the great working day world, who will work to elevate the race, build happy homes, exert themselves to promote the cause of religion, temperance, patriotism and education, it turns out upon the world young men whose loftiest aspirations are to dress stylishly, drink liquor, smoke fine cigars and to shine and indulge in flirtations, or young ladies who disregard their old fashioned fathers and mothers, and whose sole pursuit is to dress and catch rich husbands, who they think will keep them from labor.

One glorious thought. There are among our race many young men and women who are worthy of note, but 'tis sad to remember the many frivolous and useless, who seem to be without the thought of life and its manifold duties. These, of course, will, after a period of variety, fall into insignificance—the men to become drunkards and the women to become fretful, peevish and discontented wives and mothers, with no knowledge to beautify and brighten their homes or to lead their unfortunate offspring.

Fellow laborers, are we fitting ourselves for the work to which we are called? It is the duty of every true teacher to obtain all necessary information in leading the power, forming the foundations and raising the intellects and souls of these future citizens.

It is ours to win by love and kindness their allegiance to virtue and higher, nobler and purer things.

There may be occasions when we must resort to corporal punishment. This is seldom; only when the children lack a proper parental training. But we should not abuse this privilege. 'Tis so much better to have our pupils obey from a love of right than from a fear of being punished.

In conclusion, dear teachers, I can think of no more appropriate words than a clipping from the poet Butler:

Life is before! From the fated road
You cannot turn; then take ye up the load.
Not yours to tread or leave the unknown way;
Ye must go over it, meet ye what ye may.
Gird up your soul within you to the deed,
Angels and fellow spirits bid you speed

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Three Things.

Three things to do—live, think and act.

Three things to govern—your temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to cherish—virtue, goodness and wisdom.

Three things to love—courage, gentleness and affection.

Three things to contract for—honor, country and friend.

Three things to hate—arrogance, ingratitude and

Three things to teach—truth, industry and contentment.

Three things to admire—intellect, dignity and gracefulness.

Three things to delight in—beauty, frankness and freedom.

Three things to avoid—idleness, loquacity and flippant jesting.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and a contented spirit.

Three things to cultivate—good looks, good friends and good humor.

Three things to think about in relation to SOUTHWESTERN—It is an undertaking of our church, of which we are a part, and should it fail we fail.

Three things to notice in the last issue of the SOUTHWESTERN—500 new subscribers this week can be reached by each pastor sending in three and the oash with names. Herewith I send my three.

D. J. PRICE,

Monroe, La., June 20.

That's the way to talk and accomplish the desired object.—[Ed.]

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Christian Reflections.

A. M. MCRAE.

This day I consider myself as entering upon a new year, and I have covenanted afresh with my God.

This is the first day, first week and the first month of 1891. Who shall see the last day? It is more than you and I can tell. Thon, O Lord, knowest all my wants. I feel I am weaker than a brisned reed, and if thou leavest me but a moment I must perish and sink and die. But though I am all weakness thou art all strength. Then, O my God, help me, by faith's strong arm, to lay hold on thee. I know thy promises are firmer than the pillars of heaven, and thou hast said: "I will never leave nor forsake thee." This, Lord, is enough. In thy might will I go forward.

"Though nature's strength decay,
And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way,
At thy command.

This morning, while meditating on the words, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulations?" What an increase of faith did I feel!

This is one of the great and precious promises which are given to us that we may be made partakers of the divine nature. O how sweet and delightful to my soul are these words, "The divine nature!" This is what man lost when Adam fell. But, glory be to God, what I lost, and more than what I lost in Adam, is purchased for me again by the precious blood of Christ, for "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." So that it clearly appears to me that if we are not wanting to ourselves, we shall in the end, through the superabounding grace of Christ, be gainers by the fall. When God's children get to heaven they will sing a note which angels can not. These cannot sing, "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood." But this will be the theme of redeemed sinners to all eternity.

"O may I bear some humble part
In that immortal song."

Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla., January 1.

Aim High.

MRS. ELIZA BEAMAN.

Dear Reader: As you readily perceive, my subject is one of a stimulating character and one calculated to arouse the noblest desires and ambitions of the soul. Too many of us are willing to fold our hands in shameful idleness, content to remain little and unknown, merely writing our names in the dust, while only an envious

few will ever climb the ladder of fame or brighten the annals of history by their grand achievement. To day the grandest and noblest possibilities are booming up before our mental vision. Our opportunities are widening, all of the avenues of learning have thrown open their doors to us and invite us to enter and partake of the rich things of the feast. Then, old men, young men, old ladies and maidens, why stand ye all the day idle? We must arouse our latent energies, call out our best powers, get upon a higher plane of morality, intelligence and religion. Righteousness exalteth a nation, sin and ignorance are a reproach to any people. The day of our redemption from the darkness of ignorance, superstition, deceit and jealousy draweth nigh. Lift up your eyes on high and behold the illuminating rays of truth penetrating the mental and moral darkness that envelops and then take courage. No one ever amounted to anything whose aim was not higher than his or her attainments. Remember that

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footsteps on the sands of Time."

Let us, then, be up and doing, with a heart for every fate, and, thanking God for all past favors, let us look hopefully and earnestly towards the future and go forward with unfaltering step and steady hands, doing without murmuring or complaining whatever in the way of good works lie before us, resting assured that we shall have continually the encouragement, help and blessing of him who said "Lo, I am with you always."

Pickens, Miss., July 10.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Benjamin Bannaker.

BY J. WESLEY PIERCE.

We have had some of the leading men of this republic as our best friends, and the colored men have contributed of their hard-earned dimes to place monuments to the memory of these same great men. But has not the time come when we should see to it that our children should read the history of the Negro race in all our public places of learning, that they may thus have an opportunity of diving into the records of their own people?

How many of our school boys know anything of Benjamin Bannaker, the great Afro-American astronomer? This extraordinary man did more in his day to remove the doubts which are entertained in regard to the capacity of the Negro for great intellectual achievement than any other man of his race.

His letter to Thomas Jefferson, accompanied by a manuscript of his first almanac, will live in the archives of this nation. In 1792, in the early days of the republic, he carved with his pocketknife a clock that kept good time for thirty years. He assisted in the survey of the District of Columbia, and in 1790 published the almanac, which was used throughout the country.

Feeling a desire that the memory of Benjamin Bannaker should be kept green, I hope our people will petition Congress to aid in the erection of a monument to his memory in the city which he helped to survey—Washington, the capital of the republic.

THE Ohio Legislature has made it a misdemeanor for a minor to enter a saloon. This is a good law. It should be enacted in all the States where the nefarious business is licensed. If we could keep the boys from entering the saloons their doom would be sealed. There are very few that become drunkards after twenty-one years of age.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

NEW ORLEANS, July 31, '91.

To the Editor of the Southwestern:—
Dear Sir—The following notice appeared in your issue of the 30th inst:

"The committee on the Old Folks' Home, from First Street M. E. Church, has been discharged. The stewards will hereafter take up the money for that cause and turn it over to the Old Folks' Home treasurer. T. G. Montgomery, P. O."

We desire to inform the public that the committee was discharged without cause or provocation, and without any notification. We can assign no cause for our removal, except that we were endeavoring to discharge our duties as faithful workers, and we were envied by our enemies.

Respectfully,

MRS. C. FIELDS,
MRS. H. CLARKE,
MRS. A. J. GREEN.
Committee.

Cushman Chapel, B. G. Ankrum pastor, is to have a new bell, which will be christened in due form, August 23, fourth Sunday, at 4 p. m. City pastors are cordially invited.

A Sunday School Teachers' meeting is held at 7:30 every Friday evening at Mallalien Chapel. All superintendents and teachers are cordially invited to participate. Miss E. M. Williamson, Superintendent.

Church Polity.

Q. What is your opinion of Peter Cartwright and his autobiography?

A. Peter Cartwright was a strong man intellectually, without culture, raised up among a peculiar people in a peculiar age. For those differently trained to copy him would sometimes be blasphemy and sacrilege. He was what he was; his motives were believed to be pure; his general religious character consistent. His autobiography is instructive as well as amusing. He enjoyed the confidence of the church to the last, which elected him to thirteen general conferences.—Christian Advocate.

DR. E. A. DURHAM, of Calvert, Texas, has sent us a very interesting account of his successful operation in a case of strangulated inguinal hernia there recently. He was assisted by Drs. D. Parker and E. Gibson. He had succeeded in reducing it by taxis several times before, but failing this time he applied ice-bags, swung the patient up by the heels, worked hard to reduce it, but again failed. Finally the operation was successfully performed, the patient being placed under the influence of chloroform and every precaution being taken to arrest all hemorrhages. No bad results followed and the patient is now as well as ever. The case is considered a remarkably successful one. Dr. Durham, we understand, is a graduate of Meharry Medical College.

Schools and Colleges.

William Stewart, a blind law student, heads the list in the results of the final examination in connection with the Ontario law school.

A Japanese student, in describing Harvard College, said it was a very large building where boys play foot-ball, and read books on rainy days.

Ninety-four American colleges received in gifts the past year nearly \$4,000,000, while at the present moment the total of their endowment is over \$50,000,000.

Letters from the Districts.

Forrest City District, Little Rock Conference.

W. E. R. DUNCAN.

Our second round closed successfully this week. Our pastors are now in the midst of revivals, and souls are being converted. We hope before the revival season is over (if such there be) sinners by the scores will be converted. Signs ahead seem to brighten. Push your claims, brethren, the worthy ones only are promoted.

Appeal for Help.

To the Methodist Episcopal ministers of Mississippi and their congregations:

Our new church edifice at Natchez will be completed by August 15. We appeal to you for a collection, as we must raise \$300 on or by that date to be able to meet our contract. Don't wait, but help us at once.

Entrance day is the third Sunday in August. Send your collection to Rev. Samuel A. Cowan, Presiding Elder, Vicksburg, Miss., and he will give you receipts for the same. Yours,

M. C. BUNNINGTON, P. C.
SAM'L A. COWAN, P. E.

Indianapolis, Ind.

W. S. ROLLINS, P. E.

Rev. B. J. Davis, pastor M. E. Church, Anderson, Ind., Indiana District, Lexington Conference, has raised every cent of his benevolent money, and has paid it into the Book Concern and has his vouchers in hand. He leads the district.

The Navasota District (Texas) Sunday School Institute, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the district, met in joint session at Hempstead, Texas, July 23. The program was rich and varied, and elicited considerable interest. Presiding Elder W. H. Logan presided. O. H. Lavender, secretary. There were 44 delegates present. The address of welcome was by Rev. C. C. Minnegan.

Among those taking part in the exercises were: Misses M. C. Minor, Laura Austin, Alice Hunter, Lillie Dandridge, M. V. Burgess; Mrs. M. A. Johnson, N. Jones, T. S. McMorris, A. D. Hougher, Mary Brown, M. McQueen, Lon Tyler; Revs. T. S. McMorris, J. A. Featherstone, J. E. Bryant, C. C. Minnegan, J. A. Tillory, H. W. Wilson, J. Jones, Wm. Josey, E. D. Blackwell, H. C. Watson, S. E. Ewing, Wm. McKenzie, H. R. Smith, M. Reddix, I. Snell, L. D. Thompson, S. M. Thomas, C. H. Lavender, H. S. McMillan, I. B. Scott, D. D.; Mack Henson; Profs. W. H. Browning, O. W. Landry, and Misses Lucy Holland, Baldwin, Pitt, Fifer, Caldwell and Robinson.

It was resolved to organize a State Sunday School Institute. To this end the Presiding Elder of the Texas and West Texas conferences, were requested to plan.

After a very appropriate address by the president and Prof. R. B. Smith, the Institute adjourned, to meet in Bryan, Texas, in 1892, at such time as may be appointed.

C. H. LAVENDER,
Secretary.

South New Orleans District Conference.

Will meet at Thibodeaux, La., August 28, 9 a. m.

The Presiding Elder and all preachers will report on the first day of session, all collections; and all Disciplinary questions must be answered the first day of session.

Introductory sermon will be preached the night of the 27th, by Revs. J. W. Hilton and Allen Luster.

Revs. Reese Thompson and F. D. Bowers on the night of the 28th. Rev. Henry Taylor and T. Larkin will preach the missionary sermon on the night of the 29th.

Revs. L. G. Adkinson, D.D., and Prof. A. B. Camphor, A. B., will address the conference on the work

of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Revs. R. C. Barrows and H. O. Williams, Simon Evans, T. G. Montgomery, W. S. Harris, W. J. M. Price, H. A. Sorrell, Joshua Parker, H. J. Wright, Wm. Smith, Sonnell Bell, Charles Monroe, Wesley Turner, D. G. Butler, A. Vincent, J. M. Bryant, E. B. Richards, and J. T. Jordan will prepare papers on some specific topic, to be read. Owing to the shortness of the session, you are expected to be pointed and short.

No report or paper to consume more than five minutes.

Revs. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., A. E. P. Albert, D.D., W. D. Godman, D.D., and Ernest Lyon, A. B., are expected to be present and take part in the deliberations of the Conference.

Sunday, the 30th, there will be a grand District Quarter Centennial Jubilee.

Local preachers, exhorters, district stewards, one class leader, and one superintendent from each charge, are expected to be present.

Bishop W. F. Mallalien, D.D., has been invited to preside.

All Presiding Elders are cordially invited to be with us.

T. G. Montgomery, L. G. Adkinson, H. J. Wright, committee.

Alexandria District.

S. E. H. MORANT.

Ours is the church of the Bible; our brethren, men of God. Surely, Dr. Hartzell has captured the hearts of our brethren in the South, especially the Louisiana Conference, by recommending our worthy Bro. M. C. B. Mason, A. M., B. D., to the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, for the office of Field Agent. God bless Bro. Mason and give him the success he merits in this grand work.

North New Orleans District Conference.

EMPEROR WILLIAMS, P. E.

The District Conference of the North New Orleans District Conference will be held at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, on Jackson street between Magnolia and Freret, August 27, 1891.

Every minister on the district must have written reports, and hand in their subscriptions in writing as herein prescribed.

Duty of stewards, H. C. Armstrong.

The best way to raise money for benevolent purposes, A. J. Pickett. How to conduct the Sunday school, Frank Walker.

How to advance the Woman's Home Missionary work, W. P. Forrest.

The duties of supplies, A. Martin. Progress of Methodism among the French, Simon Michel.

Duty of Presiding Elder, E. Baptiste.

On the five years' system, Frank Harvey.

The best way to conduct a Christian revival, S. Davage.

The value of the SOUTHWESTERN, P. P. Robinson.

Justification by faith, H. Wilson. Petition and promise in the Lord's prayer, D. J. Price.

Missionary sermon, Alex. Connerly.

All local preachers must have written reports. Failing to appear for examination, their licenses will not be renewed. Pastors will give each local preacher a subject to present to the district conference.

Distinguished visitors will be in attendance, as follows: Drs. J. C. Hartzell, A. E. P. Albert, L. G. Adkinson, E. Lyon and others.

Every pastor must bring his Freedmen's Aid money and report the same.

Orangeburg District Conference.

J. L. GRICE.

The fourth session of the Orangeburg district conference convened July 23, at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Jamison, S. C., Rev. E. C. Brown, A. M., Presiding Elder of the Orangeburg district, presided.

There are 291 members on the

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district and nearly all were present.

T. J. Clark, of the Jamison circuit, was elected secretary; V. S. Johnson and J. B. Thomas, assistants.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. T. J. Clarke, pastor Mt. Zion Church. Rev. A. G. Kennedy, of the Orangeburg circuit, made the response. The two addresses were excellent in production, and exhibited many good thoughts.

Short addresses were also made by several other ministers and delegates of the conference.

The Presiding Elder gave an excellent outline of the work of his district.

An essay, "The Call of Abraham," was read by J. K. Lockwood. The essay was very good.

Reports of the pastors showed great spiritual and financial growth.

LITERARY EXERCISES.

The two Sauls of the Bible, A. G. Kennedy.

The Christian home, N. L. Bower.

They were rich in production and demonstrated high scholarship. Reports from the several officers were good and indicated Christian progress and the steady growth of Methodism among the colored people on the district.

Several local preachers were recommended, after rigid examinations on the entire four years' course of study, for admission into the traveling connection.

Sunday, excellent and impressive sermons were preached by Revs. D. M. Minns, A. M., Presiding Elder, and J. B. Thomas, A. G. Kennedy and J. W. Brown, of the Orangeburg district.

Thus ended one of the most delightful annual sessions of the Orangeburg district, South Carolina Conference.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

W. T. Trammell, Sylacauga, Ala.

Our second quarter was a success, being the best ever held on the circuit. Presiding Elder W. F. Smith delivered an excellent sermon. Rev. J. H. Scales, of Talladega, was with us and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Collections for Presiding Elder this quarter \$15.12, pastor \$40.83; missions \$5.02, other collections \$56, total \$72.58. Methodist is stepping up on this circuit.

H. Williams, P. C., Camden Circuit, Ga.

Our second quarterly meeting was held July 4 and 5, and we had a glorious time. Our beloved Presiding Elder A. P. Melton was with us and preached a soul-stirring sermon to a full house, the Lord's supper was administered to sixty, the writer preached in the afternoon, three joined the church on probation, baptized two, paid the pastor this quarter \$75.64, Presiding Elder \$17.50 and raised for benevolence \$7. The charge is in good condition. Several have promised to take the SOUTHWESTERN. We hope to send them in soon.

S. R. Gibson, Macon, Miss.

Our second quarter conference

was held by Rev. W. McDonald, Presiding Elder. We had a grand time. Our reports show the work to be progressing. Collections for Presiding Elder \$19.40. Our children's day services were the best ever held here. Collections mission \$11. Prof. E. C. Lucas deserves credit for his efforts in making children's day what it should be on this work. Accessions up to date 96.

N. Toole, Heidelberg, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held July 1. Rev. J. M. Shampert, Presiding Elder, could not be present. The pastor held the quarter. The work is in good condition. Eight have joined the church since the first quarter. Paid the pastor \$108.72, Presiding Elder \$8, bishop 170. Heidelberg will bring up all of her assessments this year.

H. H. McAllister, Springfield, Mo.

We raised here July 5 \$200. Our church here is out of debt and growing every way. The membership is active and large. We have a fine property. We intend to bring up \$100 for missions this year.

E. Frazier, Sandy Creek Circuit.

Reports of our recent quarterly conference show the work to be in prosperous condition. Received three in the church and administered the sacrament to forty-six souls. Paid presiding Elder \$7.25.

J. S. Foster, Mason, Tenn.

Elder B. F. Anderson has held our third quarterly meeting. We had a pleasant meeting. Elder J. P. Price was here and lectured a few days ago. We enjoyed his lecture. Elder J. B. Bradford was here and preached a good sermon. His wife was also with him and made a short but timely speech. Our Sunday school is getting along well. Prof. G. D. Field, A. B., our Sunday school superintendent, is an energetic young man. We are getting along well with our missionary and collections and church work. I hope to make a good report to the annual conference.

A. Reid, Union Church, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 27 and 28 by Elder S. A. Cowan. The work is prospering. Quarterly conference collection \$15.65, paid to pastor \$59.10, benevolent collections \$28.24. Sunday morning the Elder preached a rousing sermon. Collection \$14.45. Love feast collection \$4.

The third quarterly conference of Farmington circuit, Tenn., Rev. W. Ellison, pastor, was held by Rev. J. P. Price, Presiding Elder, June 27. Reports showed that we are moving upward every cause of the church. Dr. J. Braden was with us on the 20th and 21st. He lectured on the origin of the Methodist Episcopal Church and preached an excellent sermon. Collection \$30; to pastor \$20, to Presiding Elder \$10, on church repair \$35, benevolent collection \$8; grand total \$83.

F. G. Wilcox, McCool, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 27, with Rev. W. McDonald, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Reports showed marked improvement during the quarter. We have bought one acre of land at Ethel, Miss., on which to build a church. We have the parsonage up at McCool and will complete it soon. Received in full membership 12, on probation 7. The Elder preached two good sermons. Paid to Presiding Elder \$13.25, pastor \$61.40, raised for mission \$2, raised for Rust University \$5.

N. Cannon, Fayette, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference was held at Harriston Chapel, June 20 and 21, by Elder S. A. Cowan. The circuit is in a prosperous condition. The Elder lectured to the Sunday school. We have four Sunday schools on this charge in a growing condition. We had a glorious love feast. The Elder preached a soul-reviving sermon and administered the Lord's

Supper. Collection \$21.40; paid Elder \$12.50. He is beloved by all.

J. L. Owens, P. C.

Marshall district, under Rev. Wade Hamilton's administration, is progressing nicely. He held our first quarterly conference May 23 and 24, administered the sacrament to 37 members and preached a soul-stirring sermon; six joined the church.

L. Woodard, P. C., Honey Grove, Tex.

July 29 was our rally day. Rev. A. Taylor, of Bonham, was with us and preached a soul-reviving sermon and lectured to a crowded house. Collection \$2. Our teacher and secretary, Prof. A. C. Higgs and wife are going away.

N. R. Randolph, Slaughter, La., reports considerable ravages from cotton worms in his section of the State.

G. W. Winn, Talladega Circuit, Ala.

The following willing workers reported from their collection cards \$1 each: Julia Shealey, Mollie McKenzie, Mollie Daniels, Allie Burney, Emma Swett, S. O. Daniels, Lula Burney, Mary Murphy and Kate Pickett. Total jubilee offering \$10.

A. N. Jackson, Lafayette, Ala.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 27 and 28, Rev. B. Jackson, of Roanoke, presiding. The conference was largely attended and reports showed life and progress. Lumber for repairing the church is being laid on the ground. Presiding Elder Smith arrived on Sunday. The services were well attended and a good time had. Paid Presiding Elder \$15, pastor \$108, benevolence \$30.

J. D. Davidson, Shelbyville, Tenn.

My work at Milltown and Beach Grove, Miss., is doing well. Rev. A. P. Blakemore, of Shelbyville, preached a glorious sermon for me recently. Collection \$28. There will be a grand rally at Beach Grove on the 4th Sunday. Brothers Blakemore, Lillard, Reasoner, W. J. Young, Cannon, Eloes and J. P. Price are expected. I love the SOUTHWESTERN. It is a real friend. I expect to get many of my members to take it.

E. B. Richards, Winstead, La.

Our grand rally at Charenton, June 23, resulted in a collection of \$42.60. Although only one year old our church has been sined five times, but the Lord has brought us out victoriously and we have covered every debt. We have there 25 members. The church at Winstead has subscribed \$400 for a new building. The Lord blessed my family with a fine boy June 29.

R. Hayes, Kosciusko Circuit, Miss.

Presiding Elder McDonald held our second quarterly conference June 30. It was highly profitable in every way. Collection \$4.55.

O. G. Curtis, Willis, Tex., writes a rather lengthy communication against what he considers the exorbitant cost of the minutes of his conference, and he criticizes its general make up. The question is of such a nature that it should be discussed upon the floor of the conference and not in our columns; hence our failure to publish it.

Appeal for Help.

Shall we have a church at Rayne, La., or not? If so, let every pastor raise money for that church, let it be little or much. Please send it to Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Alexandria, La., and we will build the church. We need a church there. If we can get the M. E. church up in this place we will certainly get people, but not until we build. Let us all throw in and build. Please let me hear from every charge and friend of M. E. Church. Address A. J. Johnson, pastor, Lafayette, La. Send money to Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder, Alexandria, La. Please help the cause. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder.

A. H. Banks, Eola, La.

Rev. E. Lyon was with us June 26, and his visit to Eola Sunday school was a blessing. He is the man for the Sunday school work.

Rev. E. Harrison, of Helena, Ark., who was reported very sick, is now up again and is able to resume work again in the Louisiana conference.

D. M. Seals, Clinton, La.

Our beloved Presiding Elder, J. F. Marshall, was with us on the night of June 19, and preached for us. We were all glad to see and hear him. The Baton Rouge district has greatly increased spiritually and financially under the management of our beloved Presiding Elder, J. F. Marshall, who is loved by all members, friends and preachers. Therefore the loss of the LaTeche district is the gain of the Baton Rouge district. We pray that the Lord will send many more Marshalls, for he is a God sent man.

T. Larkins, Morgan City, La.

A very pleasant call was made to us on the evening of July 21 by a party of Christian ladies and gentlemen—Mr. A. Harvard, Mrs. E. Bell, Miss L. Sanders and T. Burkes—bringing with them baskets of nice things for the pastor. May God bless them and let them call again.

J. R. Townsend, Mayesville, S. C.

We observed the Quarter-Centennial of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society on the Fifth Sunday in May. It was a highly enjoyable occasion. Rev. I. B. Smith, and J. O. Weston, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Lomax, of the Baptist Church, were present. One young lady was happily converted at night. Collection, \$22.

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Children's Day Gleanings.

W. S. Hawthorne, Morgan City, La.

Children's Day was celebrated here July 19, in an imposing manner. The singing, being under the control of Mrs. Dora Liggins, who is an accomplished musician. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Mrs. Liggins, her brother, Mr. Horace James, and their family for invaluable services rendered. Mr. Peter Burke, a student of the New Orleans University, distinguished himself by making a fitting speech on Christian Education. Rev. T. Larkins and the writer made speeches on education. Bro. Joshua Thomas, the superintendent, is devoted to his office, and in addition to the Sunday school work, is organizing a society to raise money for the Freedmen's Aid Society.

Ed. Powell, Lake Charles, La.

Everybody was delighted. Our Presiding Elder Rev. S. E. H. Morant, was with us and gave us a stirring address. The collection was forwarded to the corresponding secretary, Rev. C. H. Payne, D.D.

P. C. Brown, Cordele, Ga.

Children's Day and Easter Day were each observed. Result, increase in both collections.

C. W. Butler, Bright Prospect Circuit, Ingrams Mill, Miss.

It was a day of long remembrance. Collection, \$12.55. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten, one cash subscriber was secured on that day.

A. Butler, Waynesboro, Miss.

We did well. State Line, \$2.60, St. Luke, \$3.05, Mt. Leva, \$1.80. Total collection \$7.45.

O. Gillespie, Corinth, Miss.

The program was very nicely prepared for the first time in the history of the Sunday school in this charge. Collection, \$4.75.

L. Tate, Lake Como, La.

It was carried out according to the program. Collection, \$3.10.

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A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease Catarth, and vainly trying every known remedy, at last found a prescription which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren street, New York, will receive the receipt free of charge.

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A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., - Editor

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THE Southern Christian Recorder will hereafter be published at Atlanta, Ga., and will be a even column paper.

WHY don't you get the boarding houses and different business houses with whom our people trade, to advertise in the SOUTHWESTERN?

FOUR thousand new Methodist churches were built last year and over 3000 persons on an average joined the church every Sunday.

THE American Bible Society has the appliances to print and circulate 3,000,000 copies of the Bible every year if it had the funds to defray the expenses.

A NEW compliment is tickling the ears of Chaplain McCabe. A boy is reported to have said: "If that man would sing in front of a cigar store, the wooden Indian would throw him a dollar for missions."

THE letter of Mrs. Burton in the Lost Friend's column, recording the finding of her sister is very pathetic. It shows the joys created by this paper in bringing long lost friends together. That letter should prompt pastors to read those lost friends letters from their pulpits every Sunday.

The chief end of some folks.—Dr. Cuyler tells the story of a little boy, the son of good Presbyterian parents, who was asked the question in the catechism, "What is man's chief end?" and he answered it, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and annoy him forever." There are too many men, says Dr. Cuyler, who act as if that were their chief end.

THE practice of President Harrison in drinking wine at the receptions tendered him on his recent tour is universally condemned by the religious press. It is a great pity that the President should have shown such a manifest disregard to the temperance sentiment of such a large proportion of the best people of this nation. To the honor of Postmaster-General Wannamaker, it may be written that he uniformly refused the wine glass.

A FRIEND, writing to us, says that "we differ on the woman question." Well, suppose we do? That with us makes no difference whatever as to brotherly esteem or old friendships.—California Christian Advocate.

A good brother, who is an eminent and honored doctor of divinity, seemed to have had an idea we would allow such a difference of opinion to affect our friendly relations, which have existed for a score of years. The idea is absurd.

THE following from the report of the committee in charge of the publication of the St. Louis Advocate is so much in keeping with our own experience, and as this mistake threatens to become a serious interference to the circulation of our conference and church organs, we give it, without the addition of a word, to our readers:

Resolved, that while we recognize the value and importance of the religious press, we deprecate the narrow disposition of many of our people to crowd out of their homes our great religious weeklies and substitute therefor the small pastoral visitors and district papers which are offered to them at the small sum of 25 and 50 cents per annum.

The Texarkana Minstrel Company and the Jefferson Davis Monument Fund.

The sharp criticism which Mrs. A. E. P. Albert administered to the colored minstrel troupe which was announced to give a performance at the opera house in Texarkana, Texas, for the benefit of the Jeff Davis monument fund, has raised a considerable flurry in the troupe, and they have united in a letter in which they seek to exonerate themselves. They claim that they performed for 40 per cent of the proceeds and that 60 per cent went to the contractor, who bore all the expenses and had the bills and programs printed. They say that they "did not like to see Jeff Davis' name on the bills advertising their show, but, of course, the contractor used Jeff Davis' name for his own personal benefit. He may have given a part of his 60 per cent for the use of Jeff Davis' name, but we did not give a cent of our part."

This, to say the least, smells rather suspicious, and makes it appear as if somebody was quite willing to go into partnership, into any kind of co-operation, so long as "our 40 per cent" was not at all diminished. Smooth it over as you will or may, the thing looks worse the more the young troupers seek to explain it. Under the circumstances, we are not at all surprised to learn that "the colored people of Texarkana were raging mad with them," for they profited from the use of Jeff Davis' name equally with the contractor and were accessories to the fact, in that they performed and shared the profits under that representation.

The troupe is composed of Dave Jackson, Will Dyson, Isaac Mingo, James Benson, Cary Daughtry, Scott Soplin, John Adams, Pleasant Jackson and Hugh Garner. Their action dishonors their race and curses the memories of John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Calvin Fairbank and the host of abolitionists that fought and bled that they might enjoy the privilege of organizing such a troupe.

Silly.

A little weakly colored paper in Texas, supported by colored Protestants says:

While that we do not believe in the Catholic creed and mode of worship, yet we do believe in and endorse their broad and liberal doctrine pertaining to church affiliation. The Catholic Church today is the only Christian organization that does not discriminate against the Negro on account of color. This itself is enough to make the Negro admire Catholicism, and induce him to lend a helping hand in propagating such liberal Christianity.

The Roman Catholic Church is as intolerant to the colored people as the most prejudiced Protestant Church in America. It is all nonsense to assert the contrary. Right in this city, where there are more colored Romanists than in any other American city, Negroes cannot rent other than hack pews, and their children commune after the whites are through. Just as they did before the war. The writer's own mother was refused admission, because she refused to confess that slavery was divine, and the North wrong for freeing the Negroes. Rome did not bother herself about the Negro until he had a vote. It is not for him to be caught now like a silly young mouse in the Romish trap, by the stray baits offered by one or two eminent Roman bishops. Fools and ignoramuses may be duped, but in vain is the net set for feet of those who know the church best.

PRESIDENTIAL Elders L. Y. Cox and W. H. Coffey, D.D., of the Delaware Conference, have fully entered into the Spirit of the late Presidential Elder's Convention, and are manfully pushing the SOUTHWESTERN into every charge on their respective districts, as unanimously agreed by the convention. In his rallying appeal to his district Dr. Coffey says:

Let each pastor take the SOUTHWESTERN, and see that every member of his charge takes it. The General Conference has placed us on trial. We go up or down as this paper succeeds or fails. Let us say no more about being leaders of the race or wanting higher positions in the church, if we let this paper fail. If we cannot care for a small thing, how can we care for a larger thing? The interest each pastor takes in this paper shows his love for the advancement of the colored element in the M. E. Church. I shall ask at each conference what has been done for the SOUTHWESTERN and our beloved Bulletin. Let us support these papers; we can do it. Let the old guards push to the front! The Delaware Conference cannot afford to be behind in this matter, and she will not.

The Constitutional Commission.

The Constitutional Commission ordered by the last General Conference met at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, Thursday, July 23, and adjourned at 5 p. m., Wednesday, July 29. Bishop's Merrill, Foss, Nide, and nearly all the other members of the commission were present. Careful consideration was given to the matters referred to the commission and important conclusions were reached, but it was decided that it would be improper to give the results to the public before reporting to the General Conference. Provision was made for the calling of another session if it appears necessary. The commission directed that the report be presented to the next General Conference by the chairman, Bishop Merrill, and the secretary, Dr. J. B. Neely.

OUR neighbor, the New Orleans Christian Advocate, needs an assistant editor, but it can't get the money wherewith to employ one. It says:

"The assistant editor is in sight; but, alas! where is the money to pay him? It is in the pockets of our subscribers, and we can't control it. We are loth to give up the assistant editor, but our subscribers who owe us will compel us to do so, unless they pay up. If we had the \$7,000 now due, we would have no trouble; but, as it is, we frequently have to borrow money to run on. Won't our friends help us? All we ask is pay what you owe. We have worked for you, and we have worked hard. Now come to our help; won't you?" This reminds us of the great things we ought to be able to do if we could collect the seven or eight thousand dollars due us by our friends. Suppose all those who owe us make up their minds to pay what they owe us.

It has been stated by the Voice that the constitution of the new Congo Free State, containing a clause forbidding trade in slaves, alcohol and firearms, and which needed the unanimous consent of the eighteen governments concerned, failed because the United States—read it, the United States—Senate did not confirm the said treaty. Of course, we know that our Senate failed, but that seventeen other powers have assented to the treaty which has thus been defeated should be incredible. The trade in rum, gin and whisky between Christian countries and the Congo is a worse visitation than that of epidemic cholera, or the plague or slavery. The Voice says that—

The Bombay Guardian published a few weeks ago a list of spirituous liquors in the cargoes of ships touching at Madeira in a single week on the way to Southern and Western Africa, as follows:

960,000 cases of gin	£240,000
24,000 butts of rum	210,000
30,000 cases of brandy	90,000
28,000 cases of Irish whisky	56,000
800,000 demijohns of rum	240,000
36,000 barrels of rum	72,000
36,000 cases of "Old Tom"	60,000
16,000 barrels of absinthe	48,000
40,000 cases of vermouth	3,000
All this in a single week: 1,088,000 cases, 51,000 barrels, 800,000 demijohns, 24,000 butts of intoxicating liquor, valued at £1,046,000, or about \$5,000,000.—Northwestern.	

At the last session of the East New York Conference, Bishop Foss,

in accordance with the unanimous vote of the conference, appointed Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton, agent of the Conference Endowment Fund. They are now pushing a movement to bring it up from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Dr. Hamilton has been providentially led to this work and the "Veteran Ministers' Relief Association" has been organized to enable him to serve any Annual Conference without compensation. He proposes to work solely under the direction of and in aid of the Annual Conferences. His plans and suggestions to the church, are simple, practicable and will greatly further this interest.

In the course of his great speech nominating General McKinley for Governor of Ohio, ex Gov. Foraker, paid his respect to the men that conspired with the enemy to defeat him in the last gubernatorial election, in the following forcible manner:

"There is not," said he, "one single drop of cutthroat blood in his veins. [Cheers.] He is morally incapable of the treachery and cowardice of political assassination. [Applause.] He don't know what a political razor is, and has only a contempt for the sneaking, hypocritical scoundrel who would use one."

Yes, and so has every other decent man.

SECTION 2229 R.S., of the United States makes it the duty of the President to take such measures by the employment of the militia or the land and naval forces of the United States, or of either, or by other means, as he may deem necessary for the suppression of domestic violence, obstructing the laws of the United States or the state, when tending to deprive the people of the state of the privileges guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. This particular section was passed in 1871, to meet the indisposition of the Southern State Executives to protect individual voters.

In view of this section of the laws, it is quite incomprehensible. Why it has remained a dead letter, while the rights of individual voters are so flagrantly violated throughout the South.

Political Review.

Campaigns in several States are well under way. Interest is centering on Ohio, as the result there will be taken as prophetic. All the indications are now favorable to McKinley's success.

In this State an effort is being made to unite the alliance and the anti lotteryites. That such a union will be had in many parishes is probable from present appearances.

Vermont will hold an extra legislative session this month to dispose of its government direct tax refund, and should Senator Edmunds change the date of his resignation his successor will be chosen. Secretary of War Proctor is the coming Senator in any event, it he lives, whether appointed by the Governor or chosen by the Legislature.

Kentucky held an election last week, giving a lessened Democratic majority, vetoed a constitutional amendment and placed the Legislature in the control of the alliance.

Personal.

—Mr. E. H. Moore, who has been assistant professor of mathematics in the Northwestern University, Evanston, was at the late meeting of the Board of Trustees, promoted to the associate professorship in the same department. He is a son of the editor of the Western Advocate, and "a ship of the old block."

—Rev. M. C. B. Mason, B.D., Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, is expected here on the 25th of this month. A royal welcome awaits him.

—Mrs. Rev. H. O. Wilson and Miss Maggie Gallagher of this city are spending a few days in Baton Rouge, La., the guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Walker.

—Mrs. Dr. Albert and Miss Laura F. Albert, left this city last Saturday for Shreveport, La., where they will spend a few weeks vacation. The Doctor accompanied them, but he will spend the greater portion of the time in visiting the district conferences in that section.

—Mrs. Rev. J. F. Marshall and daughter are summering with friends at Jackson, La.

—Rev. S. H. Hughes, Macon, Ga., has just had the degree of P.A. and his excellent wife that of M.A. conferred upon them by a fine hoy. JOHN WATTS, P. E.

—Mrs. Rev. D. J. Price has left for Robeline, Marthaville and Allen, La., visiting her mother and relatives.

—Rev. Emperor Williams will preach at Boynton Chapel, Gretna, La., on the Fourth Sunday in August, at 3 p. m.

—Miss Annie Kimble, of Flora, Miss., has left Greenville, Miss., for a Northern tour. She will return early in the fall.

—Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A.M., B.D., recently elected Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is well known in this community, he being an Orleans graduate and for a number of years leading minister of our churches here. The appointment is a good one and is an evidence of his fitness and qualification in every respect.—Standard Pelican.

—Prof. H. J. T. Hudson, principal of a public school in Macon, Ga., sends us \$2 to send our paper to Palmas Seminary in Liberia. He says it touched his heart to read the appeal recently published. Brother Hudson has a heart that can be thus touched, for he is a gentleman in every sense, and we trust he may be greatly blessed in this and his many other benevolent acts. Who'll be the next?

—Mount Union College, Ohio, has conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Rev. Dr. T. B. Neely, of the Philadelphia conference, which was done most cheerfully, without urgency or advocacy by any one. This is the same college that conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Senator Sherman and Ex-Congressman McKinley.

Schools and Colleges.

Our Southern Work.

The Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans, highly commends the Freedmen's Aid Society because of its appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason as Field Agent of that society. The new agent, who is thirty-two years old, has done excellent service as teacher and pastor. He is well educated, and has the degree of B.D., from Gammon Seminary, and Ph.D., from Syracuse University, by examination. The appointment seems eminently wise. The SOUTHWESTERN gives much space in its last issue to our Southern educational work. The buildings of the leading schools are illustrated, and their history and aims set forth at some length. The last exceeded all previous years, the income having increased \$56,000. No enterprise in Methodism can show a record better than that organized to care for the colored man of the South. Schools of high grade are doing splendid service, young men are being well educated for the ministry, both sexes are initiated into the valuable arts and mysteries of teaching, medical colleges are training colored men for the physical care of their own people, and industrial schools are teaching practical trades and handicrafts which will cause incalculable results. The whole trend of our church work among these people is to establish independence and manly self-help. It would seem that the appointment of Mr. Mason as agent of the society has special significance. Three white secretaries procure the greatest proportion of funds from the white people to carry on the society's work. This fourth agent being a colored man, may well be employed to cultivate gifts from among the colored people, and thus give them a hint about com-

ing self-help and ultimate entire self-care in the not distant future. Mr. Mason's presence in our churches and conferences in the North will have special value in that he in his own person will represent one of the ripe fruits of past generosity toward the colored race. The great mass of colored men in our church in the South are no longer "freedmen." They have not been made free, though they are free in the largest and best sense. Tens of thousands are industrious, and earn bread for thousands of families. They will all presently care for themselves, which lesson will remain in human history as the crowning service of our church to that race. The work is almost an atonement for the forcible immigration thrust upon Africans by our sinning forefathers. In this, God has made man's wrath and transgressions to praise him, even though that sin against liberty included the audacity of claiming virtue for the freebooter rape of poor Africa. We hear much about the bad morals of the colored man in the South. There is room for doubt that the race needs to sit in humility at the feet of about one-quarter of the white population of any of our larger cities in the North or South. The wonder is that motive to morality has reached the hearts of so many colored people in view of white example. God has, however, made a way for himself into human hearts, and both races have reason for gratitude. We care not to state the relative rank of any of our benevolence, but it is certain that the work among the freedmen in the South is second to none. We hope that those who think our church has almost concluded its work among colored people will not increase in number. Last work has begotten a splendid momentum, and it is now more easy to "keep things going." Fruits begin to appear in their proper proportion and relations, and the entire nation is beginning to rep its just return for faithfulness toward the nation's wards. Let us continue to lift those people until they can do all the lifting for themselves. If we mistake not, they will presently do some mighty lifting for the sake of several issues that lie very close to the heart of the republic.—Northwestern.

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The California Advocate gives these figures concerning Methodist schools: The endowment fund of the Northwestern University is \$2,007,370; Syracuse University, \$698,449; Wileyan University, \$1,006,917; Bton University, \$1,109,221; Hamke University, \$220,000; Garrett Biblical Institute, \$375,000; Dre Theological Seminary, \$335,000; Denver University has property valued at \$1,250,000, and an endowment of about \$220,000.

A Good Route.

For a route which speed, comfort and convenience are combined, we commend the Illinois Central Railroad. Recently a friend of ours made the trip to Northern Vermont with only two changes of cars and without depot transfers. The route via Illinois Central vestibule to Chicago, Michigan Central to Niagara Falls, and Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg to destination less than three days, with part an afternoon to see Chicago at another afternoon to see the great Niagara.

Rev. W. D. Lambert, read an essay before the Florence district, South Carolina Conference, on the "Evils of Intemperance." He showed them to be financial, moral and spiritual. It is a strong and valuable paper; and but for lack of space we would gladly publish it in full. See Henrietta G. Marshall, rer one on the "Co-operation of Preachers and Pastors in Church Sunday School Work," which was also very interesting and valuable.

FOR THE weeks I was suffering from a severe pain in my head, accompanied by a pain in the temples. Ely's Cream Balm was recommended to me. After only six applications of the Balm every trace of moid was removed.—Henry C. Clark, New York Appraiser's Office.

DAILY BREAD.

The only joys which live and grow are those which are shared with others.

Nothing can make us richer except that which makes us more thankful.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute and not despise their prayer.

The devil is not afraid of the man who has only powder in his gun.

It is hard to discourage the Christian who has learned to love his enemies.

Whenever a Universalist gets mad he believes that there ought to be a hell.

There isn't much lifting power in the religion of a man who won't pay his debts.

It is as much murder to kill a man with a pill as it is to do it with a cannon ball.

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so unto them."

"O that men would praise the Lord for his wonderful works to the children of men."

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto his name."

Pull off the masks that people wear and nobody would know his next door neighbor.

Giving the man the right to pray is God's way of giving him a bank account in heaven.

When you find that your yoke is not easy it means that you are not close enough to Christ.

Who does the most for the devil—the man who makes the whisky or the man who drinks it?

It is not hard for the devil to get people by both hands who are not living for some good object.

Every man who knows God knows that a work has been done in his heart that only God could do.

When a man is willing to walk toward the light it doesn't take him long to get in sight of heaven.

There are people who do the devil a great deal of good by making lots of noise on the Lord's side.

It is hard to make anybody believe that shaking hands with two fingers has a grain of religion in it.

If we really believe on the Lord Jesus Christ we will be found trying to live that way every minute.

The only people who have a hard time in this world are those who are not willing that God shall rule.

The devil gets discouraged about the children in a home where he can't put out the fire on the family altar.

When God's children come to him for anything he loves to have them say they have come to stay until they get it.

The man who says in his heart, "I will try it a little way and if I like it I will go," will never get to heaven.

The sinner is the only man who travels in the dark, and the Christian the only one who may be always in the light.

Spend as much time in counting your blessings as you do in worrying over your troubles and you will soon be rich.

When men pray in earnest they pray without ceasing, and they pray with both their muscle and their money.

If you do not love your enemies you can depend upon it there is something in your heart that does not please God.

If the devil could be kept out of the church it wouldn't be long until he would be driven out of the whisky business.

If there is anything that God wants Christians to know without the shadow of a doubt it is that they are his children.—Ram's Horn.

Homiletics.

Hymns—730, Children of the Heavenly King; 676, How Firm a Foundation; 1039, How Happy Every Child of Grace.

Scripture Lesson, I John III. Text: I John III, 1, 3: Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is, and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure.

Introduction.—A most beautiful and touching expression is that in which St. Paul calls himself "Paul the aged." What a picture does this bring before us of the so-called and war-worn apostle, the heroic and triumphant soldier of Jesus Christ!

And now, in the words of our text, "John the aged" comes before us. A man very different in temperament and character from Paul. The vision is a very different one. He appears before us more as the beloved disciple; the faithful servant than the soldier. And yet in him, too, as in St. Paul, we see the power of that grace which makes of the saints of Christ, youthful and aged both, "more than conquerors." These words were written in Ephesus about ten years before the death of Holy John and were addressed to the "little children," the believers in Jesus Christ, of whom he was the spiritual father and teacher. He speaks to them of their high calling and destiny as "the sons of God here and hereafter," and exhorts them to live as worthy of such a calling and such a destiny.

I. The sons of God here. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." There is an important addition to the text, found in the best ancient manuscripts, by some oversight omitted in the accepted version and now restored in the revised. It is these words: "And we are." We are not only called the sons or children of God but we are such. It is quite one thing to be called and another thing to be.

A man may be called by some title of nobility, but he may be anything but a noble man.

An English lord was traveling in the interior in midwinter with his splendid carriage and retinue of servants following. Night came on and with it a blinding snow storm. They took refuge in a poor cowherd's cottage. The nurse took the little babe and began to dress it before the blazing fire. The little children of the cowherd stood by in mute admiration as they saw the embroidered skirts and dresses one by one taken off. At last the little babe was naked before the fire. Then, with great astonishment they looked up to their mother and exclaimed: "Why, it's just like one of ours."

And so, strip off the appendages of royalty and nobility and at last you find only a man.

So it is not enough that we should be called the children of God. We need the added assurance that we are. For through Jesus Christ "the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. viii, 21), and "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (Rom. viii, 16).

Three things are implied in the relation of parents and children—affection, help, inheritance. As children of God we have our Heavenly Father's infinite affection lavished upon us. We have his constant help, and we become "heirs of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ."

The world does not recognize us; it knows us not, has no sym-

pathy for us. But this is not strange, because it knew him not. Shall the world which scorned, rejected, crucified the perfect Lord accept his imperfect servant? Alfred the Great, Richard the Lion-hearted in exile, disgraced, unknown, were no less kings.

II. Sons of God hereafter.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." We are now the sons of God. We shall never be more than this—only what now of sonship we have by faith and hope we then shall have in full fruition. We only know in part and see through a glass darkly as yet. The lens of the greatest telescope is only flint glass, and yet it has been cast and ground until every air bubble, every flaw and imperfection has disappeared, and now, with Galileo and Herschel, we look through and see the wonders of the starry heavens. So "blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." As we become like him we shall see him, and as we see him we become more like him, until that perfect day of his appearing when we shall see him as he is.

III. Practical application of our glorious hope.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. The practical application of our glorious hope is that in heart and life we should evermore make the purity of Christ not only our ideal and standard, but our actual practice.

Marriages.

Gretna, La.—Mr. Wm. Peet to Miss Georgiana Webster, Aug. 3.

Rev. H. C. Wilson officiating.

Corinth, Miss.—Miss Arena Mason and Mr. Frank Howard, July 9, 1891.

Rev. O. Gillespie officiating.

In this city, July 22, by Rev. F. T. Chinn, James Bumbry, Sr., to Mrs. Sarah Holliday.

Obituary.

Hazlehurst, Miss.—Sister Nancy Dadds departed this life June 14, after living a Christian for more than 75 years, and a member of the M. E. Church for more than 30 years. She was 111 years and six months of age. She was the mother of 23 children, and outlived all of them except two.

J. W. Wells.

Brother Joseph C. Sherrill, of Little Rock, Ark., has sent us a very interesting tribute to the memory of the Rev. Moses C. Young, of the Tennessee Conference, lately deceased.

Wedowee, Ala.—Brother Peter Stephens departed this life July 19, in full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife, four daughters and two sons. He joined the M. E. Church about 9 years ago. Age, 100 years.

J. W. Sheppard.

Aberdeen, Miss.—Sister Luc Barker departed this life July 27, leaving a husband and three children. She died in full triumph of faith. Her funeral was preached by the pastor, Rev. L. J. Terrell, at Athens Circuit, Miss.

Morgan City, La.—Bro. Pierre Tusund, one of the late converts of Union Chapel M. E. Church, died at New Orleans, in the Charity Hospital, July 24. Age, 50 years. He leaves a wife and three sons.

T. Larkins, P. C.

A committee composed of I. H. Cliche, D. Patillo, and W. Williams, presented a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Geo. W. Lacey, wife of their Presiding Elder, and condolence with him, at their recent quarterly conference. It was unanimously adopted.

Sister Jennie Winton, 100 years old, and a member of the M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith July 3, leaving 4 children, 32 grand children, and 80 great grand children.

A. Lemon, P. C.

Stonewall, Miss.—The funeral of little Missy Daisy Bland was attended July 19. She was only 10 years of age.

R. H. Patton, P. C.

Hubertville.—Bro. William Weare, after several months of suffering, departed this life July 28. His last words were, "I am on the rock." He leaves 4 children, his mother, 6 sisters and four brothers. Age, 41 years.

W. Carr.

From General Albert Sidney Johnson, the Great Confederate General. I have used the bottles of Maguire's Balm. It has cured me of a most distressing complaint of the bowels—Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Flux, etc.

Strange Procedure.

Can the report be true that the Bristol district conference, while in session recently, under the presidency of Rev. O. Boyd, did so far transcend its legitimate bounds as to proceed to elect a delegate to the next general conference by a formal vote? If so it is the first instance of the kind that has yet come to our knowledge and we hope it may be the last. That such a gross violation of Methodist polity should happen within the borders of the East Tennessee conference, and almost under the shadow of the Morristown Academy, seems incredible. Will some one give the facts in the case?

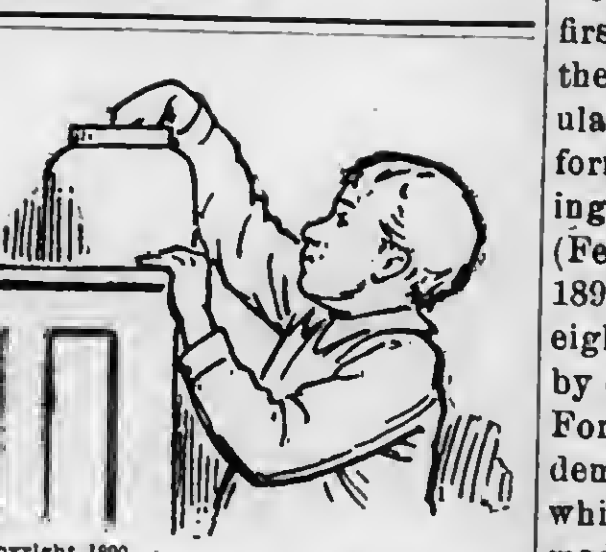
Dr. Sanford Hunt gives the following statements in regard to baptism of infants which we believe are in accord with Scripture and the Methodist Church:

"The child, before its ability to choose between right and wrong, sustains a justifiable relation before the law. It is a member of the kingdom of heaven, because it is fit to be. Baptism is administered to the child, not to make it a child of God, but because it is a child of God, and entitled to the seal of a justified relation. We do not baptize an adult to make him a Christian, but because he is a Christian. Coronation does not make a man a king; it is only a public proclamation of the fact; the constitution of the realm makes the king. So baptism is the public announcement or seal of a justified relation before the law."

THE Philadelphia, (Pa.) Ledger of recent date, gives a very touching account of the death of a colored girl, sixteen years of age, who died from brain fever, superinduced by mental excitement, brought on by being falsely charged with theft and imprisoned over night, at Frankford, Pa., recently. She was accused by her employers, who afterward found the articles that they thought the girl had stolen. Terrible, isn't it?

You've tried Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, have you, and you're disappointed. The results are not immediate. And did you expect the disease of years to disappear in a week? Put a pinch of time in every dose. You would not call the milk poor because the cream doesn't rise in an hour? If there's no water in it the cream is sure to rise. If there's a possible cure Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is sure to effect it, if given a fair trial. You get the one dollar it costs back again if it don't benefit or cure you. We wish we could give you the makers' confidence. They show it by giving the money back again in all cases not benefited, and it'll surprise you to know how few dollars are needed to keep up the refund.

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Science. The largest piece of pane glass in the world is set in the front of a building on Vine street, Cincinnati, Ohio. It was made in Marseilles, France, and measures 186 by 104 inches.

Flies have long been accused—not without reason—of spreading disease; but it is asserted now from Havana that mosquitoes have a use; for if they inoculate any one after biting a yellow fever patient, the disease which follows is so mild that fatal results are rare.

At Alleghany City, Pennsylvania, there was recently rolled a steel spring six inches wide, one-quarter of an inch thick, and 310 feet long. It is the largest coiled spring ever rolled. The order was tendered to all the large European iron-works, but none of them would undertake the task.

About three miles east of Parkersburg, West Virginia, well diggers recently stumbled upon a prehistoric cemetery, abounding with the relics of an unknown nation. Nearly a basket of trinkets of shell and bone were found in three graves. All the skeletons, thus far discovered, were facing due west.

Dr. Paul Gibber, director of the New York Pasteur Institute, in his first annual report, gives as follows the results of the preventive inoculations against hydrophobia performed at the above institute during the first year of its existence (February 18, 1890, to February 18, 1891): Eight hundred and twenty eight persons having been bitten by dogs or cats came to be treated. For 643 of these persons it was demonstrated that the animals which attacked them were not mad. Consequently the patients were sent back, after having had their wounds attended, during the proper length of time, when it was necessary. In 185 cases the anti-hydrophobic treatment was applied, hydrophobia of the animals which inflicted bites having been evidenced clinically, or by the inoculation in the laboratory, and in many cases by the death of some other persons or animal bitten by the same dog. No death caused by hydrophobia has been reported among the persons inoculated. Indigents were treated free of charge. The persons treated were from all parts of the country.—Scientific American.

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Conference Notices.

Camp Meeting.

Our camp meeting will be held at Boyce, La., August 20. We anticipate a good time. All are invited. Preachers coming from the district conference will please stop over a day or two.

B. BOLDEN, P. C.

Notice.

The camp meeting to be held on the Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference, in connection with the district conference, is postponed until further notice.

Reduced Rates.

Our district conference convenes the 21st of August, at Bastrop, La., and I have made arrangements for reduced rates on the railroads for all who attend.

Camp Meeting.

The Paris district camp meeting will take place at Bagwell, Texas, August 17, 1891. All denominations are cordially invited. All the ministers of the district will be present. It is hoped that all will come on the 17th, with tents and as much provisions as possible, to camp until the 31st. Remember you can buy enough heavy cloth for \$2 or \$3 to build you a nice tent. Rev. Aaron Taylor will preach the introductory sermon. Each pastor must send one delegate to this meeting, in the interest of the W. H. M. Society. Bring 50¢ each for the district home. A standing welcome to all ministers of all Protestant churches. Come one, come all.

Camp Meeting.

There will be an old-fashioned Methodist camp meeting in Cohutta, Ga., commencing Wednesday, August 26. All our preachers and people are invited. Presiding Elder H. K. Allen, and the Revs. R. T. Kent of Cartersville, and J. H. Grant of Cave Springs, are expected to be present.

Corner Stone.

The corner stone of St. James M. E. Church, Shreveport, La., will be laid on the fourth Sunday, August 23. The trustees hope to enucleate the amount on hand by the collections of that day, to settle our entire church debt. Rev. S. E. H. Morant has promised to be present and deliver an historical sketch of the church. Also, the following ministers and gentlemen will be present: Revs. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., Pierre Landry, W. R. Butler, J. W. Hilton, H. T. C. Abbott, Joseph Jones, Hon. T. T. Allain, of Iberville parish, will deliver an address upon education. Also short addresses from Wm. Harper, Prof. D. W. Boatner and A. T. Grigsby of Shreveport. We have invited James M. Vance, Esq., and Hon. John F. Patton of New Orleans. Also, Revs. E. Lyon, A. B., and M. C. B. Mason, A. B., B. D. Invitation is extended to all the preachers of the Shreveport district, and Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder of the Baton Rouge district. Presiding Elder Stephen Duncan is master of ceremonies. The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, United Brothers of Friendship and the Home Missionary No. 2 B. A., of Shreveport, are invited to participate.

C. D. S. ALLOWHORNE, P. C.

Owing to the McKinley bill, sugar is down. The best of sugar at the lowest prices, now enables every family to preserve summer fruits for winter use, at small expense. Ayer's Preserve Book, just issued, contains the latest and best receipts for canning, preserving, making jellies, catsups, pickles, etc. Ask your druggist for a copy, or send a 2-cent stamp to J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Dyspepsia

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A stately ship with white sails spread,
And anchor weighed, now turns her
head
From Africa's bright strand.
And what the cargo that she holds?
Ah me! a hundred human souls
From yonder sunny land.

Whither, oh whither bound are ye,
Children of Ethiopia? See
That treacherous ocean foam!
Why leave ye home and native skies?
And say, within what region lies
Your distant, untried home?

Alas! 'tis little that we heed
Which way our watery path may lead,
Or what our fate may bear.
We only know, in chains and fear,
We're leaving all our hearts hold dear—
We go we know not where.

And so across the briny deep
The guilty ship her way doth keep,
Braving the tempest's power,
Till, safe through storm and wind and
waves,
She lands her freight of wretched
slaves
On old Virginia's shore.

And now, oh whither do ye go,
Poor, trembling souls? What shall
ye do
On land so new and strange?
Aliens among a foreign race,
What is the lot ye now must face—
For what those bonds exchange?

Alas, they tell us that these chains
Are not the half of all the pains
The weary years shall bring.
They say that hope of aught but tears
And sorrow, toil and servile fears,
Is but an idle thing.

A hundred bitter years have gone,
And still the weeping slaves toil on
Beneath the southern sun.
Their clanking chains on many a road,
Their groans and prayers 'neath many
a load,
Are heard in heaven alone.

And whither now, despised race?
Along the bloody path ye trace
What comfort have ye found?
Where shall ye find the rest so sweet
To aching heads and weary feet?
Whither, oh whither bound?

Long since, a wondrous, holy light,
That shines amid our darkest night,
To us sweet peace has given;
And if the day be long delayed,
For which we've hoped and wept and
prayed,
We'll find our rest in heaven.

So time goes by, and to my ear
There comes a dreadful sound—I hear
A voice like thunder's roar.
It is the deep-toned cannon's call:
Arouse, ye braves! ye patriots all!
Your Union to restore!

Then up the glittering sabres flash,
And angry muskets loudly clash
In wild and awful sound.
A dusky phalanx comes this way!
What means this mighty, black array?
Whither, oh whither bound?

We heard the cannon's voice—it woke
Our slumbering spirits, and we broke
The chains that bound us long;
And with a strength that will not yield,
We're marching to yon battle-field,
Two hundred thousand strong.

And do ye think our hearts will quail
Mid blinding smoke and fiery hail,
And we like cowards fly?
Nay, in the thickest dangers—there
Ye'll find us fighting, this our prayer:
"To conquer or to die!"

Now six and twenty years have
wrought
The nation peace, and blessings
brought
Beyond hope's wildest dreams
In all is seen the mighty hand
That leatheth all, while o'er the land
The light of freedom beams.

Whence comes this glad, exulting
through,
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Oh, whither do ye go?

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General News Items.

The pope is troubled with somnolency.

Sam Small has again become an editor.

Trains in Peru are run by oil instead of coal.

This year Texas will have 2,000,000 bales of cotton.

The House of Commons has voted \$300,000 for the relief of the poor in Ireland.

Three Americans have received decorations from President Carnot of France.

Russia's wheat crop is short 50,000,000 bushels, and her rye 300,000,000 bushels.

Ex Speaker Reed was a visitor to the English House of Commons the other day.

Since July 3 nine persons have met their deaths by balloon ascensions and parachute jumps.

The Daughters of the Revolution have been incorporated, with Mrs. Harrison as president.

The value of the gold and silver output in 1889, as seen by the recent census, was \$100,000,000.

The World's Fair is to have the greatest aquarium ever known, with a capacity of 140,000 gallons.

June 30 the number of postoffices in the country was 64,391, an increase of 2000 during the fiscal year.

The farmer elected law judge in Kansas is up before the Supreme Court for disregarding one of its decisions.

During the laying of the cornerstone of a new Methodist church in Durango, Mexico, the persons engaged were assaulted and a number injured.

In the year which ended last March Chicago spent \$40,000,000 for intoxicating liquors and Philadelphia \$46,000,000. So the statistics say. And yet people are hunting for the cause of the poverty and misery of the people.

A railroad disaster near Paris, France, resulted in the loss of fifty lives.

Louisiana has more retail liquor sellers than any other State south of the Ohio river. More than this, there are more liquor sellers in Louisiana than in all the rest of the Gulf States put together, Texas alone excepted. The official figures as to the number of retail liquor dealers in the South is as follows: Alabama 1277, Arkansas 945, Florida 441, Georgia 1904, Mississippi 1107, North Carolina 1593, South Carolina 984, Virginia 2903, Tennessee 2394, Texas 3800, Kentucky 4414 and Louisiana 5131. In the entire South, therefore, there are 26,902 liquor shops, while over 36,000 do business in New York alone.

The August issue of The Century will be a "summer number," as has been the custom for many years. Its contents will include several complete stories, among them The White Crown, by Herbert D. Ward, in which the problem of European peace is worked out in a novel way.

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Modesty in a minister is a grace of exceptional beauty and worth. Egotism in a minister is a weakness, if not a vice, too intolerable to be long borne by sensible people. —*Religious Telescope.*

It is not the Negroes so much as the poorer class of whites that are debased by the political superstition that covers the South. It is abasing to the two-thirds majority of whites that they should live in continual dread of a superstitions supremacy of a one-third minority of Negroes. In no other country has a majority of the Aryan race ever been subject to fear of the political ascendancy of a minority of any other race. This Southern moral fear is ignoble, and is in marked contrast to the physical courage which its sons have displayed upon a thousand battlefields.

The wants of the South are more free schools, a free press, free speech, free votes, and fair counts. These must precede the full measure of material prosperity to which her great natural resources entitle the South, but their advent is retarded by a foolish dread of Negro supremacy. —*Inter Ocean.*

Ministers and church people generally are now resorting to every device imaginable to fill the coffers of their church. Some years ago it was customary for the churches to give fairs which was a very creditable and profitable way of raising money; but now they give barbecues, day picnics, moonlight picnics, excursions, suppers, balls and other entertainments which are the most degrading and morally hurtful to any community. Ministers had just as well be preaching to idols as to be preaching repentance to the young people for whom they regularly encourage in vice by giving entertainments whose influence is productive of evil designs and dissipation. It seems now that the chief desire is the almighty dollar. They seek this regardless of church rules, principles or creeds. Money is a necessity in church as well as other business, but when ministers stoop to low and degrading means to obtain it, they are lowering their exalted professional standing and are unworthy of the support of the better class of people. —*Texas Reformer.*

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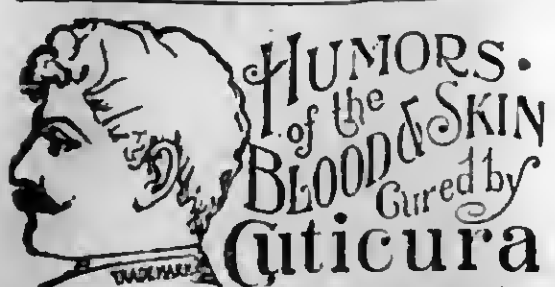
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HOME READINGS.

M. John 6. 1-14. Tu. 2 Kings 4.
38-44. W. Matt. 9. 32-38. Th.
Matt. 4. 17. F. Mark 8. 1-9. S.
Paa. 146. 5-10. S. Psa. 37. 1-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am the bread of life. (John 6.
48.)

LESSON HYMN, 7. 6.

O Bread to pilgrims given,
O Food that angels eat,
O Manna sent from heaven,
For heaven-born natures meet;
Give us, for thee long pining,
To eat till richly filled;
Till, earth's delights resigning,
Our every wish is stilled.

Jesus, this feast receiving,
We thee unseen adore;
Thy faithful word believing,
We take, and doubt no more;
Give us, thou true and loving,
On earth to live in thee;
Then, death the veil removing,
Thy glorious face to see.

Time—Probably March or April,
A. D. 29.

Place—Probably the rich level
plain of Betsaida, near the upper
Bethsaida.

Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pi-
late in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—The feeding
of the five thousand is the one
miracle related in every Gospel.
As none of the evangelists tell
their story in the exact order in
which the events occurred, the con-
nection of this incident with others
cannot be certainly told; but it
was probably not very long after
the death of John the Baptist.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Multitude, v. 1-7.
Across what sea did Jesus go from
Capernaum?
Who followed him? Why?
Where were Jesus and his disci-
ples?
What Jewish feast was soon to
occur?
What question did Jesus ask Phil-
lip?
Why did he ask this question?
What was Phillip's answer?

2. The Loaves, v. 8-11.
Who made a suggestion to Jesus
about food?
What did Andrew say?
What command did Jesus give?
How many were there in the com-
pany?
Who were there besides these
men? (Matt. 14. 21.)
What did Jesus do with the loaves
and fishes?

3. The Fragments, v. 12-15.
What command was given about
fragments?
What amount was gathered up?
What shows that the people had
been satisfied?
What did the people say about
Jesus?

To what promise did they refer?
(Gen. 49. 10; Dent. 18. 15.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:
1. To have sympathy with the
needs of others?
2. To obey Jesus's commands?
3. To guard against needless
waste?

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2. How much money's worth of
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dred penny-worth.

3. How many were there to feed?
Five thousand hungry people.

4. What small quantity, carried
by a lad, did Jesus turn into
enough to feed them all? Five
barley loaves and two small fishes.

5. What does Jesus say of him-
self? (Golden Text.) "I am," etc.

EXPLANATIONS.

A mountain—Not a peak, but a
mountainous region. Sat—Sitting
was the usual attitude of an Ori-
ental teacher. A feast of the Jews
—The aged apostle John, who
wrote this, was writing in a Gen-
tile city for the benefit of the
Christian Church, which, by that
time, numbered thousands of Gen-
tile converts. These five words
are one of the many beautiful evi-
dences of the genuineness of this
Gospel. Nigh—Near at hand. A
great company—Many of whom
were on their way to the passover
at Jerusalem. To prove him—At
once to test and to teach him.
Two hundred penny-worth—About
thirty five dollars' worth. A lad
—It has been conjectured that this
little lad was employed by the
apostles to care for their supplies.
Barley loaves—The food of the
poorest. Baskets—Wallets.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The evi-
dence of Christianity from mira-
cles.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

50. What is prayer? Prayer is
the offering up of our desires unto
God in the name of Christ.

51. With what should prayer
be always accompanied? With
humble confession of sin, with
hearty thanksgiving for God's mer-
cies, and sincere faith in his prom-
ises.

52. Where should we offer up
our prayers? Publicly in the house
of God, and privately in our fam-
ilies and in our closets.

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Conference Notices.

Texarkana District, Little Rock Confer-
ence.
Third Round.

Caido Gap. Aug. 15-16
Piney Grove. 22-23
Ebeuzer. Sept. 5
Hope and Washington. 12-13
Gordon. 19-20
Hot Springs. 27-28
Texarkana, Wheeler and Visi-
tors' Chapel. Oct. 8-11
Lewisville. 10-11
Canfield. 17-18
Magnolia. 24-25
Camden. 28-29
Fulton. Oct. 30 and Nov. 1

A. PHILLIPS, P. E.

San Antonio District, West Texas Con-
ference.

Third Round.
Cuero. Aug. 15-16
Pleasanton Cr. 22-23
Ridgelyville. 29-30
Honey Creek—J. H. Brawley. 29-30
Beville. 29-30
Flatonia. Sept. 1-2
Gonzales. 5-6
Gonzales Cr. 7-8
Belmont. 12-13
Lockhart. 16-17
Luling. 19-20
Seguin. 21-23
Laveria and Mt. Pleasant. 26-27

H. SWANN, P. E.

Meridian District, Mississippi Conference

Third Round.
Daleville. Aug. 15-16
Meridian Cr. 22-23
Enterprise. 29-30
Enterprise. 29-30
Stonewall. Sept. 1-2
Quinnan. 5-6
DeSoto. 7-8
Shubuta Cr. 12-13
Shubuta. 16-17
Waynesboro. 19-20
Beidoborg. 22-23
Lake Como. 28-29
Panding. Oct. 1-2
Garlandsville. 5-6
Lake. 12-13
Hickory. 19-20
Decatur. 22-23
Cheney. 28-29
Forest. Oct. 1-2
DeKalb. 5-6
Philadelphina. 12-13
Edwardsburg. Oct. 1-2
Carthage. 5-6

The great educational meeting for the
new building of Meridian Academy will
be held at Meridian, Miss., August 23.
Among the speakers to be present are

Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Rev. M. C. B. Mason,
Dr. A. E. P. Albert, and others.
J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

Sunday School Institute.

The pastors on the various charges on
the Little Rock district, Little Rock
Conference, are hereby notified to send a
Sunday school superintendent and one
delegate for every fifty scholars or frac-
tion thereof to the Sunday School Insti-
tute which convenes in Wesley Chapel,
August 27, 1891, at 9 o'clock a. m. The
object of the call is to discuss plans and
methods to promote the general interest
of the Sunday Schools on the district.
Pastors may represent their schools in
cases where superintendents cannot at-
tend. The preachers throughout the
Little Rock Conference are invited. No
pains will be spared to entertain the de-
legates. W. H. CRAWFORD, Chairman.
J. E. TOOMBS, Secretary.

Woman's Home Mission.

The Woman's Home Mission Convention of
the W. H. M. Society will be held at
Queen City, Texas, August 25.
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Mind, Education, Faith in the Lord
Jesus, What the W. H. M. Society has
done etc.

Mrs. M. A. JOHNSON, Dist. Mgr.
WADE HAMILTON, P. E.

District Conferences and Special Meet-
ings.

Birmingham Dist. Conf., Bir-
mingham Ala. Aug. 5-11
Indiana Dist. Conf., Bloom-
ington, Ind. Aug. 6-9
Austin district conference, Bel-
ton, Tex. " 6
Dadeville district conference. " 6-9
Savannah district conference,
Mt. Vernon, Ga. Aug. 12
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Cuero, Texas. " 12
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Washington, La. " 12
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Natchitoches, La. " 13
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Institute, Beaumont, Tex. " 13
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teop, La. " 21
Cumberland River district con-
ference, Gordonsville. " 25
Marshall district conference,
Queen City, Tex. Aug. 6
Huntsville district conference,
Courtland, Ala. Aug. 31

The Editor or Business Manager will
attend as many of these district con-
ferences and special meetings as possible,
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Editorial Notes.

JUST A LITTLE.

Little rills make wider streamlets,
Streamlets swell the river's flow.
Rivers join the ocean billows,
Onward, onward as they go.

Life is made of smallest fragments,
Shade and sunshine, work and play;
So may we with greatest profit,
Learn a little every day.

SENATOR George has secured a
majority of the Mississippi legisla-
ture for his re-election, by the ac-
tion of the primaries.

THE debates, I have heard hero,
would be creditable to any confer-
ence in Methodism.—Bishop Joyce to
Presiding Elder's Convention.

I HATE the American saloon. I
do not know of one of our brethren
who has anything to do with it.
Brethren; set your faces like flint
against it.—Bishop Joyce to Pre-
siding Elder's Convention.

WE are informed that owing to
the heavy rain, the corner-stone
laying at Oxyka, Miss., did not
come off on the 13th. The day now
fixed for it is Sept. 19. Reduced
rates from Brookhaven have been
secured. Let all come.

WHISKY, excursions, moonlight
picnics are the great trinity of
evils that are cursing our people
more than any other three agen-
cies, and no pastor or leader of our
people is true to his sacred trust
will countenance them or give
them. Away with them!

WHY not organize the Epworth
League on every charge in our
territory. It is one of the best
auxiliaries that we can put in op-
eration in our charges. Write to the
Rev. J. L. Hurlburt, D.D., cor-
responding secretary, S. S. Union,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, for
further information.

RAILROAD accidents, the result
of the most extravagant and crim-
inal carelessness, are becoming
more and more frequent and disas-
trous. Over 30,000 people are
killed and wounded in them annu-
ally. Scarcely a day passes with-
out such sickening reports. Some
steps should be taken by the
proper authorities to put a stop to
such wholesale destruction of hu-
man lives.

BISHOP Mallalieu started Tues-
day, August 11, for his work on
the Pacific Coast. He has prayed
and worked as never before for the
needed money to pay for and en-
dow our Medical College. Money
is scarce and hard to get. Let all
the people pray that God may
bless the means that he has used
and turn the hearts of men and
women towards this enterprise,
bringing all we need, and that
right speedily.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Wanderers Return.

A Word to Whom it May Concern.

BY JAMES MITCHELL.

I rejoice with my brethren of the
Mission Rooms, after forty-seven
years absence, even if that return
is but in shadow;—nor would I
have those shadows turned with
face to the wall, oh! no,—but I say
it in all seriousness that they might
be festooned with crape, for sad
and fearful has been the national
drama, since they with united hand
rolled up the curtain on the revolu-
tionary and blood bathed stage—
though growing old, memory fails
me not in regard to each scene in
the late drama.

In one of the last days of April,
1845, Rev. James Crawford, of
Wesley Chapel, Madison Indiana,
and the writer, who was filling an
unexpired term of Rev. A. Canwell,
in Third Street M. E. Church, of
that city for that year, boarded
the Louisville packet on its way
down, where we found Bishop Soule,
on his way to the fatal convention.
He talked freely with us, Bro.
Crawford being the chief speaker
on our side, whilst I a comparative
youth fresh from Europe, was a sad
but good listener—yet I will not
say a respectful one, for in my
heart though young I censured
if I did not despise an aged and
eminent minister, who thus dared
to sell the truth of God, in giving
his sanction to a rupture of the
church, the body of Christ, and an
endorsement of such a monstrous
thing as American slavery.

It is true that at the time he
disclaimed all such endorsement
and plead necessity—saying in his
magnificent way—"I am opposed
to slavery and never will own one,
though circumstances require me
to go with the South."

We have in his case the effect of
false leadership, as in the case of
Solomon—and an illustration of
the profound depths of the deceit-
fulness of our own hearts. I had
no doubt of the sincerity of his
intention to never own a slave at
the time—but the slave power, his
companions in folly, soon taught
him how to own slaves—so that it
is reported of him that he said, "I
own servants and have had ser-
vants born in my house." I wish
for the sake of the reputation of
that North-born man, who gave
his ripe years and the remnant of
his life to a false leadership that
this could be proved untrue.

The memory of that disastrous
convention, where I was a specta-
tor most of the time except on Sat-
urdays, Sabbaths and Mondays,
but especially on the opening and
closing days, is as fresh in my
memory as though it had taken
place last year, and amongst the
bitterest tears of my life were those
shed in the old Fourth Street M.
E. Church, Louisville, Ky., on the
19th of May, 1845, when I took
the parting hand of Bro. Hamilton,
of Mobile, once my pastor for a
winter, that of 1839-40, on the
adjournment of that revolutionary
assembly, saying to him, "This
division will last forever," and so
it has lasted for 46 years, with no
prospect of change for the better:
—no intention to abandon the mem-
ories of the wrong, but on the con-
trary a disposition to embalm them
by every device that fond pride
can devise—illogical conclusions,
nonsense political maxims, as so many
poison vines, enshrine the monu-
ments of ecclesiastical and civil
folly. If this goes on much longer
without national repentance, which
means ceasing to do evil, learning
to do well, with honest confession
of the great wrong—God's second
judgments will yet overtake us.

To bring out these lights and
shades more clearly—let me give a
little experience, after spending

nearly twenty-six years south of
the Potomac, staking life, labor,
and substance as a minister on
reconstruction of church and state.
I write this from Mt. Zion Sem-
inary, a school for the whites,
founded eleven years ago. I
have often expressed a wish to
rear the U. S. flag on these grounds,
but it has not been thought pru-
dent to do so until this year, and
one of our best informed trustees
tells me, that fully one-third of our
people in Georgia never saw a U.
S. flag. It was dismissed in 1861,
from the towns and hamlets of
Georgia, and has been these long
sad thirty years in returning to
our people. One old gentleman in
looking upon it said, "Is not that
a Republican flag, and will there
not soon be another war?"

Who is responsible for the wrong
public opinion, nay, the wrong
conscience of this country? The
men of 1845. So, brethren, please
go softly, and let us not have
another Cape May blunder wherein
you gave the Church South a
quarter million dollars to endow
the Baltimore Conference of the
Church South after the war. We
must love our enemies, but we
must buy the truth and sell it not.
Atlanta, Ga.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

How Can the Success of our Work Among the White People of the South be Increased?

BY X. Y.

Whatever obstacles are found to
exist in the way of extending the
work of the Methodist Episcopal
Church among the white people of
the South, they cannot be charged
to the essential doctrines and policy
of Episcopal Methodism as a great
connectional system; for the
gentleness among the people of
the South.

The chief obstacles will be found
to arise from connectional and
political prejudice, ignorance and
misapprehension. It will be a sad
mistake to ignore the obvious truth
that freedom of approach to the
southern whites and a ready and
hearty welcome to the ministers
and teachers of our church have
in a general way depended on the
degree of political sympathy that
existed in the community with the
known principles and sentiments
of the church in favor of human
liberty, the equal rights of all men
as established by God and guaran-
teed by the constitution and laws
of the land, and the unopposed con-
nection between the mission of the
Methodist Episcopal Church in the
South and the defense and ex-
tension of these principles, espe-
cially the encouragement of a true
American education for the masses.
Practical wisdom would suggest
the necessity of strengthening the
church and educational work among
our friends, among those whose
hands, hearts and homes have been
open to us from the beginning of
our return to the South; who have
stood by the work in the face of
bitter hostility; who have helped
to sustain it with self-sacrificing
liberality; their children are taught
to greet us with love and respect,
and frequently bear the names of
heroic and beloved pastors of an
early date; or of some of the blasphe-
mies, or other chief ministers and
agents of the beloved old church.

Into these friendly communities
let the church send its most minis-
terial and educational workers, men
and women of the purest lives,
and consecrated gifts and acquire-
ments, who understand or can
learn readily the peculiarities of
the work to be done and can adopt
themselves to the situation. There
let them work on all the lines of
duty laid down so clearly in our
book of discipline proving them-
selves to be models and examples

of loyalty to the church, and zeal-
ously devoted to its mission among
a people, who seem to have been
specially prepared of the Lord to
yield the best and largest results
for the labor and resources ex-
pended.

I would lay special stress on this
idea of making the church as strong
as possible, amongst its true friends;
not only because they deserve all
the encouragement and help they
are likely to receive, but also, be-
cause the communities which ex-
hibit the results of its best work,
becomes centres of light and influ-
ence to surrounding or distant
communities; and there is reason
to hope, that in such communities,
there will arise a succession of
leaders and supporters of the work,
who will transmit it to succeeding
generations.

But among the agencies, from
which the largest and best results
may be expected, I would place
foremost the establishment of pri-
mary schools under the strict su-
pervision of our church authorities.

Those schools established and
conducted in our country churches,
would be supported chiefly by the
people themselves; a little aid
from the educational funds of the
church and some faithful super-
vision by the pastors and Presiding
Elders, with the understanding
that the teachers, whether male or
female or both, were thoroughly
qualified for, and consecrated to
their work as a christian and patri-
otic mission, and the noblest
results might be justly anticipated;
the raising up of a great multitude
of recruits for God and our country,
who shall constitute an invincible
force in defense of the right, and
against the wrong; and shall see
to it, that righteousness and all
that is implied in christian civil-
ization, shall be established, either
from their native Southland or from any
part of the nations wide domain.

Letters from the Districts.

Shreveport District (La.) Conference.

S. DUNCAN.

Rusk—Brother G. Johnson has
made a grand start. At his second
quarter we had 22 mourners and
5 converts. Paid pastor \$23, Pre-
siding Elder \$5. The Sunday
school has increased.

Vanceville—S. Carroll is doing
a grand work. He and his people
have started to ceil the churches
and build a pulpit. At the quar-
terly conference we had 42 persons
forward for prayers. We have
here some of the best people in the
district. With such men as A. J.
Miller, Ed Monroe, A. Cornwell,
T. Miller and others, the church is
bound to do well. Raised \$22,
pastor \$90, Presiding Elder \$10.

Scott Circuit—J. Robinson, the
model preacher, is making marked
success. He has had over 20 con-
verts. He is trying to extend the
work along the V. S. and P. R. R.
We want to get our work extended
as far as Homer and Vienna, which
is about forty miles from Monroe.

St. Paul—Shreveport, the finest
church in the Louisiana conference,
built by Rev. P. Landry, now in
charge of T. J. Johnson, is having
a grand success. The people of
Shreveport love Brother Johnson
dearly. He was raised with them.
He has had six converts. Raised
this quarter \$400 for all purposes.
Paid pastor \$200, Presiding Elder
\$19. The Sunday school is flour-
ishing under the management of
Brother Harris and Prof. Grigsby.

Jewella—Brother Geo. Ogilvie
started off well, but has been sick
ever since the quarterly conference.
We have a good set of people on
this circuit that stay by the church,
pastor or no pastor. Our young
preachers have a great many
things to learn about the ministry

that they do not know. They
think it an easy thing to be a pas-
tor, but they are not there long be-
fore they find out better. It takes
all the grace and prayers and
studying we can do, and then we
find ourselves short.

Fairfield—D. Shelby holds his
own nicely. The Sunday school is
flourishing and the churches are
spiritually alive but financially
dull. Paid pastor \$74, Presiding
Elder \$5. We need a new church
at Fairfield. We have started to
raise money for it. The parsonage
has been papered. Some improve-
ments are being made inside. The
second quarter was held at Fair-
view. We have some of the best
farmers here that you can find on
the district. Such men as Sinclair,
Jackson, etc.

Cane City—Brother Alfred Wil-
son, by the help of the Church Ex-
tension Board, which gave \$100,
the church is completed, and we
had a grand time at the quarterly
meeting. The Lord is blessing us
at this place.

St. James—One of the best
churches on the district, under the
pastorate of Rev. C. D. Shallow-
borne, is having a year of success.
They owe \$600, but the trustees
purpose to pay it off this year.
They have \$207 on hand, and the
fourth Sunday in August they hope
to raise the balance. They have
26 added to the church. This quar-
ter the Sunday school, under Prof.
D. W. Bonner, is doing a grand
work. The Stewart sisters papered
the parsonage and carpeted the
floor. Pastor and people are in
love, and from the looks of things
the pastor will close up his fourth
year in good shape.

Grand Cane—Brother Wm.
Emmett commenced all right, but
he has had some trouble. I don't
know what will be the end. Broth-
ers, pray for him. We feel sorry
for the brother.

Boucheat Circuit—A. Venable is
working hard to build up the work.
The people are poor but willing.
He has opened a new point with a
Sunday school of 25 scholars. The
churches are in a good condition.
Quarterly collection \$8, paid pas-
tor \$28 80, Presiding Elder \$42.
May God bless Brother Venable.

Shady Grove—J. J. Obee, the
great hero, is carrying things for-
ward. He and such men as A.
Jackson, Wesley Morgan, C. D.
Simonds, A. Johnson and Lall
Joyce are leading the people
grandly. Paid pastor \$70, Presid-
ing Elder \$12 50, on church debt
\$10. The churches on the circuit
are alive. Brother Obee moves
about. It takes a man that can
get around to carry our people.
Groaning and mourning don't carry
them. I think Brother Obee and
his people will raise all the benev-
olences. The quarterly meeting
was a success. Collection \$29 80.
During the quarterly meeting 18
persons came forward for prayers.

Mansfield—Brother E. Henthon-
son is carrying his people from
grace to grace. During the quar-
terly meeting there were 25 at the
anxious seat. They had a grand
time on Children's Day, under the
leadership of Prof. S. S. Rogers,
the popular day school teacher. He
is a blessing to Brother Henthon-
son. I think this will be one of
his best years at Mansfield. The
Sunday school is flourishing, and
raised \$4 for education. Quarterly
collection \$22. Paid pastor \$80,
Presiding Elder \$8. We expect to
open up a new point three miles
from town on Mr. Thomas' place.
The brethren are all pushing their
benevolent collections.

Bedford—S. B. Hason, pastor.
The Lord is wonderfully blessing
the church at this place. They
have had over 22 converts and 7
joined. Children's Day was a
success. The collection was \$13.

The collection for the quarter
\$100. Paid pastor \$70, Presiding
Elder \$10. All the benevolent
collections will be raised. Our
brethren are beginning to raise
their collections for the beginning
of the year.

Conshatta—M. T. Fairford is
holding his own, and is gaining
very much. Pray for him that he
may have an outpouring of the
spirit.

Pleasant Hill—Brother Mc-
Glockin is a hard-working minis-
ter. He built a church on Fair-
mont circuit last year and he is
building another this year at
Pleasant Hill. The people all are
with him and he is a great leader
among both white and black. The
people all love him because he is
honest and true. It pays a preach-
er to do right. We have had 20
accessions this quarter. Collec-
tion \$200. Paid pastor \$50, Pre-
siding Elder \$8. Raised \$200 on
building. The Sunday school is
doing well.

Columbus—C. D. C. Bryan is
pushing things. He has built a
parsonage and made new seats and
has had two converts. Brother
Bryan found the work at a low
ebb, but he has built it up again.
The people all respect and love
him. He fits anywhere. The peo-
ple here own their homes and cat-
tle.

Allen Circuit—Brother J. H.
Pierre, our energetic pastor, has
things alive at Allen and Marth-
aville. The quarterly was a suc-
cess. We enjoyed the company of
Brother and Sister Pierre and
Miss Bertha McNeil, the accom-
plished young lady teacher, one
of the New Orleans University
scholars. She has been teaching
school for five months and
given satisfaction to all.
loved and respected by white and
colored. We have in Marthaville
the venerable gentleman, Mr. Jack-
son Rains, the founder of Martha-
ville and the friend of the colored
people and also our church. The
Lord bless him. Also Dr. Lee,
who is a perfect gentleman and a
friend of our work. Collection for
the quarter \$362.85. Paid on
building and improvements \$300,
paid pastor \$62.35, Presiding Elder
\$8. They had 51 converts. The
Sunday schools are flourishing,
with 125 scholars. They have
built a parsonage and remodeled
Hason Chapel.

Bloomington, Ind.

MINNIE B. TAYLOR.

The Indiana District Lexington
Conference, of which W. S. Rol-
lius is Presiding Elder, in connec-
tion with the Sunday School Insti-
tute, met in Bloomington, Aug. 6,
continuing three days. The first
day was devoted to devotional ex-
ercises, the administration of the
Lord's Supper and the appoint-
ment of committees.

The second day the report of the
Presiding Elder was read, encour-
aging to some, embarrassing to
others. Visiting brethren were re-
ceived and made remarks.

The third day the liveliest, with
more tact and less of the argumen-
tative character, so that by that
means the whole disciplinary
course was followed, but every-
thing did was in good order. Rev.
L. M. Hagood, Presiding Elder of
the Bowling Green district, was
here on the second day and things
were made interesting by his clear
views of things. The Institute
convened the afternoon of each
day and some very interesting sub-
jects were discussed. During the
four months of this conference year
\$100 has been collected for benev-
olent purposes.

THE Children's Day collection
on the Looksburg circuit was \$10.

IMPERFECT IN ORIGINAL

Letters from the Districts.

Appeal for Help.

To the Methodist Episcopal ministers of Mississippi and their congregations:

Our new church edifice at Natchez will be completed by August 15. We appeal to you for a collection, as we must raise \$300 on or by that date to be able to meet our contract. Don't wait, but help us at once.

Entrance day is the third Sunday in August. Send your collection to Rev. Samuel A. Cowan, Presiding Elder, Vicksburg, Miss., and he will give you receipts for the same.

Yours,
M. C. BUFFINGTON, P. C.
SAM'L A. COWAN, P. E.

Sunday School Institute.

H. A. READ, SEC'Y.

The Sunday School Institute of the Paris District, Texas Conference, was held at Bonham, Tex., April 28, 1891, in Bishop Jayne's Chapel, with Rev. P. Morgan, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

Miss Lula J. Wagner was elected secretary, with Prof. J. C. Smelser assistant; Prof. H. A. Read, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Latimore, treasurer; and Mr. Lee Bagby, statistical secretary.

After considerable discussion, two travelling Sunday school superintendents, with one assistant to work up the Sunday school interest of the Paris district, were ordered.

Rev. J. L. Hardeman, of Paris, preached at night.

Reports from all the Sunday schools on the district, except three, were presented. They showed the Sunday schools in a prosperous condition. Total amount raised by the Sunday schools for missions was \$40.10.

Mr. W. H. Payne, of Bonham, was introduced and gave an interesting talk on the importance of a traveling superintendent, after which Messrs. J. F. Barnes and J. C. Smelser were elected traveling superintendents, with Mrs. Mary Latimore as assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville, Miss Sally Ines and many other citizens of Bonham, were introduced. The literary exercises were quite interesting.

Prof. H. A. Read, of Clarksville, read a paper on "The duties of a Sunday school teacher." Discussed by Rev. A. Gaylor and J. F. Barnes.

A paper was then read by Prof. J. C. Smelser on "Duties of parents to their children." Discussed by J. F. Barnes, H. A. Read, and A. Gaylor.

Select reading by Mrs. Lanra Shipley, of Bonham, on "Duty of pastors in relation to the Sunday school."

Prof. J. M. Brooks, of Bonham, read a practical essay on "Duties of local preachers and exhorters." Discussed by J. C. Smelser, J. F. Barnes, H. A. Read and P. L. Jackson.

Mrs. Mary Latimore, of Clarksville, read an essay on "What are the necessary qualifications of a Sunday school teacher?"

Mr. Lee Bagby read a short but impressive paper on "Importance of young people attending Sunday school." Discussed by H. A. Read, J. M. Brooks and J. C. Smelser.

"At what time should a Sunday school begin and how long should it continue?" by Rev. W. H. Jackson of Paris, was read by Rev. P. Morgan, the writer being absent on account of sickness.

Rev. P. Prnett preached an interesting and profitable sermon. Revs. Anderson and Frierson, of the A. M. E. Church, were introduced.

It was agreed to give the Sunday School Institute the last two days of the district conference session, instead of the first.

Nashville District Sunday School Institute.

Met at Seay's Chapel M. E. Church July 29. The welcome address was delivered by A. Ridley. The published program was fully carried out. Important es-

says were read by Misses Josie Price, Mamie Blair, Maggie Green, Lettie Morton and Lula Hingston. The general Sunday school work was discussed with credit to the occasion. The session was one of great success.

Proceedings of the Baton Rouge District Conference.

The fifth session of the Baton Rouge District Conference convened at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 5.

The conference was organized with 97. Rev. J. F. Marshall, president; E. P. Harris, secretary; J. D. Pool and Jno. A. Moten, assistants; J. A. Tirouit, statistical secretary; F. C. Blundon and J. L. Jones, assistants; W. R. Butler, treasurer.

The Presiding Elder read his report of the district, which gave encouraging information. Peace and harmony prevails at almost every charge. And the result of this harmony is best seen in the improving and building of churches, the conversion of souls, and an increase of finances.

Reports from pastors, local preachers, exhorters, district stewards, superintendents and class leaders were made, the summary of which will appear in the minutes.

Sixty-eight local preachers had their characters passed and their licenses renewed. Several cases, in doubt, were referred to the fourth quarterly conferences.

Daniel Thomas, Geo. Washington, Cyrus E. Bradford, Alex. Varice, Sumner McGruda and Daniel G. Pharris, were recommended for deacons' orders.

A. A. Lacey, J. T. Lewis, Geo. Washington, C. E. Bradford, A. Varice and S. McGruda, were recommended to the travelling connection.

Resolutions respecting the various church institutions, the Sunday school work and the agency in this State, of which Rev. E. Lyon is agent; the temperance society, SOUTHWESTERN, and to the pastors and people of Baton Rouge for their hospitable manner of entertaining the district conference; to Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder of the Baton Rouge district, for the sagacious and Christian manner in which he is conducting the affairs of the district, were unanimously adopted.

The conference was graced with the presence of E. Lyon, A. M., Sunday School Agent; Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D. D., and J. L. Jones, Esq., lawyer of Plaquemine, and editor of the Iberville Pilot.

Clinton was chosen as the seat of the district conference.

A camp meeting association was organized, with W. R. Butler as president; W. P. Forrest, vice-president; E. P. Harris, secretary; P. W. Clark, treasurer; J. W. Haddon, general manager.

Greenville (S. C.) District Conference.

E. B. BURROUGHS.

Held at Yorkville, S. C., July 22, 23. Rev. N. T. Spencer pastor. Presiding Elder I. E. Lowery, A. M., presided.

Rev. C. C. Scott was elected secretary; Revs. J. N. Carter and O. R. Brown, assistants. Your correspondent was elected reporter for the *Peet Dee Educator* and the *SOUTHWESTERN*; N. T. Spencer for the *News and Courier*; and Edward Littlejohn, Esq., for the *Plain Speaker*.

Prof. W. L. Buckley, A. M., of Claflin University, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A resolution by O. C. Scott was adopted, expressing it as the sense of the district conference that the interests of the Sunday school work would be better advanced if the Sunday School Institute was held separate from the district conference.

At night the Rev. L. Arthur, of Greenwood, S. C., preached an eloquent and interesting sermon.

SECOND DAY.

J. N. Brownlee was found guilty of charges preferred against him,

and he was expelled from the church.

Henry Wright was found not guilty.

The Presiding Elder submitted his report, which was indeed full of encouragement. Success had been had in all the departments of the church. The benevolences were being looked after as never before, and the standard of the Old Church is being planted in new fields. The future is bright and fraught with blessings great and innumerable.

The reports of the pastors were read from nearly every charge.

At night Prof. W. L. Buckley, A. M., delivered an address entitled "Despise not the day of small things." The effort was a masterly one, and evinced careful research and painstaking care in its preparation.

THIRD DAY.

Reports of local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, and class leaders, were satisfactory.

The following were licensed to preach: J. H. Parks, A. J. Gilbert, W. H. Sims, B. J. Sooty, F. M. Parks, P. Thompson, A. D. Harris.

The following were recommended for admission into the travelling connection: W. S. Thompson, W. H. Greer and J. W. Groes.

Rev. E. B. Burroughs introduced a resolution calling on every pastor, local preacher and exhorter to subscribe for the *SOUTHWESTERN*. It was ably seconded by Revs. O. R. Brown and C. C. Scott, and unanimously adopted.

The Jubilee copies were distributed amidst great and stirring enthusiasm.

The announcement of the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason as Field Agent for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was received with great joy and loud applause. This is the first fruits of the Presiding Elder's Convention. The pastors of the district, appreciating the incalculable good that will result from the recent meeting of the Presiding Elders at Chattanooga, presented Rev. I. E. Lowery, Presiding Elder, with a purse containing a sufficient amount to reimburse him for the expense incurred attending the same.

At night the Rev. B. Robinson delivered a highly interesting and instructive sermon to a large and appreciative audience.

Resolutions of thanks to the president and officers of the conference, to the pastor and friends of Yorkville for their hospitable entertainment, having been adopted, the conference adjourned, to meet at Anderson, S. C., in 1892.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

A. Alexander.

The camp meeting of the Lovelady circuit began on July 16 and closed August 2. Many souls were made glad. We had a grand time. Thirteen converts, five reclaimed and eight children baptized. The attendance was about 800. Everything was quiet and peaceable. We thank God for answering our prayers.

Edmund Holiday, Spring, Texas.

Our Elder, Rev. F. Parker, was with us May 30 and 31, and held our second quarter. He preached two powerful sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to forty-five members. Collection for the Elder \$8, for the preacher \$22. We also got three subscribers for the good old *SOUTHWESTERN*.

That's right. Make a canvass at every special service in behalf of your church paper.—[Ed.]

Rev. J. K. Comfort, Brandon, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference was held May 30 and 31, and our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. J. Campbell, was on time. The work is in a growing condition. Collection \$10. We are getting ready to repair the churches all over the work this year. We have had

rally days as follows: At St. James, May 24, collection \$28.30; at Brandon, June 7, collection \$100.30; at Evergreen, June 14, collection \$44.10; total \$172.70. We all love and read the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

Wm. Moore, Sockoperty, Ala.

Our second quarterly conference was convened at Sockoperty on June 13 and 14. Reports showed that very careful work had been done on our circuit. Our excellent Presiding Elder, Rev. W. F. Smith, preached Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m., and a soul-reviving sermon Sunday evening. We followed him fifteen miles to Syllacanga. He preached at night there and 65 stood up. Our Elder carries with him books and papers of every description; especially the *SOUTHWESTERN*. His text in the conference and all over the Dadeville district is that all officers must be taking the *SOUTHWESTERN* by August 6, so he can have less work to do on his third and fourth rounds. How is this, Mr. Editor? That is splendid.—[Ed.]

John W. Hall, Memphis Circuit, Tenn.

Our third quarterly conference was held June 4 by Rev. Jesse P. Price, Presiding Elder of Nashville district. Condition of the church and Sunday school is fair. Raised for elder \$6.05, for pastor \$28.10, for elder \$4.50. Sunday Rev. A. Burdett, of Pleasant Grove circuit, was with us and aided in the services.

A. H. Banks, Eola, La.

Our second quarterly conference convened June 14, Rev. S. E. H. Morant presiding. On Sunday our Presiding Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Our revival, just closed, resulted in 25 conversions and 15 reclaimed. Raised for all purposes this quarter \$200.

B. J. Reddix, Campt, La.

We have a very good Methodist people, though a little downhearted on account of an oppressive debt which must be paid by September. We will have a cornerstone laying August 9, and Silver Dollar Day for the benefit of the debt. The cornerstone will be laid by Presiding Elder Duncan. Dr. Albert, Rev. Lagon and all former pastors are invited. Brethren, put a silver dollar in your pocket for Campt. Come. We have chickens, hogs and turkeys here for you to eat and a spring to quench your thirst. Our day school is going on nicely under the leadership of Prof. R. C. Barrow, of Straight, and Miss L. E. Curtis, of New Orleans University, our own school. She sits at the organ and furnishes music for the Sunday school. The Lord is in this place. The crops are very promising.

A. A. Lacey, Slaughter, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held by our beloved Presiding Elder Marshall, who was accompanied to the seat of the conference by Revs. P. W. Clark and O. O. Wright. Our revival was a success. The church and Sunday school are prospering. We are preparing to enlarge the church. The lumber is bought and on the grounds. We raised this quarter for all purposes \$64. Paid pastor \$62.50, paid Presiding Elder \$5.

H. H. Manzon, Augusta, Ga.

This place is not very cheering. I only wish it was so. Our membership here is small for the population, which is about 40,000 or 50,000. It would help us much if we could establish a fine school here. Other churches here have these facilities and use them strenuously to our hurt. We should have something to attract the aspiring young people. Our revival resulted in 17 converts and 13 accessions. All of these except one were Sabbath school scholars from 9 to 14 years. Through the influence of the Synes Institute the C. M. E. Church predominates here by the thousands. We must offer something to counteract that influence. Our school men will look this way.

A. Quinn, De Soto, Miss.

We are moving on nicely. Our

second quarterly conference was held at Coke's Chapel, June 10, by Rev. A. J. McNair, our Presiding Elder being absent. Sermons were preached by Revs. G. W. Coleman and E. Rodgers. Paid Elder \$8, pastor \$70.94. At night a rousing sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. McNair to a crowded house. The sacrament was administered by Rev. A. J. McNair, Rev. A. B. Logan and Rev. A. Quinn, our pastor.

A. C. Lacy, Augusta, Miss.

The second quarterly conference convened June 27 and 28, Presiding Elder B. L. Crump in the chair. He preached a wonderful sermon, gave the Lord's Supper to 35 and baptized 5 children. Paid to Elder \$10, pastor \$12.

P. Blue, Hickory, Miss.

Sister E. S. Spriggs visited this place and organized an Epworth League, with 52 members. Also held a concert, which added something to our finances. She is a faithful and tireless worker in the church.

B. F. McLeod, Aiken Circuit, S. C.

Having been appointed to the Aiken Mission on the annual conference I found it uncultivated and isolated. Since my arrival I have established two missions and am making every effort to purchase a lot and build a church. We want \$250 by September 2, and we appeal to all benevolent friends of Methodism to aid us. Any assistance will be heartily received and acknowledged.

J. H. Pierre, Union Chapel, Marthaville, La.

August 28, 29 and 30 we will have a grand celebration of the growth of Methodism. Addresses will be delivered by the following ministers: Rev. S. Duncan, Presiding Elder; Rev. O. D. Shallowhorne, of Shreveport; Rev. W. R. Butler, of Baton Rouge; Rev. E. Hutchinson, of Mansfield; Rev. S. S. Wright, of Natchitoches. The general public is invited to attend. Refreshments of all kinds to be had on the grounds.

H. James, Clinton, La.

Rev. E. Lyon, M. A., our efficient Sunday school agent, lectured at this place July 26 to the Sunday school and a lasting impression was made. He very forcibly but kindly impressed the duty of pastor, superintendent, teacher and parents to the children under their care. In conclusion he said: "I have five things to require of you: 1. I will never speak a bad word. 2. I will never use tobacco. 3. I will never drink strong drinks. 4. I will never go to a ball. 5. I will never tell a lie." Then, said he, will you voluntarily agree to keep these things? To which a few of the oldest scholars raised up from their seats and responded amen. At 3 o'clock p. m. Brother Lyon preached an excellent sermon. At night he spoke again to 300 people. I pray God that Brother Lyon may be able to speak to every school and congregation in the bounds of the Louisiana conference this year. Call him, brethren; he will do you good.

J. R. Townsend, Mayesville, S. C.

Our second quarterly conference was held at Clark's Chapel, Oswego, S. C., June 21 and 22. Rev. F. L. Baxter presided. Reports showed increase over the collections of the first quarter. The Elder commended the charge very highly on the advancement made and expressed regret that in consequence of the sudden illness of Rev. B. Gapple he could not serve the people on Sabbath according to appointment. Collected for building purposes \$45.50, for Presiding Elder \$11.20, preacher in charge \$130, for missions \$4.50. We are preparing for the completion of our church building at St. Charles, on the O. S. and N. R. R. We hope to secure a score of subscribers for our excellent organ, the *SOUTHWESTERN*, before the next annual conference.

It was \$20.80 that our people at Howell's Cross Roads, Ala., realized from the receipts of their entertainment to buy a church lot,

and not \$92.80, as published a week or two ago.

H. Matthews, Opelika, Ala.

We observed Easter Sunday. Collection \$3. May 10 was observed as Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Day. Jubilee offering \$4. The fourth Sunday in May the trustees raised \$122 on our new church at Opelika and placed it in the bank. May 30 and 31 our first quarterly conference came off, with Rev. W. F. Smith, Presiding Elder, in the chair. We had a grand time. Paid pastor \$69.34, paid Presiding Elder \$12.50; total \$81.84. June 14 was Children's Day. We had a good time and fine speeches by the school and others. Collection \$3. Total collection this quarter \$213.84.

G. H. Harvey, Helm, Miss.

We had a nice time Jubilee day and raised \$6. We observed Easter Sunday and raised \$2 for missions. Our first quarterly conference was conducted by our beloved Presiding Elder, J. M. Davis. Raised \$4 for Elder. At our second quarterly conference we raised \$8.75.

A. Harrison, Alexander City, Ala.

We have just closed a glorious revival. Conversions 18, accessions 35. We are taking Alexander City for God and Methodism. We observed the Quarter-Centennial Jubilee at Dadeville and Alexander City. Program was carried out grandly. Collection \$26.

O. N. Samples, Gillsville, Ga.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 27, 28, Rev. E. Kirby, of Harmony Grove, presiding. Paid Elder \$13.05, pastor \$24.72. On Sunday, at 9:30 o'clock, a grand love feast was held. The Elder, E. Kirby, preached to a crowded house at 4 a. m. and 8 p. m. W. W. Brown, of the C. M. E. Church, preached at 3 p. m., after which 17 were baptized. The Lord's Supper was administered to 44.

J. M. Walton, Sturges, Miss.

My second quarter was held July 11, 12, by Rev. R. Sewell, Presiding Elder. He exhorted the conference to do their whole duty, to read the *SOUTHWESTERN* and to keep up all the benevolent enterprises of the church. Collection this quarter for pastor \$44, Presiding Elder \$11, missions \$4, Freedmen's Aid \$6, education \$1. The Elder preached to a crowded house and administered the Lord's Supper to 67. The Elder and the writer preached at night at Enpora, Rev. S. M. Taylor's work. Collection \$7. They have a fine new church.

P. S. Bowie, Clarksdale, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference convened July 4, 5, with Rev. J. W. Davis in the chair. Reports showed general prosperity. Paid Presiding Elder \$4, pastor \$26.00. Received 7 persons in full membership. The Elder preached a soul-reviving sermon.

R. T. Smith, Glade Spring, Va.

Rev. O. Boyd, Presiding Elder, held my fourth quarterly conference July 4. He preached an able sermon. Paid Presiding Elder \$11.09, pastor \$14.80.

Wm. Campbell, Starkville Circuit, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held July 9, at Zion Franklin Church, by T. Sewell, Presiding Elder. Received 15 this quarter in full membership, 4 by letter and 2 on probation. Paid pastor \$64.40, Presiding Elder \$12.65, benevolent collections \$12.70. The Elder preached to a crowded house and filled our hearts with joy.

S. H. Garey, Eastman, Ga.

I love the *SOUTHWESTERN* for two reasons: 1. Because it is my church paper. 2. Because it is always full of good things. Children's Day was strictly carried out. Collection \$3.35. The district conference was a great benediction to us. Elder Watts, although not in very good health, was on hand. Every interest of the district was strictly looked after. I have received five members this year, and my Sunday school is much ahead of the membership in numbers.

Our Church.

\$1,250,000

For Missions by Collections Only.

Our Connectional Societies

What they ask for 1891.

Missionary Society	\$1,250,000
Board of Church Extension	253,000
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	250,000
Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	238,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

A Jubilee Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in Cincinnati, July 14. Sixteen of the twenty one directors were present, and in the absence of Bishop Walden, who is in Europe, Hon. Amos Shinkle presided. Since the last annual meeting Rev. Jacob Krehbiel, D.D., had died and a minute was adopted expressing high appreciation of him as an honored minister of Christ and a valuable member of the board. The death of Rev. E. H. Gammon, D.D., of the Rock River Conference was announced and suitable action taken expressing gratitude to God for his noble life, and for his generous gifts amounting in donations for buildings and endowments to \$260,000 for Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

The review of the year's work by Dr. Hartzell, the corresponding secretary, in which reference was also made to the work accomplished during the quarter of a century now ended, awakened thrilling interest among those present, and earned praise and gratitude to the God of the poor in whose service this society has wrought so earnestly and with success so signal.

The committee on the report of the year's work, through its chairman, Dr. Martin, offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

"We congratulate the board and the M. E. Church on the evidence of favor—divine and human—which has marked the brief life of this organization, and on the demand and prospect of still enlarged usefulness in the future. The collection and expenditure of more than three millions of dollars in this line of Christian benevolence in the 25 years of this society, and of \$322,805 during the past year, an increase of \$55,900 over the year preceding, calls for the profoundest gratitude. Nor should the wonderfully productive character of this work, which the secretary and his associates and the Executive Committee have witnessed and managed, be overlooked."

There was special gratification over the fact that the indebtedness of the society had been reduced \$7,298.89 during the past year.

It was felt that a more vigorous working among the colored conferences should be carried forward, which the board felt would result in large contributions for buildings, etc., and in an increase of collections. Rev. M. C. Mason, A.M., B.D., at present pastor of our colored church in Atlanta, Ga., was appointed Field Agent. He will work especially among the colored conferences of the South, under the direction of the corresponding secretary and the Executive Committee. Bro. Mason is a classical graduate of the New Orleans University, and has also taken a full course in theology at Gammon Theological Seminary, and has been a successful pastor and has shown ability in raising money in his churches and in a series of appointments in the North, and has shown adaptability for the work of raising money.

The board resolved that the indebtedness of the society should be gradually reduced, and the Executive Committee was again instructed to sell such portions of

unoccupied lands not needed for school purposes as were available in the wiping out of the debt.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

During the past year nine institutions of collegiate grade were maintained among the colored people with 155 teachers and 3,957 students. Estimated value of the property \$936,000.

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., had an attendance of 79 students and has property worth \$100,000. Young men are taught theology in Biblical departments in several other institutions among the colored people, making in all 231 young men being educated for the ministry.

Eleven academies were maintained among the colored people with 56 teachers and 2,232 students and property worth \$148,000.

Among the whites there are three institutions of collegiate grade. Fort Worth, Little Rock, and U. S. Grant University, at Athens and Chattanooga, Tenn., with 57 teachers and 1,011 students and with property worth \$465,000. Sixteen academies are among the white people with 53 teachers and 2,031 students and with property worth \$152,800.

Total number of schools, 41; teachers, 330; students, 9,310. Different students in the institution from the first since the organization, 54,784; total value of property, \$1,800,000. The titles of \$1,600,000 are held by this society.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT. The total amount expended by the society in twenty five years is \$2,939,969.72. The receipts for the year ending June 30, 1891, are as follows:

Conference collections	\$104,651.00
For lands and buildings	50,419.19
Donations from other sources	29,712.24
From annuities	11,400.00
From bequests	28,906.35
Scholarships	21,000.00
Endowment account	7,201.00
Tuition, room-rent and incidentals	53,775.55
From John F. Slater Fund	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	21,591.15
Total	\$322,656.44
Balance in treasury June 30, 1890	149.50
Total expenditures for the year	\$322,805.94

The assistant corresponding secretaries, Rev. Geo. W. Gray, D.D., and Rev. James S. Chadwick, D.D., were present and participated in the discussions.

The Fourth Sunday in November was designated as "Southern Education Day," and the whole church will be asked to unite in making that day the one in which this cause will be presented everywhere.

Two hundred and forty thousand five hundred dollars was apportioned to the Annual Conference to be raised by collections only. The board took action deprecating the publication from any source of "Rolls of Honor" or apportionments effecting this society not based upon the official apportionment given by the Board of Directors themselves.

The success of the unification movement by which the forty-one institutions of the society, located in thirty-two Annual Conferences, shall be so related to each other as to location, grade, courses of study and text-books was rejoiced in by the board.

These schools are one-fourth of the institutions of learning in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the United States, as classified in the report for 1891, or the Board of Education, and the following points were established:

1. The property is absolutely safe to the church.
2. Schools of similar grade have substantially the same courses of study.
3. Collegiate degrees, in course or honorary, are only conferred by institutions of collegiate grade.
4. No new schools will be founded between the bonds of the Southern States, either among white or colored people, without the consent and co-operation of the society.
5. The Bible is introduced as a text-book in every grade of all the schools whether of theological, collegiate or academic grade.

6. The number of college centers is reduced to the minimum and the academies are so related to these centers as to be feeders for them.

The success of the U. S. Grant University the past year, under the chancellorship of Rev. John F. Spence, D.D., LL.D., was a source of congratulation. Six hundred and twenty-two students were enrolled and the transfer of all the land and buildings owned formerly by the Grant Memorial Board, at Athens, Tenn., to the society, to be a part of the property of the U. S. Grant University, was the most important event in connection with the work among the white people.

The universal sentiment in the two extended sessions of the board was: The outlook for the society was never more hopeful. Earnest prayers were offered for the success of the schools for the coming year. THOMAS PEABE, Sec'y.

General Church News.

A Birds-Eye-View of the Foreign Mission Field.

CHINESE EMPIRE.—Population, 397,000,000—110 Bibles, each letter 1 soul. All Europe and United States. One-quarter of the world Area, 5,500,000.—All Europe and India. Foreign Missions: Male, 598; wives, 390; single women, 316; total, 1,295. Native: Ordained, 209; lay, 1,260; female, 180; total, 1,649. Hospitals, 61; communicants, 37,287. Medical missionaries, 109; of which 38 are females. One male foreign missionary to 674,000 people. Dying 1,200 an hour. Only 1 in 10,000 in China has ever heard of Christ. The missionaries in China are asking that 1,000 new workers be sent to that country at once. There are 85,000 Chinese in the United States, only 10,000 of whom are reached by the Gospel.

JAPAN.—Population, 36,700,000—United States of America, east of Mississippi. Area, 148,456—England, Ireland, Scotland, Denmark and Belgium. Foreign missionaries: Ordained, 172; lay, 14; medical, 16; (8 being ordained, and 2 female); female, 325; (156 being wives); total, 527. Native: Ordained, 135; lay, 409; colporters, 1; female, 125; total, 770. Hospitals, 3; converts, 31,181. Yearly increase about 5,500. Of six million young men less than three hundred thousand have definitely heard the Gospel.

KOREA.—Population, 12,000,000—Foreign missionaries: Ordained, 7; lay, 1; medical, 4; female 13 (being wives); total, 25. Converts, 150. One ordained foreign missionary to 1,700,000 people.

INDIA.—Population, 269,477,728—four times United States of America. Area, 1,383,504—twice United States of America, east of Mississippi. Foreign missionaries: Ordained, 850; lay, 50; female, 600; medical, 90; total (app.) 1,590; total converts, 150,000; Protestants, 500,000. One ordained foreign missionary to 320,000 people. Two hundred and sixteen million unable to read.—Missionary Echo.

Mrs. Mary Grant Cramer, sister of General Grant, delivered interesting temperance addresses on Sunday, June 21, at the Centenary and First Methodist Episcopal Churches, Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. Foster's amendment in favor of a royal commission to obtain data respecting the working of prohibition in other countries, was carried in the Canadian House of Commons by a vote of 107 to 88.

General News Items.

Michigan is to choose Presidential Electors by Congress districts instead of on a State ticket.

The richest colored man in Pennsylvania is John Clark of Pittsburgh, who began with a humble blacksmith-shop twenty years ago, and has made a fortune of \$200,000.

Alex. O. Taylor is the first colored American graduate of the Newark, O., high school.

The last Fourth of July has one

special crown of glory. On that day Hannibal Hamlin, Vice-President of the United States with Abraham Lincoln, died, as three Presidents before him on Independence Day. He was a relic of the past, eighty-two years old, and had served in Congress with Webster and Olay and Benton, then with Seward and Sumner and Stevens, and then with the generation now on the stage. He was a man of pure life and great ability, and on him President Lincoln leaned as few Presidents have leaned upon their associates on the Presidential ticket.

E. W. Baldwin, a white man, of Little Rock, Ark., disguised as a Negro, entered his wife's room and beat her almost to death.—Ex.

And if they had caught this "big, burly" white villain in the act, he would have been around the next morning helping to lynch some innocent Negro.—Langston Herald.

Books and Current Literature.

St. Nicholas for August. The frontispiece by George Wharton Edwards and the poem by Helen Gray Cone are excellent examples of dainty work for old and young alike. Among the more attractive titles in the index we select "The Crowned Children of Europe," by Charles K. Backus. "Vacation Days," a story told in letters, and illustrated by Mrs. Foote's strongly individual pictures. The number has a large and varied table of contents, with good serial stories, and plenty of those shorter bits which one finds just the right mental tonic on a very warm August day. The departments are also full of good things.

Tales of Two Countries is the title of the new volume which Harper & Brothers have just brought out in their "Odd Number Series" of translations from foreign languages. The author is the celebrated Norwegian story-writer, Alexander Kielland, the translator is William Archer.

Thomas A. Janvier's new volume of short stories, which has just been issued by Harper & Brothers, is called The Uncle of an Angel and Other Stories, and is illustrated.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Fall Conferences, 1891.

(CHRONOLOGICAL).

Conference	Place	Time	Bishop
Idaho	Boise City, Idaho	Aug. 12	Bowman
Oregon	Salem, Ore.	19	McGill
Washington	Olympia, Wash.	26	McGill
Black Hills	Spokane, W. Dak.	2	Foster
Cincinnati	Cincinnati, O.	9	Foster
N. W. Nor.	San Jose, Cal.	16	Foster
Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	23	Foster
West	St. Joseph, Mo.	30	Foster
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"THE borrower is servant to the lender." Pay out and keep out of debt.

The SOUTHWESTERN, we are glad to learn was never read with such interesting interest as it is now.

It may be well to discuss men and measures, but it is far more profitable to turn one sinner from the error of his ways to righteousness.

SEEK wisdom, trust in God, do your duty, and God will give you "riches, honor" and whatever else He may deem good for you. Let God choose and direct all of your charges.

THE election and confirmation of the election of Phillips Brooks as the Bishop of Massachusetts is an assured fact. He is one of the greatest preachers of this generation.

A PASTOR is reported to have said, in answer to the question, how he is getting along these days: "Very well, considering the number of brakemen I have in proportion to engineers."

THE war of the rebellion closed more than twenty-six years ago, but the influences of that great continental struggle are as widespread as the human race, and will continue to all generations. The great thing that was accomplished by the war was the destruction of slavery. It broke every yoke, it sundered every chain. But it is clear that all that was hoped for has not been realized. If any obligation ever rested upon any government to complete and finish a good work well begun, then the obligation rests upon the government of these United States to perfect its work of liberation, and enfranchisement, by securing for every man black and white alike the enjoyment of all his rights. We will never cease to demand that the government shall do what it is bound to do by every principle of law and justice.

PITY indeed it is that so many of our pastors will start sickly and weakly papers, which cannot wield any influence whatever, instead of taking hold of the SOUTHWESTERN and pushing it into every home on their work.

If all pastors would put the same energy for the spread of their official church paper, that they do into these little personal and selfish concerns it would not be long before the SOUTHWESTERN could boast of a well merited circulation of 25,000 bona fide subscribers. To this the whole race could point with pride. But then you know some people can't be satisfied unless they can see their names in print every week; even if they must disloyally draw the patronage of their church members from the official organ of the church to their private enterprises. The man who does that violates the letter and spirit of our Discipline which makes him the agent of the Methodist Book Concern. To that extent the agent has acted dishonestly with his principal, the church, which has entrusted him with her business. Laymen may run such papers if they desire to, but our ministers have no right to lead our members into the support of their private concerns to the detriment of the Methodist Book Concern. In fact they are under a sacred vow to be her true and faithful agents.

False Teachers and their Dupes.

Our Lord foretold that false prophets and teachers should arise in the "last days" and deceive, if possible, the "very elect."

One remarkable fulfillment of this is found in the Darbyite tracts and teachers circulating in our midst. One J. W. Darby arose in England fifty years ago, and urged believers to withdraw from all churches, because they were all "sects" and "schisms." His remedy seems to have been the homoeopathic one, "Similia similibus curantur,"—like cures like—since his method of ousting sects and schisms was by making more of them. These people are so blind as not to see that there may be unity in variety. According to them God should have made the human race speak only one language, and all should have been of one color (theirs in both instances, of course). The great number of books in the Bible is a mistake; there should have been one gospel instead of four. St. Paul was a "schismatic" in writing epistles to Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, etc., when one would have done for all. The early church should not have assembled together those ten days preceding Pentecost, for Ananias and Sapphira and other impure members were probably there. Peter, who had denied his Master with an oath, was certainly there, and Thomas, who had doubted him after his resurrection. They should all have withdrawn from the church and gone off to the caves and mountains of Judea to bewail the shortcomings of their brethren. The churches of Corinth and Galatia should have split into as many different fragments as there were members. The seven churches of Asia should have gone to pieces—it was all a mistake for them to hold together and fill the world with martyrs.

The very Bible from which they quote, and whose teachings they ignorantly pervert and misinterpret, is the translation of the great teachers of the churches and printed by the Bible societies sustained by them. At Rockport, Illinois, to-day, one of their kind claims to be Christ; at Cincinnati recently some of them taught they should never die and worshiped a woman who was, they claimed, a new incarnation of the son of God.

These people come with oily words and sanctimonious pretensions. They are sincere and honest, some of them, but most pitifully ignorant. Their teachers and tract writers are, we believe, wicked, ambitious men, doing the devil's work, as an accuser of the brethren, as well described in II Peter, 18, 19—"For uttering great swelling words of vanity they entice in the lusts of the flesh by lasciviousness those who are just escaping from them that live in error, promising them liberty while they themselves are bondservants of corruption."

Let all our people heed the exhortation of St. Paul in II Corinthians vi, 17: "Wherefore come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord."

Perfectly Absurd.

No more senseless absurdity is going the rounds of the press than that started from the recent observations of Gen. Francois A. Walker, superintendent of the Ninth and Tenth Censuses, to the effect that the Negro is practically dying out. He acknowledged the fact that the birth rate of the race is far in excess of that of the whites, but because his present death rate is also higher, he bounds to the absurd conclusion that the race is practically dying out. Does not every sane man know that the race is constantly progressing in those elements that of necessity must materially decrease this high death rate? When this high death rate shall have thus been decreased, is it not quite evident that his vigorous constitution which affords such high birth rate is brought to assert itself in the great multiplication of that race in this country?

Commenting upon the subject the *Inter Ocean* says:

"The increase in agricultural products of the South since slavery was abolished, absolutely and completely refutes the old slander of the colored man as an industrial factor."

The death rate among the colored people is larger than among the whites, but this may be the result of condition, rather than constitution. The colored people of the South, as a rule, poor, and obliged to suffer the discomforts and privations incident to poverty. If a rich man is ill, or his family, the physician's prescriptions can be complied with, no matter what the cost. A trip to California, a sojourn at a watering place, anything, regardless of cost, can be done or had. In many ways the rich have an advantage. The average colored family must not only remain at home, but must endure numerous privations. It is by no means rare that their constitutions are below the American average of strength and tenacity of life.

The censuses will ultimately furnish the data for judging the intellectual development of the race. The progress made during the decade in education will be fairly tested by the percentage of illiteracy in 1890 as compared with 1880. The glimpses already caught of the colored people in that respect would indicate a very encouraging disposition to at least learn to read and write. In some portions of the South it is exceedingly difficult for colored parents to give their children school advantages, but as a rule they are eager to do so, and willing, if need be, to make great sacrifices to enable the children to enjoy the benefits so long denied their race by severe penalties."

It is proposed by the management of the World's Columbian Exposition to have a series of religious congresses during the fair. A general committee of Chicago ministers has been appointed to have charge of the work, of which Rev. John Henry Barrows, D. D., is the chairman, including representatives of the leading religious denominations. The intention is, in these congresses, "to consider the foundations of religious faith; to review the triumphs of religion in all ages; to set forth the present state of religion among the nations and its influence over literature, art, commerce, government and the family life; to indicate its power in promoting temperance and social purity, and its dominance in the higher institutions of learning; to make prominent the value of the weekly rest-day on religious and other grounds; and to contribute to those forces which shall bring about the unity of the race in the worship of God and the service of man. Let representatives from every part of the globe be interrogated and bidden to declare what they have to offer or suggest for the world's betterment; what light religion has to throw on the labor problems, the educational questions, and the perplexing social condition of our time; and what illumination it can give to the subjects of vital interest that come before the other congresses in 1893. It is proposed to have these and similar themes discussed by great masters of human thought from many lands." No doubt this will be made for many persons the most attractive feature of the exposition.

UNDER the separate car law it is provided that both races shall be provided with separate but equal accommodation. The practice however is to bisect the smoker with a half-inch board partition so as to divide it in two. One end is given to the whites for a smoker; the other is preannounced the first, and only class coach for colored passengers. In this half coach or pen, Negroes, Chinese and convicts of both races, in charge of white officers are crowded together, with the roughest of white rowdies who make it a business to come in there

to drink whisky, smoke, or have their shoes blacked. White ladies too come in there to rock their babies to sleep, when they think them too annoying in the regular white coach. This coach however is sacred, and no Negro enters it. Such is the separate car law in its practical operation throughout the South to-day. Such an outrageous law and its practical operation should not be tolerated another day, but thoroughly tested through the supreme courts of the land.

THANK God that the Grand Army of the Republic, at its late encampment at Detroit, dared to do right. They did not forget that more than twenty-five thousand loyal black men of Louisiana, and many tens of thousands besides, bared their breasts to shot and shell for the honor and defense of the old flag. The Grand Army men knew that when a minnie bullet pierced a black man's heart the gushing blood was just as red as any that ever came from the whitest Saxon's. They knew that in camp, and on the march, and in the siege, and in the storm of battle, the black man had been true to the flag and to them. They remembered the shameful massacre of Fort Pillow and other unspeakable infamies the black man had so manfully endured, and they simply said we will, with God's help, stand by the black man. And so they will!

REV. H. H. Moore, D. D., one of the best writers in our church, contributed an article on Christian Science some time ago, to the *Western*, which he concludes as follows:

In Christian Science there are some facts, there is some truth; but clearly its faults are many and pernicious.

1. In religion it is pantheistic—a form of atheism.
2. Contrary to its profession, it can not restore a lost limb or a lost organ, as of the eye or ear, or arrest the progress of a genuine cancer, etc.
3. Medicine can and do have a fine effect upon the body, removing difficulties out of nature's way of effecting a cure.
4. As a substitute for surgery it is of no value, but a stupendous fraud.
5. It may permanently benefit mankind by reducing the use of drugs, and in inducing into the practice of medicine more of the mental elements. Good counsel is often better than drugs.
6. Persons especially endowed with the healing power may in time come to the front and form a class as nurses and physicians.
7. The good of all the specialists may form a school of medicine by and by.
8. The good of Christian Science is now largely overshadowed by its baseless and vicious pretensions.
9. In many cases the law should interfere, and protect the over-credulous.

DR. Crary, of the California *Advocate*, is in favor of the amendment entitling women to admission to the General Conference, but he is calm and law abiding. To the revolutionists who are in favor of forcing women in, by a vote of the next General Conference, whether the amendment is adopted or not, on the plea that the women are already eligible, he says:

"A constitutional amendment sent down to the people is never put into the constitution until it is adopted. It is just as with the pending law concerning women. It is no law until it is adopted."

THE World's Fair at Chicago promises to be the grandest success. The program for the opening, to take place on October 11-14, 1892, has been adopted. The dedication proper will be on Wednesday, October 12, when the President of the United States and distinguished men of every State and from foreign nations will be present and take part in the exercises. The pageant will be such a one as has not been seen by the people of this or any other generation.

Personal.

—The little daughter of Rev. E. Ford, Grosbeck, Texas, accidentally got a stone in her ear, which two doctors failed to recover. He asks the prayers of the church that she may be relieved.

—Miss Mamie Johnson, of the New Orleans University, teaching at Napoleon, La., has had great success there and is very much liked by all the citizens. One evening recently she was very agreeably surprised by a visit from her friends, when ice cream, cakes and other refreshments were served. The affair was led by Martin Hein, August Nelson, Samuel Sims and others.

—Rev. D. G. Butler, pastor at Napoleonville, called last week and got some Sunday school supplies.

—Miss Alice E. Hampton, of Central, principal of the Donaldsonville Academy, with her two lady friends, teachers of Vicksburg; Miss Carrie J. Andrews and Miss Bell W. Banks, are spending a few days in Donaldsonville, guests of the Rev. Mrs. H. J. Wright.

—A note from President John Braden, D. D., of Central Tennessee, says: We expect to be at home next week. Have had a delightful trip. Cool here; thermometer at 50 degrees this morning.

—Dr. J. H. Williams, of Galveston, Texas, has been nominated for a school trustee in that city. The election takes place Aug. 24.

—Bro. L. P. Brown, pastor at Winona, Miss., is quite sick. His doctor thinks the chances are against his recovery.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

The stewards and trustees of First Street Church, unite in endorsing the administration of Bro Montgomery. A new cistern has been built and new gutter troughs for the eaves. Large audiences attend the services and general prosperity prevails.

Bro. Chinn is vigorously pushing the work of remodeling Wesley Chapel. \$5000 is the sum to be expended. In order to secure the necessary means without too much debt, an "Embraze Epps Day" has been suggested for next Sunday, the 23d, on which day all are asked to contribute one dollar. We hope a thousand dollars will be raised at this meeting.

Pleasant Plains Church, D. J. Price pastor, will hold a joint class bazar five nights next week.

THE white Democratic Legislature of 1866, passed a bill, framed, introduced and pressed to final passage by Judge Fenner, licensing all lotteries in the State of Louisiana for \$10,000 a year each. This was the first lottery legislation after the war.—Baton Rouge *Advocate*.

Those who are constantly denouncing carpetbaggers and Negroes for the injection of the infamous lottery curse in the economy of this State, should read, ponder and inwardly digest the above excerpt.

DISCRIMINATION against voters who elect, in favor of men who have power to nominate only, must go.—Washington *Pilot*.

Nonsense. Whose fault is it that the colored vote of the South is not counted? Fifteen-sixteenths of the Negroes of this country are in the South, and it savors of the utmost treachery to demand that they shall not receive the recognition due their overwhelming number, because the nation allows a relentless minority to oppress their votes. The voice of the patriot would rather demand that their votes be freely cast and fairly counted. We make no objection to the demand of Northern Negroes for full recognition at the hands of the party they support, but the *Pilot* should hang its head in shame when it bases its demands upon such an outrageous assumption.

In Memoriam.

The Western District of the North Carolina Conference, at its recent session at Hickory, N. C., adopted the following tribute to the memory of the late Rev. E. H. Gammon:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His alwise Providence to call from this life our brother Rev. E. H. Gammon, a great friend of humanity, a special and profound friend to the colored race, and the founder of Gammon Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the colored race in his death has lost a great friend and benefactor.

Resolved, That the Western district of the North Carolina Conference, do hereby pay the highest tribute of respect to the name of our deceased brother and benefactor, and hold in great reverence the work he has already established and left for our uplifting.

A copy of these resolutions were sent to Sister Gammon as an expression of sympathy with her. The resolutions were submitted by the following committee: Marcus Munday, Geo. W. Hill, John A. Rush.

A POSTAL card from Rev. Don W. Nichols, Nankin, China, May 24, reads: "This Sabbath morning we held our usual Sunday services in perfect quietude. This afternoon we are busy packing our clothing ready to flee at a moment's notice. The city is in an uproar over the prospect of an immediate riot. The officials claim that they are powerless to prevent it. All the ladies will leave the city to-morrow. News came from the secretary at the Viceroy's Yamen that a riot was sure to break out on Wednesday, and that the Viceroy was indifferent about it. I shall remain in the city and look after our interests here until forced to leave by the mob. I will look after our property in the West and Brother Ferguson in the North City. We cannot tell what a day may bring forth. This we know, God liveth and reigneth over all."

An old anecdote of John Wesley is going the rounds of the press, characteristic of his good sense in regard to theological questions, which we reprint. One of Mr. Wesley's preachers, wishing to marry a certain lady, consulted Mr. Wesley, who advised him against the union on the ground of an unsuitable temper in the lady. "But," said the preacher, "is she not a child of God?" "Yes," said Mr. Wesley, "but God has some children with whom he can live at peace, but nobody else can."

The Rev. Q. A. Graham, of the Blue Ridge Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, and principal of Graham Academy, at Bethlehem, N. C., has arrived in New York, intending to spend some time in the North.

THE day of small things not to be despised.—"Once, when John Newton preached in a village, such was the indifference that only a handful came to hear him. But he was loyal to Christ, and gave the best he had. Among that little number was Thomas Scott. The sermon turned his thoughts towards the truth, and all the christian influences of 'Scott's Commentary' may be traced to that sermon."

REV. O. Boyd, of the Bristol district, East Tennessee conference, writes us that it is not true that the conference elected a delegate to general conference. He thinks the report was inspired by some one who would like to be a delegate.

THE Emperor of Germany says: "One alone is master in this country. It is I. None other shall I suffer near me."

It seems passingly strange that such a doctrine is possible from any source in this enlightened age.

DAILY BREAD.

Christ proved centuries ago that the sympathetic touch is healing.—Roe.

A Christian is the gentlest of men; but then he is a mau.—O. H. Spurgeon.

The best preparation for the future is the present well seen to.—Melancthon.

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.—Edward Everett.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.—Holmes.

By the street of By-and-by one arrives at the house of Never.—German Proverb.

Educate men without religion and you make them but clever devils.—Duke of Wellington.

Every duty we omit obscures some truth we should have known.—John Ruskin.

To hope and not be impatient is really to believe.—Thomas Carlyle.

I consider that man to be undone who is insensible to shame.—Plautus.

Many men are esteemed because they are not known.—Wm. Wilberforce.

Christ leads one through no darker rooms than he went through before.—Baxter.

Religion is the best armor a man can have, but it is the worst cloak.—Bunyan.

If we make religion our business God will make it our blessedness.—John Adams.

The clever thing to do is to find out people's merits.—Arthur Heeps.

He that buys and lies shall find the lie left in his purse behind.—Cervantes.

Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's own fingers.—Hans Christian Andersen.

People who are always wishing they had something to do for the Lord might as well stop looking sour to begin with.

There is lots of room in this world for people who have the same kind of religion at home that they have at camp meeting.

The people who really pray are always sure of an answer, but only about one prayer in a thousand has any real meaning in it.

There is a self-conceit in every man that makes him refuse to receive help from God as long as he thinks he can help himself.

Men will skin one another clear down to the bone in trade, but would starve before they would go into housebreaking as a business.

God always leaves a window in heaven open through which to hear and help the man who is wholly engaged in his service.

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame, he remembereth that we are dust."

These six things doth the Lord hate; yea seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies and he that soweth discord among brethren.—Prov. vi, 16, 19.

John Bunyan said: "I never had, in all my life, so great an inlet into the Word of God, as now (during his twelve years' imprisonment), inasmuch as that I have often said, were it lawful, I could pray for even greater trouble for the greater comfort's sake."

Like the air the church must press equally on all the surfaces of society; like the sea, flow into every nook of the shore line of humanity, like the sun, shine on things foul and low as well as fair and high, for she was organized, commissioned and equipped for the moral renovation of the world.—Bishop Simpson.

Christ built no church, wrote no book, left no money, erected no monuments; yet show me ten square miles on earth without Christianity, where the life of man and the purity of woman are respected, and I will give up Christianity.—Prof. Drummond.

"Well, grandma," said a little boy, resting his elbows on the old lady's stuffed arm chair, "what have you been doing here at the window all day by yourself?" "All I could," answered dear grandma, cheerily. "I have read a little and prayed a good deal, and then looked out at the people. There's one little girl, Arthur, that I have learned to watch for. She has sunny brown hair, her brown eyes have the same sunny look in them, and I wonder every day what makes her look so bright. Ah, here she comes now." Arthur took his elbows off the stuffed arm and planted them on the window sill. "That girl with the brown apron on?" he cried, "why, I know that girl. That's Susie Moore, and she has a dreadful hard time, grandma." "Has she?" said grandma. "Oh, little boy, wouldn't you give anything to know where she gets all that brightness from, then?" "I'll ask her," said Arthur, promptly, and to grandma's surprise he raised the window and called: "Susie, O Susie, come up here a minute; grandma wants to see you!" The brown eyes opened in surprise, but the little maid turned at once and came in. "Grandma wants to know, Susie Moore," explained the boy, "what makes you look so bright all the time?" "Why, I have to," said Susie. "You see, papa's been sick a long while, and mamma's is tired with nursing, and baby's cross with her teeth, and if I didn't be bright who would be?" "Yes, yes, I see," said dear old grandma, putting her arm around this little streak of sunshine. "That's God's reason for things; they are because somebody needs them. Shine on, little sun; there couldn't be better reason for shining than because it is dark at home."—Sunbeam.

Homiletics.

Hymns 62, 581, 584.
Scripture Lesson, Matt. xxv, 14, 46.
Text—Matthew xxv, 18. "But he that receiveth one talent went and digged in the earth and hid his Lord's money."

Introduction.—Our text is taken from the parable of the talents.

The word "talent" is derived from a word which means "balance," and in olden times gold and silver were weighed, and it came to mean a certain sum of money. In our language the word has lost its first meaning entirely, and is now chiefly used with reference to intellectual ability, with a tendency, however, to widen out into the ability of a man to do anything. In this we see the influence of the parable, for in this broad sense we must take it there. The all-important personage in this parable is the good-for-nothing servant with the one talent. The good and faithful servants merely serve as a background for him. When we view one of Raphael's Madonnas we never think of the landscape. When we look at Turner's pictures we can see only the rippling, flowing water and oars nothing for the fishermen and boats. When we see Rosa Bonheur's "Horse Fair," we forget the men who held the horses and are lost in admiration of those wondrous Norman steeds.

So in this parable the man with the one talent is the centre of interest—all the rest is but a background for his wicked, slothful worthlessness.

I. The sin of the unfaithful ser-

vant. His sin is not mainly in what he does, it is in what he does not do. It is again a misdirection of his faculties. "He digged in the earth and hid his Lord's money." To dig in the earth was not wrong, to hide money in the earth was not wrong. It was the common way, indeed, in those days of wars and robbers. Our Lord's parable of the hid treasure is based on this custom. But his Lord had not given him his money for this purpose. He may have justified himself by saying that the times were dangerous, and he had better hide the money entrusted to him, but this showed both a lack of faith and of obedience. And this was really based on slothfulness and wickedness. He grew careless and unconcerned, went about his own ways, pursued his own plans and pleasures. But after a long time—

"The mills of God grind slowly, But they grind exceeding small."—"The Lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them." The faithful servants account and receive their reward. Last of all—thoroughly afraid now to come at all—comes the servant with the one talent. He digged in the ground once to bury it. He digs again to unbury it. He attempts to justify himself by accusing and maligning his Lord. "Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown and gathering where thou hast not strawed." He compares his Lord to an unmerciful, extortionate, oriental tyrant. His Lord does not defend himself. He says: granted that all this is true, it does not destroy thy responsibility. It should only have increased thy care in view of thine account.

II. The condemnation of the unfaithful servant. "Take therefore the talent from him and give unto him which hath ten talents, for unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance. From him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. His condemnation is two-fold—*natural* and *penal*. *Natural* in what he brings on himself through remorseless law. *Penal* in what is inflicted on him by the higher power he has outraged.

Talents not used do not remain simply the same. "Lo, then, thou hast that is thine" was false. The fishes in the Mammoth Cave are blind—they have what looks like eyes, but take the scalpel out and the optic nerve will be found atrophied and ruined. They live in perpetual darkness, and nature has taken their eyes from them. Talents unused are lost. And opportunities neglected pass over to those who will improve them. But the condemnation is *penal* likewise. The wicked servant has profound darkness. He shall go now to "his own place." Remorse and regret will torture him like scorpions—but too late! too late!

III. Where shall we find the wicked servant of the parable to-day? The man with the one talent is our human race—it is every one of us. We see a picture of the possible and the actual. How many men to-day are "digging in the earth" to hide the talents they should use. It is said of Mammon, once an archangel, that, "Even in heaven his looks and thoughts were always downward bent, admiring more The riches of heaven's pavement—trodden gold—Than aught divine or holy."

A man may have worldly ambitions in the Church of God, and think more of his own position and influence than of Christ and the souls of men. In that case he is digging deeper in the earth than any other class of men.

Apply all that has happened to the servant in the parable and we have what will happen to the man in the church or in the world who digs in the earth and hides his Lord's talent.

Marriages.

Jeannerette, La.—At St. Peter M. E. Church, Edward Johnson to Miss Elizabeth, August 6.

Also Charley Lanis to Miss Julia Lee, at the same church, August 6.
J. A. Vincent, P. C.

Obituary.

Benton, Miss.—Bro. Anderson Grant fell asleep in Jesus July 24, in full triumph of faith. He was born August 4, 1876, and professed religion under the preaching of the writer in 1889.

Sister Fannie Grant, 17 years of age, fell asleep in Jesus July 30. She was taken sick the same day her brother died and lingered until Thursday morning. Sister Fannie professed religion in 1889, joined Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church, and was a faithful member and a teacher in the Sunday school. She was crowned Queen on Children's day. She leaves a mother, father and brother.
J. I. Garrett, P. C.

Jackson, La.—On the night of the 8th inst., James Ingham, a native of North Carolina and a resident of Louisiana for upwards of 15 years, aged over 60 years. Those who stood around him in his expiring moments say that he gave signs of having saving faith in Christ. He leaves a wife, step-son and friends to mourn.

J. A. Tircuit, P. C.

Spay, Miss.—Sister Maggie Kennedy departed this life July 10. She was a good member of Mt. Nebo M. E. Church and Sunday school. She left in full triumph of faith. She leaves a mother, father, brothers, sisters, and many kindred and friends.

H. A. Johnson, P. C.

Reanner Circuit, Ark.—Sister Elvira Agnew departed this life July 18, leaving a husband and 7 children. She died in full triumph, aged 53 years. She was a member of the church 36 years.
A. Hardeman, P. E.

First Street M. E. Church, New Orleans.—Sister Julia Young departed this life April 25, 1891, in triumph.

Sister Eliza Stewart departed this life May 10, 1891. She lived and died a Christian.

Brother Anthony Gray departed this life August 8, 1891, in full triumph. He was the oldest member of the church, aged 75, and an officer in the church 40 years. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn his loss.
T. G. Montgomery, P. C.

Headache, costiveness, and piles are thoroughly cured by a judicious use of Ayer's Pills.

You can make money during vacation—canvassing for the SOUTHWESTERN, "The House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." Write for terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

A LETTER from George Washington has been brought to light in which he says that he cannot sell his overplus of slaves because he is "principled against the traffic in human beings." This will not tend to increase respect for his memory on the part of some people. It will multiply it however in some other people. See?

Takes 1000 people to buy Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, at 50 cents a bottle, to make up \$500.

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After all, the mild agencies are the best. Perhaps they work more slowly, but they work *surely*. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are an *active* agency but *quiet* and *mild*. They're sugar-coated, easy to take, never shock nor derange the system and half their power is in the mild way in which their work is done. Smallest, cheapest, easiest to take. One a dose. Twenty-five cents a vial. Of all druggists.

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The Chicago *Conservator*, a colored paper, commenting upon the service of that class of teachers among our people says:

"Foremost among the heroes of the present day are the thousands of white teachers who leave home and friends at the North to go South to teach among the colored people. Few realize the extent of the sacrifice they make and the hardships they undergo. They are poorly paid, for most of the educational institutions are poor and of course can give but meagre salaries. Besides this they are subjected to many insults and the most rigid social exclusion from white people. They are treated as social pariahs unfit for recognition and scarcely entitled to respect.

Despite this fact thousands of noble white men and women give the best years of their lives in the work of educating the race. They toil finding their reward, not in the few dollars they so hardly earn, not in winning the respect of the communities in which they live for this they do not receive but in the unspeakable appreciation and devotion of the race they so unselfishly serve. They are pioneers in a grand work and far above the value of money or social popularity, their labors bring them the reward which always wait upon labor well done. They are still further rewarded by the gratitude of a people who truly appreciate the work done in their behalf."

Recognizing the work of these worthy people, the *Fisk Herald* of a recent date says:

"A more consecrated body of noble men and noble women can be found nowhere. The Fisk student has a peculiar reverence for his instructor. While in the general routine of daily affairs and in the general clash of mind with mind, this may not be very apparent, still the current of the lives of those who have been turned from the cotton to the college, from the field to the forum, from the plantation to the pulpit, from ignorance to intelligence, from wrong to righteousness, will flow on to bless their memory." Amen! Amen!!

There are over 100,000 students in the colleges and universities in the United States.

West Point Military Academy has graduated 3,384 representatives since its establishment in 1802.

Next to revivals, christian education is now the subject of greatest importance before the church.—Texas Advocate.

ONE benefit of the present tariff law which the average Demos-thenes of the stump is unaware of is that all books printed in a foreign language now come in free. What a boon to our poor scholars who love to read the lore of other tongues, but formerly had to pay 25 per cent for doing so. There are several other things that the above mentioned howler of the hustings is unaware of, but space and the purpose of the present writing will not permit a mention of them now.

MANY of our colored exchanges reminds us of the lottery press in this section. They scarcely contain anything but politics. The thing is sickening. Nearly all of them are worshippers of some political god or other that rewarded them with a petty office, or they are political kickers and grumblers, that are to be hushed as soon as they are given a political treat. It is an outrageous shame. It would be far better to drive a plane, swing a hammer, weed a row or do anything else, than grind out such a shameful and worthless existence.

"Why, now I cannot get enough eat," says one lady who formerly had no appetite, but took Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THIS is from the St. Louis *Advocate*: "Sir," said an ardent Methodist at a recent conference which he was addressing on the subject of the admission of women to the conference, "Sir, not an angel in heaven, not an elder, not a bishop, not even an editor has anything new to say on the subject!" That last assertion settled the matter."

WE shudder as we look upon the young among us that are working their way to the jails and penitentiaries. This fact involves tremendous responsibilities upon parents and pastors. Take hold of the young people, brethren, take hold. Our hope for the future is the young people.

THE men who have become the great benefactors of mankind, are not the iconoclastic critics, but those who, denying themselves of ease and pleasure, have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work to remedy and improve the defections in existing systems.

THE Nebraska *Advocate* observes that our senior bishop is the smallest and our junior bishop the largest physically of the Episcopal board.

Be Sure

If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar medicine, possessing, by virtue of its peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation, curative power superior to any other article. A Boston lady who knew what she wanted, and whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below:

To Get

"In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me to buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their's would last longer; that I might take it on ten days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I knew what Hood's Sarsaparilla was. I had taken it, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other."

Hood's

When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable, suffering a great deal with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly stand. I looked, and had for some time, like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." Mrs. ELIA A. GORF, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

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SISTER'S ADVICE.

Don't drink it, Tom, don't drink it;
Put the tempting glass aside,
Remember what you promised, Tom,
When our dear mother died;
Remember her sweet counsel,
When our earnest life began;
Come out in God's bright sunshine,
Tom,
Come out, and be a man.

Don't drink it, Tom, don't drink it;
If you do you'll thirst for more;
'Twill rob you of your senses, Tom,
As once it did before.
Your blood is young and ardent,
As your heart is pure and true,
Oh! listen to my pleading, Tom,
Strong drink is not for you.

Don't drink it, Tom, don't drink it.
Put the tempting glass aside;
Refuse it for her sake, dear Tom,
Who soon will be your bride,
Oh! make the future happy,
Of your darling if you can;
Come out in God's bright sunshine,
Tom,
Come out and be a man.

The Household.

How to Treat One in a Faint.

This is something every person should know. First of all loosen every tight thing from around the neck or abdomen; that is, unfasten the collar from around the neck, and if the patient is a lady cut her stay laces if she wears stays. Allow the person all the fresh air possible, do not crowd around, and if in a crowded place carry the patient out, or to the open window. A fainting person should always be laid flat on the back, and it greatly aids recovery if the head can be put lower than the body, so that blood goes readily to the brain. The main cause of fainting is that the brain is deprived of blood, and if the head is laid low the brain can get its share again, and so resume its workings. Cold water sprinkled over the face, smelling salts, or burning feathers held to the nose, and fanning the face, all help to restore consciousness. In an ordinary case the person may be allowed to sit up when conscious, and after a little rest resume her way. The custom of giving brandy or other spirits to a person who has fainted is, says Dr. Allinson, a mischievous one; allow the person to come to, then let her slowly drink a cupful of cold water, and no harm is done. But if brandy is given, the person may pass from one fit to another, or become ill from the drink given. Medicines of any kind are not needed after fainting, only care must be taken to take things quietly for the next few hours. Persons subject to these attacks must keep out of close, hot, and unventilated places, either of devotion or of amusement; they should not take Turkish baths, nor even hot baths, in place of the latter they may have a sponge all over with hot water. Tea and coffee must not be drunk by those subject to fainting attacks; if ladies, they must not wear corsets. Men must not use tobacco in any form, nor drink intoxicants, if subject to these attacks. Heavy and indigestible foods, like pork, veal, ham, etc., must be avoided; as must heavy work.—*Weekly Echo.*

Things Here and There.

It is safer to filter and boil drinking water.

Exercise in open air whenever the weather permits.

Remove egg stains from table silver by rubbing with salt.

Cranberry sauce (not very sweet) freely eaten, is said to cure skin eruptions.

The word "preface," used in the beginning of books, was originally a word of welcome to a meal, and was equivalent to "Much good may it do you."

A feather bed or mattress will remain clean and in excellent condition for years if kept in a case of common sheeting, which can be removed and washed at will.

I SUFFERED from acute inflammation in my nose and head—for a week at a time I could not see. I used Ely's Cream Balm and in a few days I was cured. It was wonderful how quick it helped me.—Mrs. Georgie S. Judson, Hartford, Conn.

Letters from the Laity.

Sallie L. Parker, Pewee Valley, Ky.
The reopening of Sycamore Chapel M. E. Church was on July 2. Rev. G. W. Thomas, ex-Presiding Elder, preached a sermon very suitable to the occasion. We have remodeled our church with a beautiful bell tower in front 50 ft. high, and other improvements. We have newly painted the church inside and out, and furnished it with an entire new set of furniture. Our pastor, Rev. F. P. Fielding, is the right man in the right place, his fourth year with us. Our church is improving financially and spiritually.
[Now you had better order one of our bells—Ed.]

P. A. Cook, Monroe, La.
Bro. Goings is doing a grand work and making ready to erect the new building. On the fourth Sunday we are to have a union meeting, and a basket meeting on the second Sunday in August. Bro. Goings raised on his last rally \$92.85. Bro. Price enclosed our lot for the new building before he left, and Bro. Goings is making preparations for the new building.

Mahaley Williams, Stony Point.
Our second quarterly conference convened June 6 and 7. Rev. J. F. Marshall, Presiding Elder, was present. On Sunday we had a union meeting. Several ministers, with Presiding Elder, preached during the day. We had a grand time. The Lord's Supper was administered at night to 50. Paid Presiding Elder \$11, to pastor \$112, other expenses \$9. Our Sunday school is in a prosperous condition. Nine have been converted this quarter. We have bought and paid for one acre of land. The old SOUTHWESTERN is a light to our church.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I would like to find my son Shandy. His master's name was Matthew Lacey. His mistress, Sophia Lacey. They lived near Spring Hill, Miss. My sister's name was Rhoda Toler, and her husband was Dabney Toler. She belonged to Susan Thomas, and her husband to Wm. Toler. I afterwards belonged to Matthew McCallough. I had three brothers, Randal, Daniel and George, and a sister Maria, who married Chas. Thomas. Any one knowing anything about him would greatly oblige by addressing
ISAAC JOHNSON.
1218 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my sisters. There were three of them, Jane Ann Bell, Harriet Ann Bell, and Elizabeth Bell. We belonged to a man by the name of George Bell, and we lived on the Blue Ridge, Virginia, between Clark and Lowden counties. I also had a brother named Harrison Bell and an uncle by the name of Edward Bell. He cut his hand off before he would be sold to the Southern States. My name is Mary Bell. Any information will be thankfully received. My mother's name was Millie Ann Bell. Address me at Vicksburg, Miss., 404 Openwood street.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my brother, Henry Gatlin. He left here last fall a year ago, and went to St. Joseph, La. My name is Thomas Ellis. We have another brother named William Gatlin, and our mother's name is Jane Williams. Any information concerning his whereabouts thankfully received. Address me at Galliton, Copiah county, Miss.

THOMAS ELLIS.

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Fast Mail	8:25 a.m.	Fast Mail	8:25 p.m.
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Local	8:00 p.m.	Local	12:01 p.m.
No. 41, Memphis & Kius.		No. 42, Memphis & Kius.	
City Fast Ex.	8:30 a.m.	City Fast Ex.	8:30 p.m.
No. 5, McComb City & Acad.	8:50 a.m.	McComb City & Acad.	8:50 p.m.

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No. 52, Cal. ex.	7:30 p.m.	No. 51, Cal. ex.	8:00 a.m.
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Sunday-School and Children.

SECOND QUARTER.—Studies in the Gospel of St. John. Lesson VIII. Christ the Bread of Life. John 6: 26-40. Commit to memory verses 33-35. Aug. 23, 1891. A. D. 29.

HOME READINGS.

M. John 6: 26-34. Tn. John 6: 35-40. W. John 6: 41-51. Th. John 6: 52-58. F. Exod. 16: 11-17. S. Eph. 2: 11-18. S. John 8: 20-30.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Lord, evermore give us this bread. (John 6: 34.)

LESSON HYMN, S. 7.

Laboring and heavy laden,
Wanting help in time of need,
Fainting by the way from hunger,
"Bread of life!" on thee we feed.

In the land of cloud and shadow,
Where no human eye can see,
Light to those who sit in darkness,
"Light of life!" we walk in thee.

Thou the grace of life supplying,
Thou the crown of life wilt give;
Dead to sin, and daily dying,
"Life of life!" in thee we live.

Time—April, A. D. 29, immediately after the incidents of the last lesson.

Place—Capernaum.
Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—Jesus hastened away from the multitude he had miraculously fed, into solitude. His disciples started back across the lake. A great storm arose. Jesus walked toward them upon the sea, and, seeing their terror, said, "It is I; be not afraid." He stepped aboard, and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. The crowds came around the head of the lake in search of the wonder-working Teacher, and at last found him in Capernaum, where this conversation was held.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Earthly Bread, v. 26-31.

For what reason did Jesus say the people followed him?

For what did he tell them not to labor?

What ought they to labor for?

What question did the people ask?

Of what work of God did he tell them?

What did they ask about a sign?

What did they say about their fathers?

What kind of food did a psalmist call this? (Psa. 78: 25.)

What should be our prayer for earthly bread? (Luke 11: 3.)

2. Heavenly Bread, v. 32-40.

Who alone could give true bread?

Who is this true bread?

What did the people then ask? (Golden Text.)

What did Jesus say about hunger and thirst?

What about the people's unbelief?

What promise did he make to those who seek him?

For what purpose did he come from heaven?

What is the will of the Father?

What assurance of safety have believers in Christ?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. For what we should labor?

2. On whom we should believe?

3. In whom we should trust?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Read over again the last lesson and the verses between it and this lesson.

Read the account of the feeding of the Israelites with manna.

Is there another case of miraculous feeding mentioned in the Bible?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Who sought Jesus? The multitude that he had fed.

2. For what did Jesus prove them? For not hungering and thirsting after righteousness?

3. What did Jesus say would enable them to "work the works of God?" Belief on Christ.

4. Who is the "bread of God?" The Lord Jesus Christ.

5. What does he say about those who turn to him? "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

EXPLANATIONS.

Saw the miracle—Better, "witnessed the signs." Meat—Food.

Believe on him—Identify yourselves in every way with the Messiah. Did eat manna—"After all, they thought the feeding of five thousand was less marvelous than the manna, and Moses was not the Messiah." Moses gave you not—Christ will not allow himself to be unfavorably compared with Moses. The true bread—Spiritual food. Evermore give us this bread—A superficial and unspiritual prayer. Bread of life—Bread that giveth life. Believe not—They sought a feeder for their stomachs, not a Saviour for their souls. Seeth—Contempesth.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The unity of the Father and the Son.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

83. What special example for prayer is given us in Scripture? The Lord's prayer.

84. Can you repeat the Lord's prayer? Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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CHRISTINA BROWN,
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Palestine District, Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

Butler	Sept. 19-20
Buffalo	26-27
Madisonville	Oct. 3-4
Leona	10-11
Heard	16-18
Franklin	17-18
Sutton	20
Cotton Gin	24-25
Stewart's Mill	Oct. 31 and Nov. 1
Sau Augustine	7-8
Nacogdoches	12
New Birmingham	14-15
Jacksonville	21-22
Palestine cir.	27-29
Palestine	28-29

Dear Brethren: The fourth round is the home stretch. Push your benevolent collections to the gate.

W. WESLEY, P. E.

Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

Third Round.

Macon	Ang. 29-30
Shugnakal	Sept. 5-6
Maunslaville	12-13
Deerbrook	19-20
Crawford	26-27
KocCool	30
Kocinsko	Oct. 3-4
Kocinsko cir.	3-4
Durnst	6
West Station	9
Pickens	10-11
Goodman	17-18
Ex-Prairie	20-21
Bee Lake	22
Lexington	24-25
Tchula	26
Greenwood	27
Minter City	28
Itahena	29
Carrollton	30

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W. McDONALD, P. E.

Columbus District, West Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

District Conference, Alleyton	Sept. 17-21
Columbus sta.	26-27
Columbus cir.	Oct. 3-4
LaGrange	10-11
LaGrange cir.	17-18
Industry	24-25
Weimar and Schulenburg	Oct. 31 and Nov. 1
Oakland	7-8
Sublime	14-15
Hallettsville	21-22
Edna and Wharton	28-29
Fannin and Mission	Dec. 5-6
Victoria and Spring Creek	12-13

C. L. MADISON, P. E.

Camp Meeting.
Of the Caledonia Circuit, Upper Mississippi Conference, will take place September 5-13. All the ministers of the conference are invited. It will be held three miles north of Columbus, Miss.

W. H. WHITLOCK, P. C.
J. C. ECKLES, P. E.

Greenville District, Upper Mississippi Conference.
Third Round.

Woodburn	Ang. 22-23
Waco and Monnd Bayon	23-24
Greenville	29-30
Arcola	Sept. 5-6
Belmont	5-6
Indianola	12-13
Sniflow	13-14
Paiconia	19-20
Shelby	26-27
Clarkdale	Oct. 3-4
Tunica	10-11
Jonestown	10-11
Dublin	17-18
Webb	24-25
Stormville	26-27
Gunnison	28-29

Brethren, push your benevolent work, so you can be able to make a full report.

J. W. DAVIS, P. E.

District Conferences and Special Meetings.

Birmingham Dist. Conf., Birmingham, Ala.	Ang. 5-11
Indiana Dist. Conf., Bloomington, Ind.	Ang. 6-9
Austin district conference, Belton, Tex.	6
Dadeville district conference, Dadeville, Ga.	6-9
Savannah district conference, Mt. Vernon, Ga.	Ang. 12
San Antonio district conference, Cnro, Texas.	" 12
Alexandria district conference, Washington, La.	" 12
Gainesville Dist., Elberton, Ga.	Ang. 12
Shreveport district conference, Natchitoches, La.	" 13
Houston district Sunday School Institute, Beaumont, Tex.	" 13
Camp meeting, Shubuta, Miss.	" 13
Monroe district conference, Bastrop, La.	" 21
Cumberland River district conference, Gordonville, Tenn.	" 25
Marshall district conference, Queen City, Tex.	Ang. 6
Huntsville district conference, Courtland, Ala.	Ang. 31

The Editor or Business Manager will attend as many of these district conferences and special meetings as possible, but whether they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, when we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circulation. It can be done. Will you do it?

Texarkana District, Little Rock Conference.

Third Round.

Caddo Gap	Ang. 19-20
Piney Grove	22-23
Ebenezer	Sept. 5
Hope and Washington	12-13
Gordon	19-20
Hot Springs	27-28
Texarkana, Wheeler and Visitor's Chapel	Oct. 3-4
Lewisville	10-11
Candfield	17-18
Magnolia	24-25
Cauden	28-29
Fulton	Oct. 30 and Nov. 1

A. PHILLIPS, P. E.

San Antonio District, West Texas Conference.

Third Round.

Cnro	Ang. 15-16
Pleasanton cr.	22-23
Ridgelyville—S. W. Harvey	22-23
Rondo cr.—J. H. Brawley	29-30
Beville	29-30
Flatonia	Sept. 1-2
Gonzales	5-6
Gonzales cir.	7-8
Belmont	12-13
Lockhart	16-17
Luling	19-20
Seguin	21-22
Laveria and Mt. Pleasant	26-27

Dear Brethren: Do your best for the success of every cause.

H. SWANN, P. E.

Meridian District, Mississippi Conference.

Third Round.

Daleville	Ang. 15-16
Meridian cir.	20
Meridian	22-23
Enterprise	29-30
Stonewall	Sept. 31
Quitman	1
DeSoto	2
Shubuta cir.	3
Shubuta	4
Waynesboro	5-6
Heidelberg	12-13
Lake Como	15
Paulding	17
Garlandville	18
Lake	19-20
Hickory	20-21
Hickory	22
Chunkey	23
Forest	24
DeKalb	26-27
Philadelphia	29
Edinburg	Oct. 1
Carthage	3-4

The great educational meeting for the new building of Meridian Academy will be held at Meridian, Miss., August 23. Among the speakers to be present are Dr. J. C. Hartzell, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Dr. A. E. P. Albert, and others.

J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

Sunday School Institute.

The pastors on the various charges on the Little Rock district, Little Rock Conference are hereby notified to send a Sunday school superintendent and one delegate for every fifty scholars or fraction thereof, to the Sunday School Institute which convenes in Wesley Chapel, August 27, 1891, at 9 o'clock a. m. The object of the call is to discuss plans and methods to promote the general interest of the Sunday Schools on the district. Pastors may represent their schools in cases where superintendents cannot attend. The preachers throughout the Little Rock Conference are invited. No pains will be spared to entertain the delegates. W. H. CRAWFORD, Chairman. J. E. TOOMBS, Secretary.

Notice.

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Editorial Notes.

May we this life improve,
To mourn for errors past;
And live this short revolving day
As if it were our last.

—John Wesley.

How do you expect your preacher to pay his debts if you do not pay him? This constant charge of preachers not paying their debts in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred is due to the faithlessness of churches promising to pay a preacher so much a year, and then not paying him. "Owe no man."

Why not organize the Epworth League on every charge in our territory. It is one of the best auxiliaries that we can put in operation in our charges. Write to the Rev. J. L. Harbut, D.D., corresponding secretary, S. S. Union, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, for further information.

THE law of this state requires ministers and others who celebrate marriages to make returns to the county clerk within a definite, specified time. Some ministers are careless and neglect to comply with the law. Their example is bad to say the very least. They should be exemplary as supporters of the law. This remissness has caused trouble of a more serious character. Often important interests hang on the filing of these records. We once secured a transcript of a marriage record over thirty-five years old, and it was the means of procuring a pension for a needy old lady.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Rev. Dr. Carman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, gives the following reasons for publishing and supporting a church paper. 1. To set forth and maintain its doctrines; 2. To defend and explain its polity; 3. To advocate and extend its enterprises; 4. To interchange thought among its ministers and people; 5. To inform its constituency of the movements of other churches and the progress of christianity in the world; 6. To keep the patrons abreast the times in general literature and intelligence; 7. To develop the mind of the church in the discussions of the great themes of time and eternity.

A GOOD rule for everybody to follow is to buy nothing until you can pay for it, and buy nothing that you do not need. Our preachers especially should observe this rule. Nothing, except social impurity, is so calculated to injure the ministry as this matter of making debts and not paying them.

The Issue.

Mr. Editor: The faith, doctrines and practices of Methodism naturally lead it everywhere to strive to bring sinners by repentance and faith to Christ, and when they have attained to a saving knowledge of him her great effort is to effectually teach them that a steady growth in grace and all the Christian virtues is essential to their final admission into the realms of endless bliss. These instructions involve the fundamental doctrines of the gospel.

In her faith and practice the Methodist church clings to the simplicity of the gospel of Christ, and by it all her teachings are characterized, and hence her great and wonderful success in winning souls to Christ by scores, hundreds and thousands in every part of the world. Her wonderful success in these respects astonishes the world and most other religious denominations.

While what is said above is strictly true of the Methodist Episcopal church, much can be said of it as a divinely appointed instrument of the physical, political, intellectual, moral and religious freedom of mankind. The utterances of that pure Christian man, John Wesley, through whose instrumentality God established the M. E. Church, against human slavery, was to that institution a weakening blow, and the subsequent legislation and steps of the old church against slavery did more to open the prison door of American slavery and let the oppressed go free than was accomplished by any other moral agency. But her kindly Christian sympathy with the poor, abused colored race did not terminate with their emancipation, but was farther shown in the strenuous efforts to elevate them to a higher plane of thought and life.

Thousands of young colored men and women to day possess educational qualifications (through his munificence) that enables them to creditably and successfully fill positions and prosecute professions which otherwise they would not be capable of doing. Her success in educating the heads, hands and hearts of thousands of young colored men and women through her Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society may be seen of all men. She has sought to elevate the colored race in learning, pure morals and religion, and thereby lessen that race prejudice which has so long existed against them in this country and been the source of so many of their severe trials, afflictions and sufferings. It was by pure Christian example, as well as teachings, that she has sought to do this. She took a long step in this direction when, sixteen years ago, her General Conference passed a resolution that there is nothing in the discipline of the M. E. Church against the election of a bishop of African descent, and at a subsequent General Conference she adopted resolutions—first, opening M. E. houses of worship to the worshipers of God irrespective of race or color; and another, opening her schools of learning to students irrespective of the same.

God bless the dear old church in her noble, Christian efforts to bring men everywhere to a recognition of the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. When she takes one more step in this direction, that is, elects a learned and accomplished man of color to the office of bishop, it may, can and will be said of her that she has done all that she can do on these lines, that she has cast the bread upon the waters to be found after many days.

It has long since been believed that a colored man would be elect-

ed bishop by a General Conference of the M. E. Church, and it is now being predicted by many that this will be done by the General Conference that is to meet May 12. Such an election would inspire the colored people, especially those who belong to the M. E. Church, with the hope of living to see their race lifted above degrading prejudice. Such an election would be a great relief to the leading preachers of the M. E. Church in the South, who are constantly called upon by their less intelligent ministerial brethren and the intelligent laymen of our church to defend the church against the attacks of preachers of colored denominations, to the effect that, although colored people belong by hundreds and thousands to the M. E. Church, and many of them learned, intelligent and capable of filling any office in the gift of that church, it does not intend that a man of color shall be one of its bishops. Colored men of learning and ability have been members of our General Conference for more than the fourth of a century. In their ability and eloquence they have been heard, and with pleasure and approbation listened to by as learned, refined audiences as ever assembled on this continent. The opening religious services of the General Conferences have, in the presence of its fine, fashionable audiences, been conducted by educated and talented colored members of that body, and the able addresses of some of them have been applauded by the secular press. And as a step a little more lengthy would give us a colored bishop we may dismiss all fear as to anything damaging arising from it.

And in this connection I further remark that quite a number of the white conferences have expressed themselves in favor of that measure. And I am glad to be able to say that we are fully prepared to present the man—a colored man of fine learning and distinguished ability. One who is an accomplished Christian gentleman, and generally known to and admired by the people, white and colored, of this country, or a great part of it.

The election of such a one as I refer to would greatly assist our venerable white bishops in the management of the work of the M. E. Church in the South. But, let it be remembered, colored bishop or no colored bishop, we are loyal sons of the M. E. Church and intend to live and die the same.

R.

Attention, Members Little Rock Conference.

Dear Brethren: Am here in Little Rock to-day, with Dr. Mason, Brother Mason and others, planning to push forward the work on the new building for the Philander Smith College. The building will cost \$8000. Mr. Budlong of Illinois, gives \$3,500. Mr. La Porte, of this city, gives \$1,000. The remainder, \$3,500, the ministers and people of Little Rock are raising. At the last conference \$3000 were apportioned to the various charges. A few charges have raised their amount and sent it to Dr. Mason. Will not all the brethren do so at once? Send the money to Dr. Mason without delay.

We want to put in some wood-working machinery so the students can make the furniture. Prof. C. W. Bulkley, in charge of carpentry department, is doing good work. We want the building ready for dedication the present year. This can be accomplished if all the pastors will raise their apportionment. Write to Dr. Mason and send the money at once or tell him how soon you will. Your brother,
J. C. HARTZELL,
Little Rock, Aug. 20.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Religious Don'ts—Ministerial.

L. M. HAGOOD.

Receive money without giving a receipt.

Pay money without taking a receipt.

Be disorderly in church and expect to keep order.

Pray more than five minutes.

Sing more than six stanzas.

Preach more than one hour.

Read interminable Scripture lessons.

Allow more than one person to pray audibly in the congregation at the same time.

Allow a person who is praying to be halloed at by another—"Go on," "That's it," "Talk to the Lord," etc.

Fail to teach the people the tunes from our hymnals.

Allow funeral dirges sung in our churches when there is no funeral.

Sing out instead of properly reading the hymns announced to be sung.

Allow the people to glean from your manner or method of administering to them that you are simply preaching to keep from plowing.

Allow every person that says he's a preacher to preach from your pulpit.

Scold anybody from the pulpit.

Fail to keep the church records properly.

Allow suppers in the churches you have charge of on Saturday nights.

Take everybody into the church that wants to come.

Fail to have a separate room or place to study.

Preach in a church that is filthy, or window-panes out, and lamp chimneys conspicuous by their absence.

Always wait for the congregation, but begin at the time appointed.

Fail to have music in the church and Sunday schools.

Live in any kind of a rickety building with your family.

Allow your wife to work out by the day for wages.

Believe it wrong to have an officer of the church discontinued in office when he drinks liquors.

Let your hair and beard grow ragged.

Salute all the ladies with a kiss.

Have church corner-stones laid by a society whose officers are sinners or immoral.

Ran railroad excursions on Sunday.

Fail to systematize your church collections, depending upon basket picnics on Sunday to get a big collection.

Let members of your church subscribe for every other than your church paper, the SOUTHWESTERN.

Allow sinners, if officers of a society, to stand up in your pulpit and read the word of God at funerals in your church.

Preach people's funerals after they have been dead six months.

Put the most ignorant persons in office in your church because they love the pastor.

Speak lightly of predecessors.

Allow stewards to have fun with the people while taking the collection.

Baptize persons by immersion without obligation to church vows.

Preach Talmage's, or anybody else's, sermons word for word.

Preach with a whang and tone.

Spit when you preach.

Preach without preparation.

Use "class," "P. E." or "P. O." tickets, but "Love Feast" tickets.

Preach just like somebody else.

Allow part of the congregation to stand while the others sit, or vice versa.

Tell the people your predecessor

was an old or young man, no education or had too much book learning.

Allow spittoons in church or pulpit.

Let stewards or other members of the church drink the wine left from sacraments.

Let stewards pile the collection money up on the table so no one but they will know how much is collected.

Allow loud talking in church after services.

Tell the people how much you know.

Tell the people you never had "any book learnin' nor no schoolin' neither."

Church Polity.

Q. Is the Apostles Creed in the Bible? SUBSCRIBER.

A. It is not; but is formulated therefrom.

Q. 1. Who should declare a member withdrawn; preacher, class leader, or the leaders and stewards' meeting?

Q. 2. When so declared and the withdrawn party turns up, should he be recognized as a full member, just the same as if no withdrawal had taken place?

Q. 3. A member gone for several years, and living in questionable ways regardless of any church and without any recommendation, after being so declared withdrawn, could he or she compel the third pastoral successor, under whom she has not served, to give her a letter of recommendation to join another church?

Q. 4. What must be done with a local preacher who goes off on some other district and takes or fills a supply, without taking any letter? Must the church still carry him, and when he gets discharged from his supply, go right back to the same charge months and years afterwards, and proclaim his membership and local preachers' authority?

Q. 5. Should a Presiding Elder take straggling local preachers of another district and use them in preference to those he has on his own district?

Q. 6. Can a Presiding Elder use a preacher from another State except he has his letter of transfer from the Bishop?

SAMPSON.

A. 1. Preacher.

A. 2. A withdrawal presupposes a written declaration to that effect, to the pastor in writing, by the party withdrawing. The pastor enters the fact on the record, and makes announcement of the same to the quarterly conference. After the fact has been entered in the quarterly conference proceedings. While there is no law specially enacted covering the case, the natural presumption is that the party is no longer a member of the church. The only way for him then to be restored is by quarterly conference action, or by a probation of six months.

A. 3. No.

A. 4. Every local preacher supplying a work is a member of the quarterly conference of the charge he is serving. His license must be renewed annually by that quarterly conference. Should he desire to connect himself again with the church to which he originally belonged, he must present a letter from the last church with which he was connected; although he might have been the supply of that work.

A. 5. No.

A. 6. A bishop does not transfer local preachers. The only way a local preacher of one conference can be used in another, is for such local preacher to get a letter of dismission from the charge where he held his membership, and place it in a church within the bounds of the district and conference wherein he desires to serve. The Presiding Elder of that district may then lawfully employ him, but not otherwise.

Letters from the Districts.

San Antonio (Tex.) District Conference.

J. T. GIBBONS.

The fifth session of the San Antonio district conference met at Uvero, Texas, August 12, Presiding Elder Rev. H. Swann in the chair. Rev. J. T. Gibbons and Mr. I. E. Starnes were elected secretaries.

Every pastor on the district was present.

Rev. Swann has certainly endeared himself to both pastors and people all over the district. Every one regrets that his time expires with this conference year.

Rev. G. W. Brothers and the dear people of Uvero deserve much credit for the manner in which they entertained the conference.

The reports rendered by the pastors and other officials of the churches showed that many precious souls had been saved, and the financial tone was never better, notwithstanding the long continued drought in southwest Texas.

Very able papers were read before the conference.

It is said that St. Paul M. E. Church, San Antonio, never showed a more healthy state, either spiritually or financially.

Goliad stands in the lead in the way of conversions.

San Antonio district is making strenuous efforts in behalf of Samuel Houston College, and will bring up a good report to the annual conference.

The business of the conference being finished, Sunday was a day of refreshing, beginning with a glorious old-fashioned love feast, after which Elder Swann preached one of his most able sermons, followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

At 3 p. m. the writer did the best he could for the Master.

At 8:30 p. m. we listened to an able sermon by Rev. E. Henderson of the Columbus district, pastor of our church at Hallettsville.

Monday morning all were astir, packing grips, and at 9 o'clock many met in the church, sang a hymn, had a fervent prayer by that old soldier of the cross, Rev. A. Lockhart, a few parting words by our beloved Presiding Elder, and then off to the train; and were soon bounding over the burning prairies, in our little "Jim Crow" car, for San Antonio, where we resumed our labors for the balance of the year, ably assisted by the strong men connected with St. Paul.

San Antonio, Texas.

Meridian District Conference.

A. J. McNAIR.

The Meridian District Conference convened at Stonewall, Miss., July 2, with Rev. J. M. Shumpert, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Nearly all the members of the conference were present. A. J. McNair was elected secretary, with C. W. Ivy and J. H. Brooks assistants. The Presiding Elder read a good report, which indicated much success. Souls were being converted, new churches being built, etc. The pastor's report showed much good accomplished, and especially in the benevolent collections. There was a sermon preached each day and night. The following brethren preached: A. Quinner, A. J. McNair, L. Tate, M. White, A. Butler, P. K. Crump, D. F. Dndley, A. D. Payne, A. B. Logan. The new church at Stonewall was dedicated to God at this session. Dr. Sol was introduced to the conference and gave an address. Also Mrs. E. L. Spriggs. The Southwestern was well oared for. The Meridian district claims to hold the banner. The sum of \$320 was subscribed for the Meridian Academy; \$3,559.55 had been collected for all purposes in the district since last conference.

Letters from the Districts.

Program of Paris District, Texas Conference.

To convene in Clarksville, Tex., October 20, 1891.

To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. R. S. Jackson.

To preach the missionary sermon, W. M. Bartley.

Duty of a pastor, A. Taylor.

Duty of a local preacher, P. Prewett.

Duty of an exhorter, N. Graham.

Duty of class leaders, C. H. Hendrick.

Duty of stewards, P. H. Hailey.

How to conduct a leaders and stewards' meeting, M. Littlejohn.

What is the soul of man? W. J. Holland.

What is the relation of the Sunday school to the church? J. W. H. Moore.

What is Methodism? W. H. Jackson.

Is the modern pulpit a failure? W. B. Perry.

How to conduct a revival, F. Gillmore.

The history of the Paris District and your present and future idea of it, Presiding Elder Rev. P. Morgan.

The local preachers and exhorters are required to bring up their own subjects, and it is further expected for every pastor to have all of his benevolences and report at that conference that there may be no gatherings afterwards.

Brethren, push things so that we may not be left at the annual conference.

Rev. L. Woodard, chairman; Prof. A. C. Higgs, secretary.

The Forest City District Sunday School Convention will convene at Newport, Ark., Sept. 10-12.

The superintendents of Forest City, Batesville, Oak Forest, Cotton Plant and Jacksonport, will prepare papers on the good effects, best time to hold such conventions, etc.

Superintendent of Newport will write on the Sunday school board; superintendent of Brinkley circuit on duty of superintendents; superintendent of Bledsoe on raising money in Sunday schools; superintendent of Forest City circuit, on the Sunday schools as missionary societies; superintendent of Marianna, on the relation of the Sunday school to the church; superintendent of Crawfordville, local preachers and the Sunday school superintendent of Brinkley, Sunday school age.

Superintendents of Brinkley and Clarendon and all of the pastors and superintendents are strictly requested to be present.

Committee: G. W. Taylor, J. H. Kennedy, G. F. Scruggs and D. B. Harston.

Fredonia, Ala.

W. F. SMITH, P. E.

My conference was a grand success at this place. I received and baptized thirty-six children and eight adults. Money for pastor \$49.75, for Presiding Elder \$15.60. And four cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

The names of the children baptized are as follows:

Minnie Pearl Brooks, Arthur Brooks, John Dawson Brooks, Eugene Strickland, Jim Henry Strickland, Nellie Strickland, Fannie Belle Gunn, Annie May Gunn, Lula Zachery, Dora Zachery, Sherman Zachery, Mattie Smith, Olen Carlisle, Peter Brooks, Bishop Andrews Trammell, Willie Allen, Nola Bowen, Angeline Crawford, Zetter Harston, Boza Strickland, Tommie Ward, Jimmie Brooks, Matthew Brooks, Joseph Brooks, Otis Brooks, Lenora Brooks, Miss Anna Collins, John Henry Spencer, Lee Fuller, Martin Luther Collins, Margaret Fuller, Nettie Allen, Ed. Strickland, Zach Harris, Howard Brooks, Solon Brooks.

Marion District Conference.

T. C. LEVERT.

The conference met at Selma, Ala., July 22, Rev. G. N. Brown, Presiding Elder, in the chair. T. C. Levert, secretary.

A bright day is now dawning upon the Marion district. Revivals, building up the churches spiritually and collecting every dime of the benevolent claims, seem to be the mottoes perched upon the banner of this district. Never in the history of Methodism has a district conference composed of ministers of the M. E. Church, been known to be held in Selma before. The conference was received by the various denominations and citizens of Selma with open hearts. Ministers representing the different denominations of the city were constant in attendance upon the session, and spoke words of encouragement. The Sabbath was a feast of good things from God's word, for the people came in crowds to the different churches and went away to their homes rejoicing.

Much credit is due to the Presiding Elder and pastor for their zealous labors in this place.

The report of the Presiding Elder showed 64 conversions, \$92.90 benevolent money, and 53 church papers taken on the district.

Oak Grove charge, under the leadership of B. G. Smith, is leading the district in paying the ministry, raising benevolent collections and general church work. The committees have already raised \$50 of benevolent money.

The Presiding Elder made a few remarks concerning the hard struggle of the Selma mission, after which the conference raised \$50 for the same.

A letter from Dr. C. R. Franklin was read and a collection of \$5 was lifted for him. Dr. Franklin's health is very poor and he has been defrauded of his home. The conference united in prayer for him, led by O. Nelson.

The committee on memoirs reported in case of Rev. E. H. Gammon, commemorating his christian life and generous gifts to the church.

The Sunday School Institute was held in connection with the conference, and many valuable papers were read.

At the request of the conference, the paper of Miss C. B. Ward, on "Mission Work in the Sunday School," is to be published in the SOUTHWESTERN.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Presiding Elder for his zealous labors and impartial rulings. Also, to Rev. O. Nelson, the pastor, and the citizens of Selma for their kind hospitality in entertaining the conference.

Chattanooga District Conference of the East Tennessee Annual Conference.

L. M. MOORES, SEC'Y.

Will convene at Burket's Chapel M. E. Church, Meigs county, Tenn., Sept. 2.

The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. A. W. Randolph; alternate, Rev. A. Roach.

PROGRAM.

Is it right to lay a corner-stone of a church on Sunday? J. T. Henry.

Is it right for members of the church to give or attend dances? S. J. Harris.

What is the difference between our church and other churches in usages and customs? W. T. Manly.

Is the M. E. Church a white or a colored man's church? S. D. Brown.

Will the M. E. Church ever elect a colored bishop? D. W. Hays, D.D.

What right have we to take the benevolent collections? Wm. Galstone.

Should all the members of the church attend Sunday school? A. Roach.

Should local preachers attend Sunday school? L. M. Moores.

Should the pastors attend Sunday school, J. W. Zellender.

How should we open and close our public worship? A. W. Randolph.

Must we take all the collections? I. E. Hill.

Who was it that preached the first Gospel? C. W. Walton.

Can we find the man to-day for

a colored Bishop in our Church? J. G. Dinmore.

Should we preach on all the benevolent collections? J. W. Prigmore.

All whose names do not appear in the program must select their own subjects.

The Pine Bluff, Ark., district conference convened at Pine Bluff, Ark., August 26. Rev. Geo. W. Lacey is the Presiding Elder, and Rev. John Qualls pastor. The program was a rich and varied one. The following took part in the services and literary exercises, viz: Mr. J. H. Olique, Misses A. C. Patillo, M. J. Watson, Lula B. Reed, G. Gillilen, Mrs. C. Cartwright, Profs. S. Crump, J. C. Duke, and Berkley, and Rev. Thos. Mason, D.D.

Dear Brethren: Let us stop calling conventions and attend to our work at home. I hope the time will come when preachers will preach Christ, and let worldly gains alone. There are men who would do their work and be happy, but some of our brethren who are hunting for high places and gains in this world prevent their Christian brethren from being happy and doing their Master's work. Godliness with contentment is great gain. S. DUNCAN.

Florence District Conference, South Carolina.

A. E. QUICK.

The district conference and Sunday School Institute met at Timonsville, S. C., July 22, 26, at 9 o'clock a. m., Rev. F. L. Baxter, Presiding Elder, in the chair. W. R. Jervay was elected secretary, J. R. Townsend assistant. The conference was the largest ever assembled on the district since the reorganization of the church in the South. The reports showed a development of church work greatly in excess over that of last year. These reports glowed with spiritual fire.

Our Hartsfords mission, under the care of Brother J. W. Brown, is receiving an attention worthy of commendation. He organized and built a church five months ago. His congregation then numbered 6; now 100. Four hundred and sixty-five conversions since the annual conference. The spirit of sanctification is moving among our people as never before, and that in a clear, comprehensive way, taking on more fully that life which God can use as he wills to do. The public schools and education on this district received their share of attention from the preachers, which has hitherto suffered, I fear, to some extent, for want of such relations.

W. D. Humbert read an essay on the evils of railroad excursions, full of thought and convincing proof of the evil.

Gammon Theological Seminary is making itself felt in the South Carolina conference.

Rev. D. G. Johnson next read an excellent paper on the necessity of the pulpit keeping abreast of the times in this progressive age.

A collection of \$12 was raised for J. W. Brown, of the Hartford mission.

Rev. J. R. Townsend preached the annual sermon to a large and appreciative audience. It was a logical and interesting production, delivered with spiritual power, and at the close of the sermon many anxious souls came forward to be prayed for.

The leading subject that engaged the attention of the second day's session was the admission of woman to the general conference. Several speeches were made by R. A. Cottingham, F. D. Smith and A. E. Quick in the affirmative and A. McLeese, S. Quirk and W. D. Humbert in the negative, while Rev. A. Middleton spoke compromisingly. The vote was taken and resulted in support of the affirmative argument. Greetings were received from the Charleston and Orangeburg district conferences and responded to.

At 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. B. M. Pegues preached a soul-saving and

reviving sermon. Many came up to the altar in search of the Savior.

The Sunday School Institute was opened by Prof. E. J. Sawyer. The secretary and treasurer made their reports. Prof. Sawyer delivered an address on the work of the Sunday school, showing its increase in every department, its healthy condition, its necessity, its relation to the church and its destiny, success and victory.

Miss Eliza Bowler read an interesting paper.

The religious training of the youth, in keeping with the progress of the age, was debated pro and con, and Brothers F. E. McDonald and S. S. Butler and J. W. Alman, of Bennett College, made very able speeches on the subject.

Miss Henrietta Marshall read a very excellent paper, defining the relations of the church to the Sunday school.

The Presiding Elder was presented with a beautiful tea set and large silver fagon, bearing the initials F. L. B. It was a rich silver memento of his birthday. Speeches were made by Brothers Middleton, McDonald, Sawyer and Gray.

Brother B. M. Pegues, in behalf of the conference and friends of the Florence district, made the presentation. The Presiding Elder responded with a short but timely speech, expressing gratitude for such an expression of affection. He assured them that such devotion would always find a place in his large heart, watered and cherished by reciprocal deeds.

At 8 o'clock Prof. Wm. L. Bulkeley, of Clafin University, addressed the conference and citizens of Timonsville. His address was of a high order and appreciated by all.

The exercises closed with a few timely remarks from Rev. A. McLeese.

The fourth day's session was largely given to minute business, receiving reports, etc. Rev. F. D. Smith read a paper on the growth of the Florence district. It showed that Bro. Smith had surveyed the whole field from Dan to Beersheba. He showed the material advancement and spiritual growth of the district for six years and placed its destiny upon the Alps of progress.

J. McLeod read an excellent paper on revival preaching.

The writer offered, and the conference adopted, resolutions condemning the convict lease system now operating in this State as ungodly, unconstitutional and inhuman, and asking that every paper in sympathy with good government, humanity and the church, to protest against the system.

Rev. A. McLeese held the audience spell-bound for an hour, at 8 o'clock p. m., in his usual way of preaching.

Love feast was conducted Sunday morning by Rev. A. Middleton.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the Presiding Elder, F. L. Baxter, sustained his reputation as a pulpit orator in the delivery of a sermon that must live in the hearts of those who heard it while time and memory last.

The Sunday School Institute convened in the evening, when speeches were made by several touching the great interests of our Sunday school work.

The conference was hospitably entertained by the good people of Timonsville.

We trust that the Christian influence of such a large body may be long felt by the town and the neighboring country.

Wytheville District, Tennessee.

G. T. WRIGHT.

The district conference of the Wytheville district, East Tennessee conference, closed one of the most important sessions that it ever witnessed. Rev. G. F. Wright, Presiding Elder, showed by precept and example that he was the right man in the right place, and his fatherly admonition will not soon be forgotten. Rev. J. S. Hill, A. M., B. D., of the Mor-

ristown Seminary, was present and represented the cause of the new building at Morristown. He also preached a soul-stirring sermon, after which many came forward for prayer, and several were happily converted.

The following charges paid their assessments for the Presiding Elders' Convention which met at Chattanooga, Tenn.: Thompson Valley \$1.50, Graham \$2, Radford \$2, Newbern \$1.50, Pulaski City \$2, Bramwell \$1, Wytheville \$2, Giles \$1, Max Meadows \$1.50.

On motion of Rev. D. C. Cook, a resolution was adopted requesting each pastor to get two new subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Presiding Elder made his report, as did each pastor, showing that every department of the district was moving on a progressive line.

Sunday was a high day in Dublin. Each preacher filled his appointment with great credit.

So closed the session of our conference, June 22.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, that all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

G. J. Izard, Richmond and Keadleton, Texas.

On June 19 and 20 Dr. I. B. Scott, Presiding Elder, held our second quarterly conference. Dr. Scott preached a splendid sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Collection for Presiding Elder \$13.40, for pastor \$47. Two weeks previous to this meeting the church in which these services were held was lying simply a pile of material on the ground. The writer, having some idea of mechanism, called together a dozen or more brethren and within two weeks the church was dedicated by Dr. Scott. Since that time we have completed a fine tower to the same. We now need the ceiling and paint. When that is done we will insure at a low price for \$1500. At Richmond we are still collecting money and material to build a new church.

R. M. Thomas, Welton, Texas.

Presiding Elder W. H. Logan was with us on the 23d and 24th of May and held my quarter. Collection \$2.10.

W. M. Goodnen, Hartsville Circuit, Tenn.

We are moving on nicely. The dark clouds have passed away and everything looks bright for the future. July 13 was my third appointment at Hartsville. I preached to a large congregation and administered the Lord's Supper to 75. Collection \$10.70. The work is prospering spiritually and temporally.

H. L. Kennedy, Handsboro, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference was held July 11 and 12. Paid pastor \$143.60, Presiding Elder \$15. Rev. B. L. Crump preached a sermon that made a lasting impression. Collection \$23.60. The Presiding Elder brought the case of our new church at Osyka, Miss., before the people, and at once the amount of \$5.25 was raised to help the pastor build a church there. Fifty-three persons gave 25 cents a piece in the collection.

G. W. Norris, Harrisburg, Tex.

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M. Q. A. Fuller, Hawkins, Texas.

The second quarterly conference of Hawkins circuit was held at Center Church June 27 and 28. Rev. Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder, was not present on account of the Presiding Elder's convention, so the pastor in charge held the conference. Nearly all the members were present and their reports showed that much work had been done during the quarter. About \$10 has been raised for the benevolent causes. The Presiding Elder was on hand on Sunday and preached a wonderful sermon. Many came forward for prayer. Paid the Elder \$15. Elder Hamilton is an earnest worker for Wiley University.

J. G. Howard, Jacksonville, Fla., speaks in glowing terms of a recent visit to Fernandina, Fla., Rev. J. F. Elliott, pastor. He says Brother Elliott has the foundation laid for a large brick church, which will be the finest colored church in the city.

St. Paul Church, Craig, Miss., Rev. J. Woods, pastor, gives a picnic August 21.

T. Larkins, Morgan City, La.

Our protracted meeting resulted in 35 conversions. Sister Karnik, from Winsted, La., labored with us for two weeks. She is a great woman in the hands of God and knows how to reach men and women. May her life be long in the service of God and the uplifting of fallen humanity. Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday school agent, was with us June 8th and preached an interesting sermon and made a good impression.

J. N. Rush, Denver, N. C.

We have enjoyed the presence of the Holy Ghost many times since May 16. Forty souls have been saved, 34 added to the church, 5 baptized. Tucker's Grove camp meeting, August 21 and 25. We are praying that many may be saved on South Catawba circuit this year.

F. Gilmore, Clarksville, Texas.

My revival closed with 9 souls for Christ. We are getting along very nicely in our work. We are working to get all our assessments this year. The friends of Clarksville gave wife and I a surprise party on May 23. They brought many good things with them, for which we extend our heartfelt thanks. Friends, call again.

J. B. Brooks, Kenola, Miss.

Our quarterly conference convened June 13, with Presiding Elder B. L. Crump in the chair. Paid pastor \$29, Elder \$8. The Elder preached a stirring sermon, after which he gave the sacrament to 42 and 6 members were received. This point is one year old and numbers 42 up to date. Collected for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society \$5.

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Letters from the Laity.

G. D. Field, Mason, Tenn.

Our Presiding Elder Rev. B. F. Anderson was with us June 26 28, and held his third quarter. We had a grand time; raised for Presiding Elder this quarter, \$8.20. On the night of the 28th, the elder preached to a large audience. We are having a good time and hoping for much success this year.

Oscar Moss, Webb, Miss.

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What they ask for 1891.

Missionary Society	\$1,250,000
Board of Church Extension	253,000
Free Men's Aid and Southern Education Society	280,000
Sunday School Union	50,000
Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

The central convention of Presiding Elders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be held at College Avenue Church, Greencastle, Indiana, December 1, 2, and 3, 1891. The program promises to be a rich one. Committee on program: D. F. Barnes, W. H. Rider, J. L. Hudson, A. A. Gee, John Pearson, J. H. Ketcham. All who attend will no doubt be greatly benefitted.

Out of Debt—Let us Keep Out.

For the second time in a quarter of a century—once in 1887, and now again in 1891—unless all signs fail, the Missionary Society will be out of debt on the first of November, 1891. The million and a quarter line is fairly in sight. Our increase from all sources over last year on the first of July, is one hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars. Much of this is from bequests; but we will keep steadily in mind our watchword:

Twelve Hundred and Fifty Thousand by Collections Only.

The fall conferences will give us a large increase; many churches have doubled their collections; we get the most cheering letters from the Presiding Elders and pastors; so that we are well-nigh sure of getting out of debt once more.

Now Let us Keep Out Forever!

There is no need of going into debt in the management of this great business. Let the General Committee fix as the limit for its appropriations for 1892, the exact sum raised in 1891. Then, when we have reached that line it will enable us to send on to the church the Macedonian cries that come to us: to tell the church what

We Might Have Done if we had the money at our disposal.

We can make a tremendous plea by arraying these facts before the people through the press, in the pulpit, and on the platform. It will be sure to win. It will be infinitely better than this everlasting cry of debt, which in itself is a confession of incompetency. We shall win and hold the confidence of all good business men in the country. They will say, "There is a church society that means to conduct its business religiously," and they will give us more than ever before.

One thing is sure: if the Missionary Society ever gets into debt again it will be contrary to the earnest advice and in spite of the united opposition, so long as it will avail, of the three secretaries now in office. On this subject we are a unit. No more debt for the Missionary Society! Three hundred thousand dollars for interest is quite enough. Of every missionary dollar, henceforth, let at least ninety-eight cents go for the purpose for which it was given. Amen!

General Church News.

American Bible Society.

The stated meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the Bible House on Thursday, August 6, 1891. Theophilus A. Brower, Esq., vice-president, in the chair.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Frank Russell, D.D.

Announcement was made of the decease of the Hon. Paul Dillingham, of Vermont, one of the vice-presidents of the society, and a memorial minute was adopted by the board.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute concerning Robert Lewis, Esq., one of the managers, whose death was announced at the meeting in July, presented their report, which was adopted.

The Rev. Frank Russell, D.D., who represented this society at the recent anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in London, reported that he had received the most cordial welcome; and he also gave an interesting account of the action of the recent meeting of the Evangelical Alliance held in Florence, concerning the imprisonment of the Rev. Francis Penzotti, the society's agent in Peru.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Distribution, grants of Bibles, Testaments, and portions, to the value of about \$1,555, were made for distribution and sale in the United States, in South America, and in Africa.

The issues from the Bible House in the month of July were 78,372 copies; issues since April 1st, 320,116 copies.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my people. My master's name was Billy White and he lived in Alabama, Dale county. My father's name, Jefferson Walker. I had four brothers and four sisters. My brothers' names, Ben, Willis, Henry and James. Ann Parker was my oldest sister. I left them all in Alabama before the war. I was carried to Louisiana, and from there to Texas. I married a man by the name of Tom Lewis. It is over thirty-two years since I left them in Alabama. I am a poor old widow now, and any information of the above names will be gladly received.

JINNIE LEWIS,

Care of Wm. Thompson, Bryan, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my relatives. My mother was named Sanders, and belonged to John Sanders, a speculator. There were two sisters and two brothers of us. My oldest sister's name was Louisa. My name is William Coley. I was first sold in Richmond, Va., to a man by the name of Scarce Easley, and also my sister Louisa, after which I was sold to a man in Alabama by the name of Jack. My father went by the name of Jim Pento. Address me at Craig's Postoffice, Silver Creek, Yazoo county, Miss.

WILLIAM COLEY.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my people, whom I have not seen for years. My mother's name was Betsy Foster. Was owned by Peter Foster, Matthew's county, Va. I belonged to Wesley Foster. I have a sister named Hannah and a brother named James. I left about forty years ago, and they all were with Peter Foster. My father was named Jim Digs. My name was Lue Easer Foster. Address, Lue Dixon, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my children. I had four, all boys, Nathan, Mazon, George and Henry. Nathan's father was Isaac West, who belonged to Dr. West, in Soda county, Miss. Mazon, George and Henry's father was Reuben Moore. They lived in Alabama. The last time I heard from them they were in Shelby county. I have not heard from them since before the war. I left them with their owner, John Prestage. Nathan belonged to a man named Wiley Fitzgerald, and I belonged to his son, Hayward. My name was Lucinda Fitzgerald, but now I go by the name of Lucinda Adams. Any information will be thankfully received. Address Lucinda Adams, in care of H. O. Markham, Shreveport, La.

Frances Bland of Navasota, who advertised for her father, found him thereby in Abbeville, La., and is overjoyed. The SOUTHWESTERN "gets there."

Books and Current Literature.

Hector Malot's *Romain Kalbris: the Adventures of a Runaway Boy* by Land and Sea, has been translated into English by Mary J. Serrano, and is just published by Harper and Brothers in their Franklin Square Library.

The Season for September, just received, and, as usual, its pages are filled with exquisite designs. Plate 893 is exclusively for Misses and Children, and will be appreciated by all Mothers. The majority of ladies value it for the fact that no other matter is ever to be found in its pages except what it is intended to represent, fashions in dress, and all kinds of needle work and art decorations for beautifying our homes. Single copies, 30 cents. Yearly, \$3.50. The International News Company, New York.

Hamlin Garland, whose wonderful portrayal of Western farm life in his *Main-traveled Roads* has attracted such general attention, contributes a brilliant Western character sketch in the September Arena, entitled *An Evening at the Corner Grocery*.

The Treasury for Pastor and People for August is overflowing with articles rich in thought, varied in subjects and numerous in quantity. No fair minded person will complain of it in any particular, and every preacher, Christian worker and Biblical student will hail it with pleasure as an indispensable aid. There are Leading Thoughts of ten sermons by eminent preachers. Yearly, subscription, \$2.50; clergymen, \$2; single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

P. H. Woodward & Co., Baltimore, Md., are about to issue a book entitled *Life, Wit and Wisdom of Spurgeon*, which has been in preparation for some months.

Prof. D. W. Boatner, of Shreveport, La., delivered an able address at Alexandria, La., on *Woman's Sphere*, recently. It has since been published in pamphlet form, and a copy sent us. It is a strong and manly plea in favor of the complete emancipation of the sex; and gives evidences of extensive and well digested readings and observation.

Co operative evangelism, by Dr. J. W. Young, shows some remarkable facts connected with the relative contributions of all our churches for the several benevolent causes. It is a very valuable bulletin of information on the subject and is a credit to Dr. Young, who therein justly secures to himself the title of the great church statistician. Price, 50c. per annum. Fifth Ave. and 20th st., New York.

Among recent publications which have reached us, we are glad to call attention to the following: *Interdenominational Sermons*, a series of sermons delivered in Old John Street Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City, by prominent ministers of different denominations, edited by Rev. Wellesley W. Bowditch, D.D., pastor of the church, with an introduction by the Rev. James M. King, D.D., secretary National League for Protection of American Institutions. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe. Price \$1.25.

Report of the New York City Church Extension and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for year ending March 31, 1891. Printed by Hunt & Eaton, New York.

The Present State of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a symposium between Drs. Henry A. Butz, Geo. R. Crooks, Ensign McChesney, Oas. J. Little, B. P. Raymond, O. H. Warren and Messrs. John A. Wright, and Wm. White Hunt & Eaton, Publishers, Syracuse, New York. Price 25 cents.

The Africa Annual Conference Minutes, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1891. Published by O. E. Welch, Vineland, N. J.

The Leland Standford, Jr., University Circular of Information No. 4. David S. Jordan, President, Menlo Park, Cal.

Three Months with the New York Herald, or Old News on Board a Homeward Bounder, by Capt. A. Menott Wright. Published by Wm. Beverly Harrison, New York, 3 East 14th street. Price 50c.

The Teaching and History of Mathematics in the United States, from the Bureau of Education, Circular of Information No. 3, 1890.

Year Book (1891) of the Young Men's Christian Association, from Richard O. Morse, General Secretary International Committee, New York.

Sixth catalogue (1890-91) International Young Men's Christian Association Training School, Springfield, Mass.

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Conferences in the United States.

Conference. Place. Time. Bishop.

Idaho..... Boise City, Id. Aug. 12..... Bowman

Oregon..... Salem, Ore. 18..... Newman

Puget Sound..... Aberdeen, Wash. 26..... Merrill

Cincinnati..... Cincinnati, O. 27..... Merrill

Iowa..... Muscatine, Ia. Sept. 2..... Foster

N. W. and Dan. Miss. Seattle, Wash. 2..... Foster

Chicago..... Chicago, Ill. 2..... Newman

West German..... St. Paul, Minn. 2..... Newman

St. Louis German..... St. Louis, Mo. 9..... Newman

Norwegian & Dan. Chicago, Ill. 9..... Merrill

Rock River..... Rock River, Ia. 9..... Merrill

Erie..... Erie, Pa. 9..... Vincent

Northwest Swed. Chicago, Ill. 9..... Vincent

Central Illinois..... Moline, Ill. 9..... Joyce

Michigan..... Grand Rapids, Mich. 9..... Newman

Central German..... Carleton, Ky. 9..... Newman

N. Pac. Ger. Miss. Seattle, Wash. 9..... Foster

Illinois..... Bloomington, Ill. 16..... Merrill

Des Moines..... Des Moines, Ia. 16..... Foss

Cal. Ger. Miss. San Jose, Cal. 16..... Merrill

Northwest Iowa..... Ft. Dodge, Ia. 16..... Merrill

East Ohio..... Akron, O. 16..... Vincent

W. Wisconsin..... Chippewa Falls, Wis. 16..... Vincent

California..... Spokane Falls, Wash. 16..... Merrill

Indiana..... Washington, Ind. 16..... Joyce

North Nebraska..... Omaha, Neb. 16..... Goodsell

Southeast Indiana..... Aurora, Ind. 16..... Foster

Minnesota..... Red Wing, Minn. 23..... Merrill

S. Illinois..... Mt. Vernon, Ill. 23..... Warren

Northwest German..... Chicago, Ill. 23..... Foss

South California..... Los Angeles, Cal. 23..... Merrill

Ohio..... Zanesville, O. 23..... Fowler

Wisconsin..... Oshkosh, Wis. 23..... Vincent

North Ohio..... Toledo, O. 23..... Joyce

Nebraska..... Lincoln, Neb. 23..... Goodsell

North Dakota..... Bismarck, N. Dak. 30..... Foster

New Mexico..... Las Vegas, N. M. 30..... Merrill

Tennessee..... Murfreesboro, Tenn. 31..... Vincent

Central Tennessee..... Etna, Tenn. 31..... Joyce

Anstine..... Waco, Tex. Nov. 23..... Hurst

Texas..... Houston, Tex. Dec. 2..... Hurst

Southern German..... Seguin, Tex. 9..... Hurst

West Texas..... Victoria, Tex. 16..... Hurst

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

South America Miss. Montevideo, Arg. Oct. 7.....

Poochow..... Poochow, N. M. Nov. 18.....

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops,

EDWARD G. ANDREWS,

Secretary.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., May 11, 1891.

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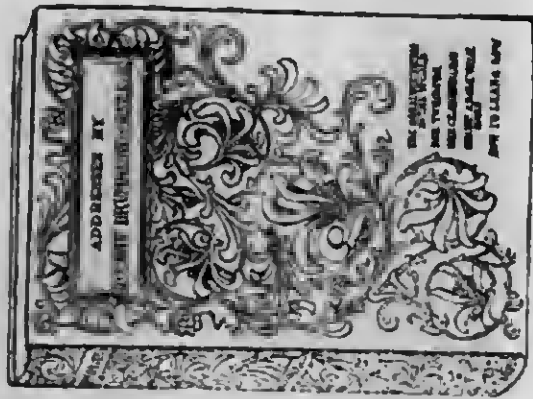
The Southwestern.

A. E. P. ALBERT, D. D., - Editor

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BISHOP Joyce said at the Baltimore conference: "I want the laymen to come and see me. I want to see the brothers that go to church and prayer meeting, who subscribe for their church paper and pay for it."

A COLORED Baptist preacher, with more beard than brains, is reported as saying that it is now time for the white man to "stop rocking the Negroes." By this he meant that the whites should no longer assist in the elevation of the race. This man must have forgotten that the Negro rocked the white man in slavery for nearly 250 years, and has been and is now rocking him; and what is still more emphatic that preacher had to do a considerable share of that rocking himself. How silly some people are.

THOSE self-conceited fops that imagine themselves philosophers because they have read a book or two, that are constantly decrying his pronounced opposition to slavery, because Mr. Lincoln did not issue the emancipation proclamation before he did, should go and study the personal history of Abraham Lincoln and the history of their country. Verily a little learning is a dangerous thing! The more we learn of both the more we find that for which to thank God and honor the name of the great emancipator.

THE Baton Rouge, (La.) District Conference at its recent session, unanimously endorsed the appointment and work of Rev. Ernest Lyon, A. M., as Sunday school Agent for Louisiana; requested the Sunday School Union to engage him as a regular field agent, and requested the several churches to raise his apportionment and support and encourage him in his work. It also thanked Dr. Albert for, and endorsed his editorial in which he so ably appealed to the Sunday School Union for the recognition of this work, and to pastors for their support of the same.

Why the Masses are not Reached by the Church.

Dr. A. B. Leonard, one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the *Christian at Work*, has an article on the reasons why the masses are not reached by the church, in which he locates the whole difficulty in the impaired power of the church, consequent on its worldliness. He says:

"I affirm that, to an extent that is alarming, the churches have surrendered to the 'world,' and by so doing have lost their power to save and influence the masses. There prevails a semi-infidelity among both clergy and laity. Latitudinarianism abounds. If a man holds strongly to old orthodox views, he is regarded as narrow and Puritanical, while the man who believes all creeds a little, and none of them very much, is held to be broad-minded, charitable, and intelligent. There are ministers occupying what are supposed to be orthodox pulpits who delight to be called 'higher critics,' and who advocate theories that are destructive of evangelical religion. There are professors in theological seminaries who repudiate the divine inspiration of the Bible. They are disciples of Huxley, Darwin, Tyndall & Co., rather than of Jesus Christ and the apostle Paul. They preach doctrines which, if believed, have no power to save men from sin.

The secular press, with its materialistic tendencies, is patronized by Christian people not only on week-days, but on the holy Sabbath as well; while sensational, fictitious, and even immoral literature burden their libraries and center tables.

Church people are found in vast numbers in all places of public amusement. Play-houses, race courses, base ball and foot ball games are patronized largely by the laity, and in some instances by the clergy, although it is well known that the character of the average theatrical performer is far below even worldly morality, to say nothing of the morality taught in the Bible; while as to race courses, base ball and foot ball games, they are known to be the peculiar fields for the operations of gamblers. It is even an open secret that church people not infrequently put up stakes upon races and games.

Social amusements, such as cards, dancing, and private theatricals, are quite common in church families, while the last named is not by any means unknown in houses dedicated to the worship of God.

Money-getting by dishonest methods is practiced by multitudes of church people. Stock gamblers hold high positions in many rich churches. 'Bears' and 'bulls' strive with each other in the market places on week-days, and then meet at the communion table on the Sabbath. Even lines of business perfectly legitimate in themselves are not unfrequently carried on by illegitimate methods. A merchant in New York, who has been thirty years a dealer in dry goods, said to the writer that there is not a merchant in the city who conducts his business in harmony with the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule."

Dr. Leonard gives the key to the whole matter of church aggression and prosperity. He says:

"Let the church purge itself of all complicity with the sinful 'world' and return to primitive Christianity, doctrines and methods, and it will reach the masses, and in no other way. A church filled with the Holy Ghost, in place of dissonant methods, will be saving the people. Let Protestant ministers, themselves baptized with the Holy Ghost and endowed with 'power from on high,' lovingly, earnestly and fearlessly preach the old doctrines, 'reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering,' and the masses will flock to their ministry like doves to their windows."

We have a measure of sympathy for the white men of the Grand Army of the Republic who asked

at Detroit for a separate department for the colored veterans in the South. Doubtless they are brave and good men, and would again, if there was need, venture their lives for the defense of the flag. Then, why did they ask to be separated from their black comrades? The truth requires us to say, that it was because of the intense caste feeling that prevails all over the South. These white men are from the North for the most part. They have taken up their residence in the South. They are in business here. They have their families here. But woe to every man of them, and woe to their families, and woe to their business if it should be known that they fraternize with their black fellow soldiers. Not one person in a thousand in the North realizes the fact that these white men need as much courage to face civil, business, and social ostracism as they did to face the cannon's mouth. The caste spirit, the colorphobia now rampant in the South is unspeakably infamous. Every old white soldier ought to despise, and hate, and resist it.

REV. DR. A. E. P. ALBERT in *Zion's Herald* gives a very hopeful view of "The Negro in the South." The Negro race in the South is a conglomeration of French, Irish, Scotch, English, German Jewish and American blood. It is all shades of color, from jet black to pure Caucasian. It has an infusion of the very best blood of the "first families." It has made more rapid progress than any race ever did under similar conditions. Twenty-one thousand schools of all grades are open to colored people; 2,500,000 can read; 16,500 are in high schools and colleges. Negroes own 10,000,000 acres of land, and pay taxes on \$200,000,000 worth of property. He complains of "plantation stores," even some white people denounce them as monstrous swindles, which they invariably are. The Negro is still cheated, oppressed, persecuted, and put to death simply because he is not a white man. "Politically he is practically disfranchised." In some communities a colored man who is intelligent, honest, frugal and prosperous is intensely hated by the miserable poor white rowdy, vagabond and drunkard, and is sometimes set upon and murdered because his life is a contrast to the wretchedness that see him better clothed, fed, and housed than they are. Education and religion for both classes will save both.—*California Christian Advocate.*

No more pernicious doctrine can be preached among Methodist ministers than that which says: "To secure the best appointments you must kick and threaten to quit the church, and have it understood that tempting appointments are offered you in other churches." Our experience is that our bishops generally let such men understand that the Methodist Episcopal Church gives no premiums to such kicks or threats. Indeed, they generally make such men understand that the church doesn't need nor want them an hour longer than they are willing to remain and comply with their sacred vow to *gladly and willingly* submit to the godly judgment of their chief ministers. They regard and appreciate merit and loyalty, always, but they lose no opportunity to frown down worthlessness and disloyalty.

MEDITATE on this picture from Krummacker: "Unbelief does nothing but darken and destroy. It makes the world a moral desert, where no divine footsteps are heard, where no angels ascend and descend, where no living hand adorns the fields, feeds the birds of heaven, or regulates events."

THE *Issue* justly calls Mr. Reynolds, one of the sanctimonious participants in the recent Sunday School Convention held in this city, to account for congratulating the citizens of this city "for having done such a good deed as murdering the Italians in the parish prison." Shame on the Christian (!) man guilty of such diabolism.

Help Poor Africa.

SUMTER, S. C., Aug. 8.

Dr. A. E. P. Albert:

Dear Brother: From the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN I learn that there is not a printing press in the republic of Liberia. Our school at Cape Palmas ought to have a printing press and outfit for publishing a paper. "The African Christian Advocate" should be established at once with American dollars, and in this way help to evangelize the Dark Continent. I will head a list of subscribers with \$10, and will do more, if possible, later on. Please open your subscriptions and oblige one greatly interested in Africa and the Africans. Yours truly,

J. B. MIDDLETON.

We heartily commend the above to all the friends of Africa, and endorse it with a subscription of \$10 to that proffered by Brother Middleton. No greater responsibility rests upon the church of America than this very cause. Who will now be the next to unite in this special effort to help Africa? Send cash to this office, and it will be acknowledged through our columns and applied to the purpose herein set forth. Those who deem best to do so may send us \$2 and we will send the SOUTHWESTERN one year to worthy and needy ones over there.

Political Review.

The Pennsylvania Republicans in recent convention, passed a resolution endorsing Mr. Blaine for the presidency, but on second thought modified it to an endorsement of him as a man and a public servant, claiming him as a son of the State. The convention also endorsed the present administration, and put forth a strong ticket.

The campaigns in Texas and Ohio are now well started. In Iowa the issue is prohibition and drunkenness, the Republicans endorsing the law and the Democrats opposing. In Ohio the issue is protection and free trade, as outlined at the start. The Alliance or Third Party will make a stand, which the Democracy hope will result favorably to them.

The Governor of Florida has refused to certify to the election of Senator Qull, so the Senate will have to pass upon his right to a seat in that body.

Michigan will elect her presidential electors next year by congressional districts, which may result in giving one or more of them to the Democratic candidate.

The Democracy of the country is generally bemoaning the exceptionally good crops this year, whereby (with the short crops in Europe) general prosperity must prevail. With them success is measured by disaster in the country; then the beneficent effects of the "McKinley bill" are now being felt, so that the outlook for Republican success next year is very bright.

Personal.

—Rev. D. G. Pharris called last week, looking well and full of faith.

—President Harrison has just appointed Rev. Dr. T. G. Steward, of Washington, D. C., as Chaplain in the U. S. Army. This makes three colored chaplains.

—A few weeks ago we were called to chronicle the death of Sister McKinney, wife of Rev. M. M. McKinney, of the Central Alabama Conference. Now we are called upon to record the fact that Bro. McKinney is dangerously ill. We pray for his recovery.

—Marshall, Texas, was visited by Dr. J. O. Hartzell, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, August 18. Dr. I. B. Scott, D.D., President Board of Trustees of Wiley University, also visited Marshall on the 18th inst.

—Dr. Hartzell and Bro. Mason of the Freedmen's Aid Society are in the city. They attend the North and South New Orleans district Conferences during the week.

Jots and Dots from our Georgia District Conferences.

The first district conference of the year was the Macon district conference which assembled at Eastman, Georgia, in July, Rev. Jno. Watts, P. E., in the chair. Owing to a failure to receive reduced rates there were not as many delegates as at previous sessions, but the conference was one of much pleasure and profit. The reports were in order and showed an increase over last year. This is Bro. Watts' last year on the district and he is making it one of the most successful of his ministry. Our representative could not be present, but the SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten.

The Griffin district conference was the next to meet. It assembled at Barnesville, Ga., July 22, Rev. E. L. Hammett, the active and popular Presiding Elder, in the chair. There was a larger attendance than ever before. Everybody it seems, catching the spirit of P. E. Hammett, was happy and cheerful. Reports from the pastors showed that already as much benevolent money had been collected and forwarded as the district reported for the whole of last year. Presiding Elder M. M. Alston, of the Gainesville district was present and brought a message of cheer and good will from his district. He preached an able and acceptable sermon. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was heartily received. He addressed the conference so also did Profs. Fortson and Crogman of Clark University. Dr. Hickman, president of Clark University, could not be present being detained in New York, looking after the interest of the university in which he is so much interested. Many good words however were spoken for him in his absence, and in addition to the increased apportionment this year for the Freedmen's Aid to raise \$2,000 for a new building at Clark, the brethren unanimously voted to raise \$200 this year to start the endowment of a professor's chair. Resolutions endorsing Bro. Mason and thanking the board for his election were passed. There are many strong men on this district but we will not attempt personal mention. This is Presiding Elder Hammett's second year and the Lord has given him peace and harmony and much success. He lives in the hearts of his brethren and a right loyal set they are too.

The Atlanta district conference convened at Palmetto, August 6, Presiding Elder A. J. Wilson in the chair, and a full delegation present. Rev. J. D. Jenkins the popular pastor of this church was elected secretary. Bro. Jenkins is one of the leading men of the Savannah Conference. A graduate of Gammon, he is safe, broad and conservative. He is a modest man, never blows his own horn but is ever at his post doing his level best. He has a bright future before him.

The first night of the conference was the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid. Rev. M. M. Alston presided in usual happy mood, and his opening remarks elicited round after round of applause. Rev. M. C. B. Mason the Field Agent spoke for over an hour and was listened to with marked attention. A resolution pledging him hearty support and an increased collection for the society was unanimously adopted. Profs. Fortson and Crogman delivered addresses on the work of Clark University, and were heartily applauded.

The brethren voted to stand by the school as never before. Dr. Fisher, the old Nestor of the conference, is here. He is humorous, active and vigilant as a boy of twenty. Many more years of usefulness to the church are ahead of him. He holds a deservedly warm place in the hearts of the brethren. Presiding Elder Wilson is making a successful year, and is proud of the armor bearers that go with him to battle. A memorial service to Bro. Gammon was held

The Gainesville district conference met at Elberton, August 12, Rev. M. M. Alston, the energetic and stirring Presiding Elder, in the chair. P. H. Travis, a rising young minister, was elected secretary. Rev. E. L. Hammett was here, bringing fraternal greetings from his district. Thursday night an educational mass meeting was held in the town academy, the church being too small. It was packed to overflowing. Rev. E. L. Hammett presided, and addresses were delivered by President Hickman, of Clark, and Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent. A rousing collection for Freedmen's Aid was taken. Resolutions endorsing President Hickman and Field Agent Mason, and pledging them hearty support in the work which they severally represent, were passed with much unanimity and enthusiasm. Presiding Elder Alston and his noble band of workers stand by every interest of the church. Bro. Alston is a natural born leader of men, and the Gainesville district is moving forward. Rev. K. T. Adams is pastor of the largest church on the district, and brings a ringing report.

The Savannah district conference met at Mt. Vernon, Ga., August 12, Presiding Elder Melton in the chair. A full delegation was present. Prof. Crogman represented Clark University and was heartily received. He brings cheering reports of the work of the conference. Presiding Elder Melton has served this district with great acceptability, and is nearing the close of his term. He stands foremost among the brethren of the conference, and is deservedly popular. When his time is out it will take a good man to fill his shoes. The reports show an increase over last year.

The Rome district met August 13, at Adairsville, Ga., Rev. H. R. Allen, the young but sterling presiding elder, in the chair. Prof. F. M. Gordon, principal of the State deaf mute institute, was elected secretary. Rev. Dr. W. H. Hickman, president of Clark University, was present and delivered an eloquent address. Brethren of the conference said it was one of the best of the kind they had ever listened to. Prof. F. M. Gordon offered a resolution, couched in appropriate words, endorsing president Hickman and his work at Clark University. He prefaced it with an able address setting forth the needs of the work. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The Freedmen's Aid anniversary was held Saturday night. Rev. R. T. Kent, one of the fathers of the conference, presided. Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. H. Grant, M. C. B. Mason, Prof. F. M. Gordon and Rev. S. O. Upshaw. A collection for Freedmen's Aid was taken. Resolutions pledging hearty cooperation to the newly appointed Field Agent, and endorsing Presiding Elder Allen's administration, were adopted. Rev. S. O. Upshaw delivered a fine lecture on Palestine. Presiding Elder Allen has done a good year's work, and his brethren are proud of him. In all these conferences the SOUTHWESTERN grows stronger every day.

Teach Girls to Swim.

On July 24, Miss Bertie Burr, of Lincoln, Nebraska, saved the lives of two young women, friends of hers, with whom she had gone bathing with in the river. Miss Burr learned to swim at Lasell Seminary.

THE *Michigan Christian Advocate*, very tersely says: "The church can get along very well with ministers of moderate ability, providing they be men of stand principles and unblamable life, but brilliant men who captivate and dazzle but lack strength of character, of these the church must beware."

You can make money during vacation canvassing for the SOUTHWESTERN, "The House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." Write for terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

DAILY BREAD.

The right kind of religion never needs an overcoat.

A good habit is a benediction; a bad one is a curse.

An enemy is no less an enemy because he is not armed.

A woman can find something lovable in a mighty mean man.

There are too many Christians playing hooky from school.

As a rule, people that talk too much don't do enough thinking.

A day spent without a thought of God is a day lost for all eternity.

Every time a Christian does right the devil has less hope of getting his soul.

Going into debt, without a probability of paying, is a half-brother to stealing.

The religion that does nothing but sing psalms will never bring the world to Christ.

The richest man on earth is the one that has the most treasure laid up in heaven.

If you aren't on a line with God, your neighbors will find it out sooner than you think.

A loaf of bread to a hungry man is better than a promise of a brass band at his funeral.

When the saloon keeper and the devil dissolve partnership there will be always one saloon less.

If you are mean enough to scold your wife, be thoughtful enough not to do so before the children.

The preacher that is more anxious about his salary than he is about saving souls, needs more religion.

You will have to pay more interest when you borrow trouble than you will when you borrow anything else.

If a man and wife have the right kind of religion their honeymoon will last as long as they "both shall live."

The Christian don't bring all the tithes into the store house who spends more for tobacco than he gives to the church.

If everybody had the integrity of Job the devil would soon give up his efforts to get this world from Christ as a bad job.—J. W. Entwiler in Western.

My experience in life makes me sure of the truth which I do not try to explain: that the sweetest happiness we ever know comes not from love, but from sacrifice—from the effort to make others happy.—John Boyle O'Reilly.

Man cannot reflect the Creator unless he puts himself in line with him. Fools that we are! If we wish a mirror to reflect the sun do we turn it toward the earth!—J. de Maistre.

There is nothing like prayer for producing this calm self-possession. When the dust of business so fills your room that it threatens to choke you sprinkle it with the water of prayer, and then you can cleanse it out with comfort and expedition.—Imagø Christi.

John Wesley said in one of his last sermons: "After having served you between sixty and seventy years, with dim eyes and shaking hands, let me add one more. I am pained for you who are rich in this world. Do you give me all you can? 'Nay, may I not do what I will with my own?' you reply. Here lies your mistake. It is not your own. It cannot be, unless you are the Lord of heaven and earth. Who gave you this addition to your fortune? Do you not know that God intrusted you money for his work? 'But I must provide for my children.' Certainly. But how? By making them rich? Then you will proba-

bly ruin them. Lord, speak to their hearts else I speak in vain. Leave them enough to live on, not in idleness but in honest industry. And if you have no children upon what principle can you leave a groat behind more than enough to bury you? What does it signify whether you leave ten thousand pounds or ten thousand boots or shoes? Haste! haste! Spend all you have before you go to the better world."

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies.—Psalm xviii, 1, 3.

If it is true that God is all things to his children when they need him, it is equally true that he is all things against those who rebel against his laws. "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." "Evil shall slay the wicked, and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate."

The Senate of the United States, in the closing days of its late session, voted, under the pressure of neglected business, to continue to work all day Sunday. But in the meanwhile, a member having died, adjourned "out of respect to his memory." The question arises whether the living God is not as deserving of respect as a dead Senator.—Interior.

No man can be rightly judged without taking into consideration the kind of wife he has. There are men who go through the world without doing very much harm, because they have angelic wives to restrain them, but who would have developed into devils had they married Jezebels. The day that a man marries a good wife he takes one step toward heaven. "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."

Homiletics.

Hymns 24, 583, 585.
Scripture Lesson—St. Matthew, xi, 7, 30. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Introduction—Before the form of ancient Rome there stood a golden milestone, and all the great roads of the Roman empire met there.

In England it is said that every highway and byway, every lane and every cross roads lead to London. So all the pathways of Holy Scripture lead to Jesus Christ. Prophecy, history, ceremony, doctrine, all center in him. To be a Christian is not merely to subscribe to certain abstract dogmas. It is, first of all, to accept a personal Christ. Then he "shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God."

I. The promise of rest to weary souls.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and I will give you rest."

Humanity is borne down by burdens, sorrows and sins. All relief, except in Christ, is temporary. The sufferer may be soothed for a time by certain drugs, but he is worse after their effect has ceased. All that the world can offer to the weary soul is like the nostrum to the sick man.

Jesus offers rest not happiness. Rest is deeper than happiness. Happiness depends on what happens—rest is like the quiet sea, deep down below the surface billows.

II. The rest of Christ is that of the lowly in heart.

The rest Christ promises is not that of stagnation or idleness. Idle people are really more weary than industrious ones. Busy people are too busy to know that they are tired. The stars, whirling in their ceaseless orbits, are a type of true rest.

Niagara, plunging and foaming, is really at rest, because forever it is rushing on as God ordained it.

The opposite of meek and lowly is proud and discontented. Christ was meek and lowly and his soul was at perfect rest. We are to find rest by taking his yoke, entering his service. Proud and discontented people are always miserable. Only the meek and lowly are at rest. Forgiveness of sins, purity of heart. This only is rest.

III. The rest of Christ is, above all, learning of him.

The true followers of Jesus are his disciples. The word disciple means learner.

St. Paul says: "The law is our school-slave to bring us to Christ." What a school where we have Christ as teacher, the Holy Spirit as the light and the Bible as the text book. The service of Satan is harder than Siberian exile or American slavery. Death, at last, ended both of those, but it only plunges the slave of the devil into eternal horrors. But Christ says: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." The school of Christ—how delightful, how precious its lessons, how glorious its fellowship, how lasting its results:

Come unto me when shadows darkly gather,
When the sad heart is weary and distressed,
Seeking for comfort from your heavenly Father,
Come unto me and I will give you rest.

Large are the mansions in thy Father's dwelling,
Glad are the homes that sorrows never dim,
Sweet are the harps in holy music swelling,
Soft are the tones which raise the heavenly hymn.

There, like an Eden, blossoming in gladness,
Bloom the fair flowers that earth too rudely pressed;
Come unto me all ye who droop in sadness,
Come unto me and I will give you rest.

Schools and Colleges.

The Bulwark of the Faith.

Bishop John F. Hurst is asking each member of the Epworth League to give or raise one dollar for the building of an Epworth Hall, the endowment of a professorship, and the founding of Epworth student ships in the Washington University. The chapters are beginning to respond. For once let us prove that Methodism can be thoroughly united in a great enterprise. We ought to rise and rally as one man around Bishop Hurst in his effort to plant this great university. This is the greatest county in the world. It is only upon the threshold of its magnificent career. Methodism is the greatest church in this greatest country, and we ought to have in the Nation's Capitol the greatest university ever heard of or thought of. It ought to be the bulwark of the faith; it ought to be the reservoir of spiritual power; it ought to be the everlasting Pentecost from which men of every land could go forth to preach salvation among all nations. There is no way to overestimate the importance of this university. Let ten thousand readers of *World Wide Missions* this very moment sit down and remember it in their wills. Let five hundred thousand send Bishop Hurst contributions for present needs. Let us build it as the children of Israel built the Tabernacle. Let us lay our offerings down so joyfully and so abundantly that it will be necessary to blow the trumpet in the camp to tell the people not to give any more. This university ought to be built and endowed, not with a long, hard strain and struggle with poverty, but with shout and song, and flying banners; the walls should rise, the endowment be built up, and the university, fully fledged, fully armed, fully equipped, leap from the brain and heart of Methodism to take its part in the glorious conflict which is sure to end in the universal empire of Jesus Christ our Lord.—World Wide Missions.

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Sectarian Indian Schools.

It is the misfortune of the Roman Catholic Church in this country that it seeks to control education. The misfortune lies in the fact that its purpose leads to constant irritation of public feeling and dispute, because the people of the United States are resolved that no church shall control education. Every sect is, of course, free to establish schools at its own cost for the instruction of such children as may be sent to them. But the use of public money to sustain such schools is contrary to public feeling and policy. This is well understood in the States of the Union, but it does not prevent a continuous effort, under various pleas, to secure public aid for private or sectarian institutions. No church among us has so definite a purpose and so thorough an organization to extend its sway as the Roman Church. It is untiring and able and plausible, and its efforts, outside of its proper pale as a religious communion, must be watched as unremittently and met as firmly as those of any other church or association of any kind would be.

There is no complete or consistent system of education in the Indian Department as there is in the States. There are still mission schools maintained by different denominations besides the government schools, and public money is appropriated to aid them. The theory seems to be that it is more economical for the government to unite with the sects than to maintain the schools independently, like other public schools. The result of such a system in the States can be readily perceived, and it is a source of constant feeling and anxiety in the Indian Department. In 1889 forty per cent of the appropriation for Indian education, which was less than one million and a half, was given to the sectarian schools. Of this sum, which was \$554,553, the Catholic schools received \$347,689. For the next year they will receive about \$400,000. The purpose of these schools primarily, as is was in the early Jesuit missions in Canada, is to make Roman Catholics, rather than American citizens. We do not mean that unpatriotic sentiments or feelings are inculcated. But the object is ecclesiastical and sectarian. That is the chief interest, and for that purpose the organization is thorough. This is something very foreign to our general policy, and it should be generally understood. But it is not. Probably very few persons who have not especial reasons for knowing nn-



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Understand our scheme of Indian education.

The subject is apt to be dismissed with the remark that education under Catholic auspices and with sectarian purposes is better than none. But this is not really the alternative or the question, unless we choose that it shall be. The question is, why should the public pay for making Catholics or Methodists or Presbyterians? In 1880 we appropriated \$1,364,563 for education among the Indians. Why should a dollar of that sum be spent for sectarian purposes? And if it is not large enough to maintain necessary schools properly, would it not be much better for the country to spend twice as much rather than to save a million or two dollars by sustaining a sectarian instruction which, as sectarian, is repugnant to the spirit of our institutions? The zeal of the various sects would doubtless lead them to maintain mission schools among the Indians as among the Hindus and the Chinese, and in our own great cities. But the partnership of the government of the United States with religious sects should be ended as soon as possible.—Harper's Weekly.

The University of Berlin has 6,000 students.

The Baptists of Oregon will build a college at Portland.

Of 362 colleges in this country 272 are supported by religious denominations.

A motion that selections from the Bible be read in the public schools of Chicago was voted down in the board of education.

Columbia, the richest college in the country, having between eight and ten millions, is asking for funds with which to build the "Barnard Annex," for women.

Upon what principle of expediency or common honesty is it that Gov. Northern, of Georgia, refuses to appoint a single colored man upon the Board of Trustees of the Georgia State College for colored children to be located at Savannah? It will be built largely by money given by the government, yet Gov. Northern, of that State, has appointed only white men members of the Board to control the institution.

The periodical publications now issued in the United States and Canada are found to be divided as follows: daily, 1,512; tri-weekly, 50; semi-weekly, 194; weekly, 12,322; bi-weekly, 67; semi-monthly, 239; monthly, 1,792; bi-monthly, 25; quarterly, 109; making a total of 16,310.

Books and Current Literature.

Plantation Life before Emancipation, is the title of a book about to be published by Whitteth & Shepperson, 101 Main street, Richmond, Va., for Rev. R. Q. Mallard, D.D., 203 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, La. We shall gladly look for its publication.

There is always a freshness about The Ladies' Home Journal, and a perfect knowledge displayed of woman's best wants at every season of the year. For one dollar it is sent to any address, for an entire year, by the Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, who conduct the Journal.

The list of contributors to The Popular Science Monthly for September contains a goodly number of strong names. The opening article, by Prof. John Fiske, is on The Doctrine of Evolution. Dr. Andrew D. White continues his Warfare of Science series, describing the displacement of fetichism by hygiene. A fifth paper is contributed by Prof. O. Hanford Henderson to his illustrated series on Glass making. New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

Carlotta's Intended is the title of the complete novel in the September Lippincott's. This is a story of New Orleans life in the Italian quarter. Cable has portrayed the Creole life in New Orleans, but here is another most interesting phase of New Orleans life which is for the first time opened to view. The Magazine is full of splendid matter and is a real treat to possess it. Three dollars a year, 25 cents a number. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia.

Alden's Manifold Cyclopaedia and The Columbian Cyclopaedia and Alden's Cyclopaedia of Universal Literature have been transferred to Garretson, Cox & Co., 339 Pearl street, New York.

The Living Age, a brightly illustrated monthly has appeared at Denison, Texas, with S. D. Russell and E. H. Garland as editors. It gives promise of a long and useful career.

Park Avenue Hotel, New York, has issued a very beautiful souvenir, which gives splendid pictures of that great city; a copy of which has reached us.

THE pious theologian's advice in regard to preparation of sermons will bear iterated repetition: "Prepare elaborately, thoroughly, as though there were no Holy Spirit to own and bless. Then preach, depending on the Holy Spirit, as though you had made no preparation."

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Thy smile to light me on my way,
My blinded vision dimly sees,
And with a sad and trembling heart
I humbly pray on bended knees,
Oh, Father, take me by the hand!

Oh, Father, take me by the hand!
Temptations lurk on every side;
The world allures with siren voice;
The way is broad, the gate is wide;
My spirit, battling with the flesh,
Thy smile to light me on my way,
Dark clouds of sin and doubt arise,
And oft obscure thy face—
Oh, Father, take me by the hand!

Oh, Father, take me by the hand!
In vain I strive with feeble sense
To pierce the gloom which clouds my path;
The darkness grows the more intense;
I grope along the narrow way
Which leads up to the mountain's height;

My faltering footsteps go astray,
'Tis dark! I cannot walk by sight!
Oh, Father, take me by the hand!

Oh, Father, take me by the hand,
And lead me all the weary way!
Oh, let thy presence, like a wall,
Surround and keep me, day by day,
Until I tread with blood-washed feet,
The golden avenues of light,
And in exchange for feeble faith
Receive the glorious gift of sight;
Oh, Father, take me by the hand!

Mrs. Mack, in United Presbyterian.

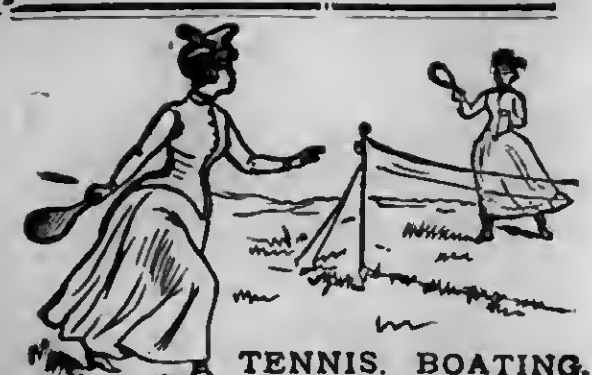
The Household.

Sweet Pickles.

Over firm, sound peaches which are not too ripe, pour boiling water, to loosen the skin. Not to blacken the fruit peel with a silver knife. In a porcelain vessel boil half a gallon of cider vinegar, three pounds of best brown sugar, and one ounce of cinnamon—or in this proportion. After skimming and cooking fifteen minutes, drop the fruit into the syrup for a few minutes, taking care to skim it into cans before it breaks. Fill the cans with syrup, and screw on the covers tight. These pickled peaches keep a year, and more. Ripe, hard, sweet apples are equal to peaches for pickling. They should be peeled, and the stems left on. When cooked so that a straw will pass through them easily, skim into a jar. When all are cooked pour the syrup over them, which should cover the fruit. Turn a plate over them, and cover and tie up the jar. Grapes need not be cooked. Let them be fresh from the vines; pick them carefully from the stems into a jar. For six pounds use one quart of vinegar, three and a half pounds of sugar, a little stick cinnamon and a few cloves. Boil the syrup ten minutes, and when it is lukewarm pour over the grapes, and cover in the same manner as the apples. This keeps long.—Selected.

Suggestions to Jelly Makers.

The most tart fruits will make the firmest jelly, although fruits of all kinds may be used. But in the case of peaches, quinces, apples and crab apples a little water must be added to them for the first cooking; they are not sufficiently juicy, and would burn before any juice could be obtained. A more laborious method, however, which will avoid adding the water, is to provide a double boiler by setting the kettle of fruit into a large pan of water, and cook the fruit in this way. It will need stirring frequently and to be cooked longer than by the first method. Quinces require a quarter of a pound less sugar to a pint of juice than other fruits,



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General News Items.

An unaccountable lake has been formed by the accumulation of water in the Colorado desert basin which continues to rise most threateningly. Some think it is from the Colorado river others from the Pacific Ocean; but no one seems to know. Several salt mines have been destroyed thereby.

The leading Jews of England believe that the settlement of Jews in Palestine by a great wave of immigration is necessary to solve the Jewish problem, and Lord Rothschild has presented a memorial to Lord Salisbury, asking the British Government to initiate concerted action by the powers in that behalf.

The recent census of Ireland shows a population of 4,706,162 males and 2,317,076 females, a total decrease of 468,674 since the last enumeration.

Texas has a Hogg for Governor, a Pigg for Judge, a Lamb for Senator, a Durham for Representative, and a Buffalo for Sheriff. Texas is a great stock raising State.

The Census Bureau statistics on tobacco show that there are 61,641 planters in Kentucky, cultivating 275,587 acres. The total product last year was 221,890,303 pounds, valued at \$13,335,297.

The Imperial census of India was taken on the night between February 26 and 27 last. Nothing more remarkable in the way of census taking has ever occurred. About 1,000,000 enumerators were engaged simultaneously, recording facts concerning a population of 280,000,000 souls. This census embraced not only British India proper, but the feudatory States.

Washington Lumpkins and several other former slaves of General James Taylor, of Newport, Kentucky, have just won a suit which they brought to recover land that was bequeathed to them by the wealthy General's will when he died in 1818. About fifty slaves were given their freedom and twenty-five acres of land apiece by this will, but none of them seemed to think of enforcing its provisions, till four of them in 1887 brought the suit which is now decided.

Mrs. Richard Manning, of South Carolina, is the only woman on record who was the mother of a Governor, the wife of a Governor, the niece of a Governor and the aunt of a Governor.

William Graham Green, an old friend of Abraham Lincoln, is still living in Illinois, and is 80 years old. He claims to have given the great war President his first lesson in grammar, when the two were clerks together in a store at New Salem, but acknowledges that in six weeks the scholar knew a great deal more about the study than his teacher did.

Little Things in Everyday Life. Bound in white leatherette, with gilt top. Price 25 cents. Thomas Whitaker, Publisher, 2 and 3 Bible House, New York. We have lately received, and read with much interest, a little book containing six little sermons on six little things, and advise our readers to take a little money and send for the book and read it, and then hand it to some one else, and thus keep it busy doing missionary work. If our readers will follow the suggestions of these sermons and put them in practice, they will be surprised at the greatness of the results.

Our Symposium.

It is a healthy sign for the city of New Orleans, that its citizens of the better class are determined to destroy the curse of the lottery evil. We have before us an account of an enthusiastic meeting recently held to open the campaign. The principal speaker, Rev. Dr. Palmer, is quoted as saying, "If the lottery cannot be stamped out by the usual means, it will have to be crushed by revolution. Unless the State is redeemed by its own acts the appeal must be made to the virtue and intelligence of the whole country, for it is not competent for an isolated community to live as the moral convicts of the world. The sentiment of the country stamped out slavery, and the rest of the world has already divested itself of the lottery curse. If the curse is inflicted upon Louisiana she must become the lost pleiad in the sisterhood of States, and go forth an outcast with the scarlet letter of shame branded forever upon her forehead." No one can realize so well as a citizen of New Orleans, the great demoralization of the poorer classes by this long-standing evil. The intelligent among its population owe it to these as well as to themselves, to wage a ceaseless warfare against that which has gotten a tremendous hold upon its victims who compose a legion. They will need the greatest wisdom to successfully combat the satanic influences existing in connection with this business, which is evidently headed by satan himself.—Christian Weekly.

There is nothing, you say in the church services to interest you—so you stay away. But is not your lack of interest in religious worship an alarming symptom? He who permanently loses his appetite for food is sick, and unless he finds a remedy will die. This applies to the soul as well as the body. If you have no delight in the sanctuary, no relief for religious discourse, no solemn joy in prayer or praise, you have reason to be alarmed about your spiritual health. —Cumberland Presbyterian.

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.—Thoreau.

There never was a great man unless through divine inspiration. —Cicero.

For insult given, the noblest vengeance is forgetfulness forever.—Florian.

God always has an angel of help for those who are willing to do their duty.—Cuyler.

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St. Paulin, P. Q., Can., Feb. 10, 1890.

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SECOND QUARTER.—Studies in the Gospel of St. John. Lesson 1X. Christ at the Feast. John 7. 31-44. Commit to memory verses 31-33. Aug. 30, 1891. A. D. 30.

HOME READINGS.

M. John 7. 31-44. Tn. John 7. 10-17. W. John 7. 45-53. Th. John 6. 60-69. F. Rom. 10. 1-10. S. Matt. 11. 25-30. S. Rev. 22. 12-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (John 7. 37.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Time—April, A. D. 30

Place—The temple courts.

Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—The "carrying of water" on "the last, the great day of the feast" was one of the grandest ceremonies of the entire Jewish ritual. A procession of priests and pilgrims marched with responsive chanting from the Pool of Siloam to the great altar of burnt-offering in the court of the temple. After the water had been poured out as the holy symbol there was a silence, and in the midst of that silence Jesus called out the words the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth verses.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The People's Question, v. 31-36.

What question did the people ask about Jesus?

Who heard of these questions?

What measures did they take to arrest him?

What did Jesus say about his going away?

What about seeking and not finding?

What three questions did the Jews ask?

What did they think he intended to do? (See chap. 8. 22.)

2. The Saviour's Promise, v. 37-39.

What gracious invitation did Jesus give to the thirsty? (Golden Text.)

On what day was this spoken?

What was his promise of abundance?

To what did he refer under this figure of water?

What prophet had promised the Holy Spirit? (Joel 2. 28.)

3. The Conflicting Opinions, v. 40-44.

What two opinions did the people have about Jesus?

What did some say about Galilee?

What about David and Bethlehem?

What resulted from this difference of opinion?

What were some inclined to do?

Why did no one lay hands on him? (See verse 30.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That Jesus can supply all our needs?

2. That the Holy Spirit is promised to all believers?

3. That the Scriptures witness that Jesus is the Messiah?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS.

Find whether Jesus ever went over the border of the Holy Land to the gentile country?

Find a conversation Jesus had with a woman about water and wells.

Find whether the Pharisees and priests had anything to do with Jesus's death.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Why did many of the people believe that Jesus was the Christ?

No one could do greater miracles!

2. What wonderful invitation

did Jesus give? "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

3. What did he say he would make every Christian? A fountain of blessing to others.

4. What did the people think? They were confused and divided.

EXPLANATIONS.

When Christ cometh—"Christ" is here a title; the Anointed One. The question is a negative argument that Jesus is the Christ.

Do more miracles—That is, can he present more convincing signs of his divinity. The Pharisees and the chief priests—This phrase here means the Sanhedrin, which was at once the Congress and the General conference of the Jews. This is the first official effort to arrest Jesus, and the endeavor never ceased until the day of the crucifixion. A little while—These words were uttered a few months before the crucifixion. The dispersed among the gentiles—At this time there were more Jews in foreign countries than there were in Palestine. There were three great colonies of them in Babylonia, Egypt and Syria, but they were also represented in almost every country. If any man thirst—It was burning autumn weather. Let him come unto me—A direct assumption of divinity. The Scripture hath said—Not by any one text, but by its general teaching. Out of his belly—From the depths of his nature shall flow spiritual refreshment to others. The prophet—Foretold in Dent. 14. 18. Out of Galilee—Jesus was a Galilean in citizenship, and very likely in manners also.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The universality of salvation.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

85. What does God require of man? Obedience to his revealed will.

86. What is the rule of our obedience? The moral law.

87. Where is the moral law given? In the ten commandments. (Exod. 20.)

Let every enfeebled woman know it! There's a medicine that'll cure her, and the proof's positive!

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Conference Notices.

Corinth District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

Third Round.

Ripley.....Ang. 27

New Albany.....Sept. 29-30

Pontotoc.....Sept. 5-6

Honston.....Sept. 12-13

Bell Cir.....Sept. 12-13

Tampico.....Sept. 19-20

Strages.....Sept. 23

Webster.....Sept. 26-27

Starkville Cir.....Oct. 30

Ackerman.....Oct. 3-4

Loosville.....Oct. 3-4

Chester Mission.....Oct. 8

Greensboro.....Oct. 8

Reuch Camp.....Oct. 10-11

Bellville.....Oct. 10-11

Brethren will look well to the benevolences had "Southwestern."

R. SEWELL, P. E.

Navasota District, Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

Anderson.....Sept. 5-6

Yarborough.....Sept. 12-13

Caldwell.....Sept. 19-20

Bryan Cir.....Sept. 23-24

Bryan.....Sept. 26-27

Milligan.....Oct. 3-4

Navasota Cir.....Oct. 10-11

Navasota.....Oct. 17-18

Brenham.....Oct. 20-25

Brenham Cir.....Oct. 24-25

Navasota.....Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

Hempstead.....Oct. 6-8

Hempstead Cir.....Oct. 7-8

San Felipe and Sealy.....Oct. 14-15

San Felipe Cir.....Oct. 14-15

Hookley.....Nov. 21-22

Wellborn.....Nov. 2

Prepare a list of nominations for stewards, trustees, committees, etc. Be prepared to select some good member to attend the electoral conference to convene in Houston December 4. If need be, we will inspect the deeds of all the church property and the church records. Forward your missionary money to Rev. S. Hunt, D.D., 150 Fifth Ave., New York, on or before the 15th of October. Let the board of trustees be ready to make

their annual report. The district conference will meet in Brenham, October 21 at 9 o'clock a. m. It is hoped that every member will be present at roll call. W. H. LOGAN.

Huntsville District, Central Alabama Conference.

Third Round.

Decatur.....Ang. 29-30

Contra.....Sept. 5-6

Guntersville.....Sept. 12-13

Cedar Grove.....Sept. 18

Triana.....Sept. 19-20

Huntsville Cir.....Sept. 26-27

Scottdale.....Oct. 3-4

Stevenson.....Oct. 10-11

Somersville.....Oct. 17-18

Blountsville.....Oct. 24-25

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Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference.

Third Round.

Fayetteville Cir.....Ang. 29-30

Fort Smith.....Sept. 5-6

Van Buren.....Sept. 12-13

Scottdale.....Sept. 19-20

Morrilton.....Sept. 26-27

Plummersville.....Oct. 3-4

Lonoke and Hazen.....Oct. 10-11

Richwood.....Oct. 17-18

Marche.....Oct. 24-25

Little Rock, Wesley Ch.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1

Little Rock.....Nov. 7-8

Argenta and Little Rock Miss.....Oct. 10-11

Dear Brethren: The time is short, and this, the third round, will very likely determine your success for the year in all interests of your charge. It is earnestly hoped that all of our benevolent member will have been collected and forwarded to proper parties. Should any changes be made, I will promptly notify you. W. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Corner Stone.

The corner stone of new Wesley Chapel, Wilson, La., will be laid on the second Sunday in September. The following ministers are expected to be present: Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall, H. James, W. R. Butler, D. M. Seals, A. Hilton, A. J. Tironi, C. C. Wright, A. E. P. Albert editor, and Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday School Agent. P. W. CLARK, P. C.

Sunday School Institute.

To the pastors of the Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference: The Sunday School Institute of the above named district will meet at Minter City, Miss., the Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, or the 29th. Each charge is entitled to a superintendent and one delegate, elected by the Sunday School Board. A full attendance is requested. J. W. WINBUSH, D. GREEN, Committee.

Camp Meeting.

The Pine Bluff District Camp Meeting will take place Sunday, September 13, at Sweet Home, Ark. All denominations are invited. We hope all the pastors of the district will be present. The presiding elders and pastors of the Forest City, Little Rock, and Texarkana districts are also invited to come over and help. Bring your tents and camps, and come to stay until September 30. C. A. TAYLOR, P. C.

Columbus District, West Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

District Conference, Alletton, Sept. 17-21

Columbus sta.....Sept. 26-27

Columbus Cir.....Oct. 3-4

LaGrange.....Oct. 10-11

LaGrange Cir.....Oct. 17-18

Weimar and Schulenburg, Oct. 24-25

31 and.....Nov. 1

Oakland.....Nov. 7-8

Sublime.....Nov. 14-18

Hallettsville.....Nov. 21-23

Edna and Wharton.....Nov. 28-29

Faouin and Mission.....Dec. 5-6

Victoria and Spring Creek.....Dec. 12-13

C. L. MADISON, P. E.

Palestine District, Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

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Editorial Notes.

Large are the mansions in thy Father's dwelling,
Glad are the homes that sorrows never dim,
Sweet are the harps in holy music swelling,
Soft are the tones which raise the heavenly hymn.

There, like an Eden, blossoming in gladness,
Bloom the fair flowers that earth too rudely pressed;
Come unto me all ye who droop in sadness,
Come unto me and I will give you rest.

WHY not organize the Epworth League on every charge in our territory. It is one of the best auxiliaries that we can put in operation in our charges. Write to the Rev. J. L. Harbnt, D. D., corresponding secretary, S. S. Union, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, for further information.

HAVE you registered? You must bear in mind that all registration papers issued prior to January 1, 1891, are worthless. If you want to record your vote as a citizen against the infamous lottery incubus, you must be sure and register. The registration office in this city is on Camp street, opposite Lafayette Square. Lose no time, but attend to this matter at once, before you are crowded out.

A bystander who had been reading the new paper called the *Down Town Herald*, said he judged that its main purpose seemed to be to get into the good graces of the colored people so as to be easier induced them to vote for the lottery. It looks that way, and our friends should beware of it. Any such friendship is insincere, and will only tend to their injury if relied on. Don't be a cat's paw for the infamous lottery.

It never can be done. What? The separation into different departments of white and black comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. It never ought to be done. It never again ought to be proposed. It never would have been, it never would be if it were not for the existence of the unreasonable and outrageous spirit of caste that fills the unrepentant rebel element of the South. It cannot be that the veterans of the Grand Army will allow this miserable, wicked and abominable spirit to dominate its policy. Surely the men of the North, the vast majority of the Grand Army, will never succumb to the vicious and debasing idea of Southern rebels. If black men and white men could die together in battling for liberty and union, well may they stand together to resist and oppose the clamor against real comradeship. God bless the Grand Army.

The Spread of Methodism in the South.

T. P. W.

We believe in the spread of Methodism in the South through the agency of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While we should be fraternal and helpful in our attitude toward other branches of Methodism, and utterly free from sectarianism and narrow and unchristian prejudice towards any branch of the Holy Catholic Church, yet we should be loyal to our own Church. We believe in the type of Christianity that she represents. Our Church stands for intelligence and morality in pastors and people; in a polity and practice as broad as humanity and as catholic as Christ; in having realized on earth a church like unto that in heaven—a communion of peoples of all nations and tribes and colors and tongues.

To spread such a Methodism among the people we must have a ministry and people who are thoroughly loyal to the church under the banners of which they choose to march. Every one is in the church of his own choice. There is no compulsion to bring men in. The relation is that entered into by mutual compact. If the relation becomes oppressive or distasteful, and one believes that he can be more useful or more contented elsewhere, the door is open and he may sever his relation and go forth with the "God-speed" of the church. For this reason there should be loyalty in ministry and membership (and there must be) in order that there may be power.

1. Let there be loyalty to the principles for which the old church stands, and for the maintenance of which she has put millions of dollars into the South. People do not give millions for a sentiment or emotion and keep up the giving for more than a quarter of a century. There is Christian principle behind such beneficence.

2. Do not fear or grow disheartened because you are few and the local church is small, while another body of Methodists is numerous and strong. Remember that Methodism began in the small company in the Holy Club. Could any one have then cast the horoscope of the future and have prophesied the mighty fabric that was to rise from this small beginning? Care for principle and holiness and intelligent loyalty to the church more than for mere numbers.

3. To spread our church there must be loyalty to our educational institutions. Through these our church is to rise in dignity and power. This great system of schools, under the wise and able direction of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, is the hope of the Church in the South. The church that has an educated ministry and people is the church of the future. It may be slow in its growth, but it has elements of power that are bound to win. No other church among the colored people has any such system of schools for the training of its people, with a theological seminary and a quarter of a million dollars behind it for the sending out of an educated ministry. The people are rising intellectually. The children read. They are in the Sunday schools. They understand the Word. The ministry that is to attract to the church the educated young people of the future must be a ministry trained and intelligent. And this is just what our great church has wisely provided for.

4. There must be, for the spread of any church, diligent and intelli-

gent care and training of the young. The church of to-morrow is in the Sunday school of to-day. The church has now provided the Epworth League, and the wise pastor, intent on attracting and holding the best young people to his church, will organize and carefully work this most important department of our church. Read the *Epworth Herald* and circulate it among the people. It is one of the brightest and most helpful papers in the church.

5 And this brings us to our own paper, the *SOUTHWESTERN*. The success of this paper is vitally connected with the spread of our church among the colored people. In these days the subscription list has much to do with the prosperity of any newspaper. Compare its general make up and its editorial columns with the organs of other Methodisms, and you will be convinced that it deserves the heartiest support of every pastor and every local church. Spread our literature; spread the circulation of the *SOUTHWESTERN* and you help mightily to spread the church that is so ably represented by this organ.

6. And now, finally, as to the election of a bishop of African descent, as a helping factor in "the spread of our church among the colored people." That such a recognition is greatly desired by our colored membership, and that it would add strength to our work, there can be no doubt. That it will come, is coming, is, to my mind, certain. That such a consummation is not only desirable, but finds its place in line with the general history and polity of our church, just as naturally as the election of other representative officers from the body of our colored membership,—is also, to my mind, true and certain. The great heart of our church is in sympathy with our Southern work, and will welcome a colored bishop. But he will be bishop of the entire church, and not be restricted by sectional lines or race distinctions. Therefore the ideal for such a bishop should be high, but not higher than for candidates (excuse the word) for the episcopacy from any other conference. The colored minister presented for this office should not be compared with our theoretically ideal candidate for the episcopacy, but with the men actually chosen for the office in the elections of the General Conference. In other words, the ideal should not be arbitrary in the case of the colored man, and flexible in the selection of the white superintendent. But, with wise and thoughtful colored men of our church, I never want to see a man elected on the color line; placed in position because of his color. We want not a colored bishop, but a colored bishop. Wisdom, broad intelligence, administrative ability, adaptation, consecration, promise of eminent usefulness—these qualifications we ask of any one chosen for this sacred and responsible office;—and, finding these in a representative colored minister, let him be chosen, and that speedily, for I believe that such a bishop would find a place of eminent usefulness in the general work of our church.

I understand that the really wise and conservative leaders among our colored membership ask recognition on the same ground and in the same spirit in which, on July 2d, a delegation of prominent colored men, representing the Virginia Republican Association, called on President Harrison and presented a memorial indorsing Mr. Langston's selection as one of the new Circuit Court judges. The document closes thus: "In our opinion, and we think that we voice the sentiment of the country at large, John M. Langston, of Vir-

ginia, is pre-eminently fitted for the judicial bench. A man of much learning and experience, mature in years, and in every way competent to discharge the functions of the position, we present him to you the undisputed leader and representative of eight millions of loyal American citizens, who join us in asking that he be appointed."

The attitude of the President, as indicated in his reply, is all that self-respecting colored men ask. After listening attentively to what the delegates had to say in regard to the able man whom they represented as one who could be eminently useful as a judge over all the people of Virginia, without respect to color, he told them that he would take the matter under consideration, and added: "This petition has as much weight as any that has yet been presented in behalf of candidates for these positions. If Langston receives the appointment it will be on account of his fitness and not his color. No other consideration but that of ability will enter into the case in the selection of any of the judges."

Let the church be truer in the defense and recognition of the colored man than has the party to which he has clung with such self-sacrifice and fidelity for a quarter of a century; let our church simply live up to the declaration of principles set forth in the words of President Harrison, as quoted above, without prejudice or fear or favor;—this is all that our loyal and devoted colored membership asks, and it is the very least that they should ask.

To the Various Colored Methodist Bodies of America, the Dominion of Canada, the West Indies and Bermuda Islands.

GREETING.

We, the undersigned members of the A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion, Colored M. E., U. A. M. E. Churches, and the colored members of the M. E. Church, do hereby unite in a call for a convention of all the colored Methodists in the countries named above, to be held in Washington City, United States of America, sometime in the month of October, 1891, either during the sitting of the forthcoming Ecumenical Conference or immediately after its adjournment, for the purpose of advancing plans and means looking toward closer union and more fraternal relations among the various colored Methodists of the world.

We have long since been convinced of the fact that colored Methodists ought to better understand each other in their methods, aims and purposes for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom and in the uplifting of a race of people to whom we are especially called to break the bread of eternal life.

We are further convinced that so long as colored Methodists are rent in the numerous factions out of which grow unchristian rivalries, jealousies, misrepresentations and recriminations, we cannot effectively accomplish our mission, which is the elevating and christianizing of the Negro race.

There can be no harm resulting from such a gathering of representative colored Methodists; but, on the contrary, out of it ought to grow a more friendly feeling, a higher appreciation of each other, inspiration for the future and a more united effort for the elevation of the race.

The delegates elected by the several churches mentioned above to the Ecumenical Conference shall compose such a convention.

All who indorse this call will please signify the same by sending their names on a postal card to the editor of this paper, and their

names will be enrolled and published as signers of the call. The call is open until the 1st of September, 1891.

We are yours in Christ Jesus, B. W. Arnett, A. Wolters, J. W. Hood, C. H. Phillips, C. N. Grandison, W. B. Derrick.

Memorial Services at Lloyd Street M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Memorial services were held in Lloyd Street M. E. Church in memory of Rev. E. H. Gammon, founder of Gammon Theological Seminary, Sunday afternoon, August 16, 1891. The service was opened by singing hymn "Servant of God Well Done," etc., and reading psalm 90, by Rev. C. L. Johnson, of the class of '91, and pastor Gate City M. E. Church, Rev. Valcour Chapman, senior class, led in prayer. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, of the class of '91, acted as chairman and in a few opening remarks paid tribute to the memory of Bro. Gammon, and gave in a very touching manner his last conversation with him in regard to his plans for the future of the seminary. He then introduced Rev. T. L. Johnson, junior class, who read letters of regret from president Thirkield and others who could not be present. Rev. R. E. Hunt, pastor Butler Street C. M. E. Church, class of '89, and president of Gammon Alumni Association, was introduced and delivered an eloquent and powerful address. All hearts were touched as he spoke of the good this blessed man of God had done. Rev. J. R. Howard, the poet of the class of '89, read a beautiful and pathetic poem which appears next week. It speaks for itself.

The last address was delivered by president W. H. Hickman, of Clark University. It was a masterly one and left lasting impressions. After prayer by the chairman the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS, Rev. E. H. Gammon, patron and founder of Gammon Theological Seminary, has been through the dispensation of a wise Providence called from labor to reward ere his plans and purposes for the enlargement of the seminary had fully matured; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we, the alumni students, friends and congregation here assembled, bow to the will of Almighty God, yet we stop to shed a tear of love and pay a tribute of respect to this good and blessed man whom God raised up to inaugurate this work which has such a response in the needs and wants of the people throughout this Southland.

Resolved, Further, that we extend to Sister Gammon, his devoted wife, who gave her hearty co-operation in all his plans and purposes and to all members of the family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Resolved, Further, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family by the secretary of this meeting, and published in the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

Appropriate music was rendered by the Gate City and Lloyd Street choirs. Benediction by Father Anderson, of the Savannah Conference.

Church Polity.

Q. Where there is a district conference held, can a local preacher's license be renewed in any case, in his absence?

A. There is no law without exceptions positively stated or logically implied. There can be no doubt but what the license of an absent local preacher can be renewed, in his absence, provided the absence was, in the judgment of the district conference, unavoidable.

Q. A B was wrongfully divorced twenty years ago; he subsequently married; has a wife and children; his former wife is still alive. Can he be admitted to membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church on proof of conversion?

A. Dr. F. Hoyt, when editor of

the *Western Christian Advocate*, answered this question in a most discriminating manner. The *Christian Advocate* then approved his answer. It is to the effect that under such circumstances, if the church is satisfied that the person is truly repentant for all sin, and the situation is such that no readjustment is possible, it would be proper to admit him.

Q. Was not the three years' rule in appointments originally made for unusual cases, and not to be a general law? Has the minister any right to complain if the church thinks it expedient for him to move at the end of two years?

A. The theory of the Methodist Episcopal Church in practical operation is that the ministers are appointed annually. If they succeed, and in the judgment of the appointing power are not more needed elsewhere, they can now be reappointed four times, but must then depart and remain away five years before they can return to the same charge. Success in a minister implies that he should not be removed except for strong reason. The local society has a right to have a judgment as to whether he is succeeding or not. The bishops wisely take that into consideration. But neither the opinion of the church, nor that of the minister, nor both united, is the sole consideration. A principle essential to the success of the Methodist system is that the minister should go where he is sent, that the church should receive whoever is sent, and that implies that the minister should leave and the church relinquish whenever it is necessary. All parties, however, are entitled to hold their opinions of the wisdom of the action. The only thing the law requires is submission to what is finally announced. Without this, of course, the itinerancy would break down at once.—*Christian Advocate*.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.)

On Tuesday night, July 21, the members of Thomson Chapel held a pound meeting in connection with the class meeting, which served to make the heart of their pastor, Rev. W. P. Forest, glad and thankful. They did not only bring groceries, but dry goods and money. On Wednesday the following committee of ladies conveyed them up to his house: Mrs. Dwight, Carter, Peen, Williams, and Miss Sarau and master Peter Dwight.

On Saturday night, July 25, an entertainment was given by the little folks of Thomson Chapel, in which they realized the sum of \$7. Sunday the 26th was Children's day. The exercises consisted of a number of recitations, solos, duets, etc. The Rev. P. Robinson, from Mandeville, was with us; also the Presiding Elder of the Monroe district, Rev. S. Priestley, who addressed the Sunday school in a timely and fitting manner. Rev. W. P. Forest, P. C.

The grand Joint Class Bazaar given at Pleasant Plain Church, August 24-29, for the purpose of raising money to ceil the church, under the auspices of the Willing Classes, was a grand success.

THE attention of our readers is invited to the call for "a convention of all colored Methodists" during the Ecumenical Conference in Washington, D. C., during the month of next October. Whatever may be the conclusions reached by such a convention, there certainly must flow therefrom a more friendly feeling and a higher appreciation of each other, by such a meeting.

Letters from the Districts.

Pontotoc, Miss.

THOS. L. INGRAM.

The First District Conference for the Corinth district convened in the St. Paul M. E. Church at Ripley, Miss., Rev. R. Sewell, Presiding Elder, presiding, Thos. L. Ingram, secretary, and J. M. Walton, statistical secretary. Report of the Presiding Elder, showed the work to be in a prosperous condition and 50 per cent above expectation. The first round of the Elder showed that he fully understands his work. Although a new man he is second to none other. The reports from the pastor showed a satisfactory increase on all lines of church work, that of benevolence and church building especially. Among the discussion of literary topics that of Rust University and the SOUTHWESTERN was ably presented by Prof. J. B. Comb, Thos. L. Ingram, J. Burton and Rev. R. Sewell, Presiding Elder. Resolution in favor of a more combined effort in raising benevolent money was adopted.

Texarkana District, Little Rock Conference.

A. J. PHILLIPS.

Dear Brethren: Do not forget your benevolent collections, but begin at once, and by the first of October let every cent of our benevolent collections be in hand. Let us put this district in the lead. Do not forget the SOUTHWESTERN. Now is the time to work for the paper. Every issue seems to get better.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

A. W. Parker, Madisonville, Texas, is abundant in words of praise for the great work being accomplished by his Presiding Elder. The second quarterly conference was a season of great joy. The church was edified and several sinners were converted. Collection \$17.15.

Rev. Reuben Turner, New Roads, La., announces a grand dollar rally on the fourth Sunday in the month. Bro. Chas. Anderson will be manager.

D. E. Jacobs, of Lake City, Fla., complains that his predecessor interferes with his work by coming thereon to preach the funeral sermons of his members, at the A. M. E. Church four miles away from there. This is contrary to our Discipline and usages, and deserves to be severely dealt with.

E. Z. Goodman, Peltier, Tenn. This is a hard place. White and colored believe in their pastors working for a living and renting their own houses. But notwithstanding such discouragements, I am determined to stand as a soldier and do all I can for the Master's cause.

I. M. Moody, Clarksburg Circuit, Tenn. Rev. O. L. Fields, of Memphis, held our third quarterly conference at Morning Sun, fifteen miles from any railroad. White and colored crowded to hear him. We had a glorious time. This is a new work. We preach in a school house. I have four appointments from 12 to 15 miles apart. I hope to send your four or five cash subscribers soon. Pray for us.

J. B. Harper, Brookhaven, Miss. I came from the Baptist denomination last January a year ago. I was highly esteemed among the Baptists as a minister and teacher until I left them. Since then it is

charged that I left them because they did not give me enough money. But I left to make better improvement of my time and talent, and to advance with the times, and that only. I have been reading the SOUTHWESTERN going on two years. The more I read it the better I like it.

L. C. McClendon, Elijah, Miss.

Saturday, July 25, our Sunday schools had a grand celebration. Very interesting essays were read by Misses Hannah Jane Tolbert, Ella Banks, Hettie Slate, Dinkie E. Poe, Mary Isaiah, Maggie Smith, and Messrs. N. H. Isom and T. B. McEwen. Rev. A. G. Honston, of the Oxford charge, was present and gave a grand lecture on Methodism. Collection \$16.10.

D. G. Franklin, Brookston, Texas.

Too much cannot be said in praise of our pastor, assisted by Elder P. Morgan, for their untiring efforts to repair the church at this place. I commenced teaching here July 20. The Sunday school here was never better. The church in general is in good condition.

Concluding, he exhorts our young people to avail themselves of the educational advantages offered by our many church schools. The SOUTHWESTERN, he says, grows intensely interesting and should be read by every Christian family.

C. L. Seward, Gordonsville, Circuit, Tenn. My third quarterly meeting was held July 11, 12, at Ballard's Chapel. Had a grand session. The Presiding Elder, A. Phillips, was on time. Paid Presiding Elder \$7, pastor \$16, for missions \$2.50. The district conference of the Cumberland River district convened at Seward's Chapel August 25. The church is not finished.

S. D. Troupe, Batesville, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held July 18, 19 by Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D. The Elder preached to a crowded house. The impression made will never be forgotten. Collection \$13.50.

P. W. Baldwin, Steens Creek, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held May 23, 24, Rev. J. Campbell presiding. Pastor's report showed that nine had been received into full connection. The Elder preached at 11 o'clock and administered the Lord's Supper at night. He preached at Spring Hill to a full house. He is loved by all who know him. We are preparing to build a new church at Spring Hill, also at Jerusalem; both are much needed. Paid Presiding Elder \$15. Children's day was observed at Spring Hill June 14. Collection \$5.10. The circuit is on the increase both spiritually and financially.

L. Tate, Lake Como, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held June 30. Reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition spiritually and temporally. Collection during the quarter \$40.

W. H. Pope, New Haven Circuit, Lexington Conference.

My work is prospering. There have been 15 accessions. We have our new parsonage nearly completed, and lumber on the ground to rebuild our new church. The district conference convenes here in October. We are preparing to rebuild at Lebanon Junction. Our second quarterly conference will convene here Sept. 11. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. G. A. Sissle, is beloved by all, and he is doing a grand work.

G. Orange, Ackerman, Miss.

My second quarter was held July 25, 26, by Rev. R. Sewell. The work was in good condition. A small parsonage had been built at a cost of \$150. The Presiding Elder preached two good sermons. He is the right man in the right place. Paid pastor this quarter \$13, Presiding Elder \$15.75, benevolences \$13.40. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$375, and not \$875, as previously published.

L. W. Mosley, Welch, Miss.

Our quarterly conference was

held July 18, 19, by Rev. J. W. Davis. The Elder preached three soul-reviving sermons. Paid Elder \$10, pastor \$40.

A. G. Glenn, Blount Springs, Ala.

Our second quarterly conference was held at New Hope Church July 19. The two churches on this circuit are progressing spiritually and financially. Raised for Presiding Elder \$16, pastor \$73, benevolent purposes \$10, trustees' collection \$35. The Elder preached a good sermon and administered the sacrament, assisted by the pastor and Rev. S. H. Veil.

R. T. Smith, Glade Spring, Va.

The corner stone to our new church at Chilhowie, Va., was laid July 19. We raised \$15.

L. W. Washington, Minter City Circuit, Miss.

We had our Easter day exercise and had a grand time. Everybody seemed to enjoy the exercises. Collection \$26.25. We observed Children's day also. Collection \$17.85. The Easter and Children's day exercises were conducted by Mrs. L. H. Washington. The fifth Sunday in May we had a grand rally for our church at Minter City and raised \$62. On the third Sunday in July we dedicated Nebo Church at Sunny Side. We raised \$57.18. Accessions 93. Shiloh Church is alive spiritually and financially. At Locklona we have a lot given us by Mr. W. R. Silvely, and we expect to build a church there very soon. We have raised \$102.70 for building.

John Qualls, Pine Bluff, Ark., was agreeably surprised by a party of members and friends, a week or two ago. They brought him many nice presents. His recent quarterly conference was a season of refreshing. Rev. Geo. W. Lacey, Presiding Elder, presided. Collection \$24. Twenty-six happy conversions were reported.

Moses Smith, Waco, Texas, is happy. His people are devoted to him, and surprised him with many pounds of fruit and provisions a few nights ago.

G. W. Baber, Texarkana, Ark.

My work has grown from a membership of 6 to 42. We have now the leading church in this town among our people. My Presiding Elder is one of the best. He is loved by everybody. Paid pastor \$71.85, Presiding Elder \$6, benevolences \$6.60. We are moving forward. We are pushing the SOUTHWESTERN.

A. Roach, Athens, Tenn., reports that he is now holding services at the court house in Athens, Tenn. With a little help, he thinks he might succeed in building there. He is much encouraged. All he needs is a little help. Help him, brethren; help him.

S. L. Edwards, Brownsville, Tenn.

My work is in good condition. My second quarterly conference was held at Ebenezer by Presiding Elder Rev. B. F. Anderson. Paid Elder \$1.50, pastor \$12. Our revival resulted in three accessions. Our Sunday school is alive.

F. Smith, Cookeville, Tenn.

Our third quarterly conference was held at Shady Grove July 25, 26, by Presiding Elder A. Phillips. The Elder preached the funeral of Bro. Frank West, who died in triumph of faith. Elder Seward, of Gordonsville, was with us and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Collection for Presiding Elder \$6.50, for pastor this quarter \$30.50, for benevolent causes \$7. Our next quarterly conference will be held in our new church at Cookeville. I am doing all I can for the SOUTHWESTERN.

A. Lockhart, Runge, Texas.

Our protracted meeting at Mettanel Colony has resulted in 52 converted and reclaimed, and converts are yet crowding the altar for prayer.

W. L. Duncan, Huntsville, Texas.

A few days before the Sunday School Institute began here, we started a protracted meeting. The results were good. The following preachers who attended the Institute rendered good service: Revs.

H. Dickson, O. G. Curtis, L. J. Hogan, T. Scott, S. H. Grant, Prof. R. B. Smith of Hempstead, and Presiding Elder F. Parker. On the 9th of August the Elder held the quarter. Few of the brothers reported. The pastors' reports showed an increase of the work. Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. S. H. Grant, of Cold Springs, preached. At 3 p. m. the Elder preached one of his soul-stirring sermons to a crowded house, assisted by Rev. Dr. Marris and others. Gave the Lord's Supper to 92. Paid Elder \$20.35. During the quarter raised \$214.60. Sunday night Rev. S. H. Grant closed the meeting. Six souls were made happy and united with the old Church. On the 10th we moved to the camp grounds to further this well begun work of the Lord.

C. A. Taylor, Sweet Home, Ark.

Sunday, July 26, the corner stone service was a success. Collection \$42.75. Revs. Crawford, Johnson, McIntosh, Richmond and Lacey, assisted. P. of Chas. W. Bulkeley, superintendent of carpentry at Philander Smith College, also addressed the people.

B. Jackson, Roanoke, Ala.

We had a nice time at our district conference. Three sermons were preached. We finished our church before the conference. Pray for us that we may be successful. Everybody was cared for.

H. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.

Sunday, the 9th, was set apart as Educational day. We used the programs sent us by Dr. Hartzell, after which we listened to papers read by Mrs. Shallowhorne, W. H. Turner and Prof. V. P. Thomas. Then we had a speech from Hon. T. T. Allain, which was in keeping with the man. Miss Jennie Wright was at the organ. Rev. P. Landry, Presiding Elder, was present. A good crowd was present. Collection \$21. The church was decorated by pictures of our churches over the country and of prominent men (that of Rev. Emperor Williams was looked upon with admiration), mottoes, evergreens, green moss, etc.

W. H. Smith, Philadelphia, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held July 11, 12. Reports all showed up well spiritually and financially. Paid Elder \$7.55, pastor \$50. July 26 was a day long to be remembered. It was Sunday school rally day. There were 1016 Bible verses recited. Collection at Sinteridge school \$1.10, Liberty \$1.40.

R. H. Patton, Stonewall, Miss.

The district conference met here July 2, and was largely attended. Rev. J. M. Shimpert, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Many thanks are hereby extended to the Baptist people who took such great interest in helping to entertain the conference. Mrs. E. S. Spriggs was with us and organized an Epworth League in two of my congregations.

S. M. Taylor, Eupora, Miss.

Our second quarter was held August 1, 2. Reports showed the work improving. Elder R. Sewell is much beloved. I am building the best church in Webster county. Collection for Presiding Elder \$12.50.

A. J. McNair, Shubuta, Miss.

I am glad to be able to report the grand work accomplished at Shubuta M. E. Church in a glorious revival which commenced July 19 and closed August 2. It was a harvest of souls; 28 persons happily converted and four backsliders reclaimed. Number added to the church, 32. Revs. O. W. Ivy, S. May, A. Quinn, A. B. Logan, and Jas. Jordan assisted. The meeting will long be remembered.

J. J. Diggs, Hickory, N. C.

The meeting of the Western District and Ministers' Institute of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, convened at this place July 22-26. It is said by many white and colored people that this was the noblest religious meeting ever held in Hickory. The work of the Institute was conducted by Prof. J. D. Chavis, A.M., B.D., of

Bennett College, assisted by Rev. J. A. Rush, graduate of Gammon School of Theology. These young men performed their work in a masterly and scholarly manner.

R. Williams, Queen City, Tex.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. Wade Hamilton, has held our second quarterly conference. He preached and administered the Lord's Supper to 73 souls. Collection for Presiding Elder \$8.05, pastor \$85. We had a grand time.

The following were inadvertently omitted among those contributing larger amounts than two dollars at the dedication of our church at Yazoo City, Miss., recently, viz: L. Newman \$10, J. O. Houston \$10, Henry Gipson \$8, Lorena Fearn \$8, Mrs. W. C. Covington \$5, Mrs. Gracy Newman \$5.

J. W. Wormly, Groesbeck, Tex.

This is my first year on the Groesbeck work. I found a good people willing to work, but they were somewhat discouraged. We have gone to work to build a nice little church and have lumber on the ground. We had a revival which resulted in 27 converts, and 25 joined our church. We have grand Sunday schools. On Children's day we had a good time. Collection \$5.05.

A. B. Venable, Bonchrest Circuit, La.

Our second quarterly conference was held June 13, by Rev. S. Dunson, our Presiding Elder. We had a good time. Revs. E. Hutchinson of Mansfield, and J. J. Obee of Shady Grove, were with us. Received several members in the church, and we had several converts this quarter. The Elder was with us three days and he did us much good. Paid the Presiding Elder \$7.05. May 31st we had a grand rally for the purpose of raising money to pay the debts of the church. Collection \$6.30.

J. A. Bain, Archer, Fla.

I have received up to this time \$35. Easter was observed and missionary collection was taken. Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education day was a grand success. Collection \$8. Children's day was observed, and the program was carried out to the letter. Collection \$5. Our district conference was one long to be remembered. On Sunday morning our Presiding Elder at Debous preached. We had a good time.

A. P. Blakemore, Shelbyville, Tenn.

My third quarterly conference was held by Rev. J. P. Price, Presiding Elder, June 26, 27. He preached a wonderful sermon and gave the Lord's Supper to 75. Collection for Elder \$10.60, for pastor this year \$218.30, total \$346.07. Additions 7, converts 6, expelled 3, deaths 2. Mrs. A. P. Blakemore and her club will soon complete the fence around the church property.

The good sisters of Trinity Church, Houston, Texas, recently made Bro. Cole, the pastor, a surprise visit, and took with them many valuable and useful articles to gladden his heart.

R. B. Anderson, Chunkey, Miss.

My second quarterly conference met June 20 21, at Mt. Zion M. E. Church. Rev. J. M. Shimpert preached a grand sermon. Paid Elder this quarter \$10, pastor \$27.48. Children's day was observed. Collection \$2.25.

Wm. Josey, Bellville circuit, Texas.

My second quarter was held by Rev. C. O. Minnegan at the Richard Grove M. E. Church. Collection \$9.25. Had a grand time.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find Hannah Brown, aged 22 years, who disappeared from Huntsville, Tex., about July 8. She has a scar on her left cheek about two inches long, and she weighs about 125 pounds. Address any information to F. B. Brown, Huntsville, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I desire to enquire for my father George Parks, whom I have not seen or heard from in many years. He used to belong to Dr. Winters. Address me, Mag. Parks, care of Myer Kelley, Rayville, Richland parish, La.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my children, John Russell and Wilson Arley. Before the war I belonged to a man by the name of Mr. Billie George, who lived between Raleigh and Pittsburg, in Wilkerson county, North Carolina. I was sold from North Carolina about forty years ago. I was brought to this State by a Negro trader by the name of John Hooper, and sold to a man by the name of John Ward. My name at that time was Eliza George. Any information as to their whereabouts would be thankfully received. Address Eliza Ward, corner of First and North streets, Vicksburg, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I desire to enquire for my people. My father's name was Bob Buckner. My mother's name was Annie Buckner. They belonged to Mr. John Buckner who lived in Green county, Ky. had three brothers Louis, Winban and Frank, who is dead, and one sister Frances. We all belonged to the same man, John Buckner. I was sold to Mr. George Redon, and then to Clark, a trader and carried to Louisville, Ky. I was finally taken to Texas, where I am now. Any information will be gladly received.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my people. One son by the name of Henry Hatison. The last I saw of him was in 1867. His wife was Caroline Hall. She used to belong to Dwight Hall, in Penola county. His wife's mother belonged to Henry Hill, in Mosco, Tennessee. They had two children a boy and girl, named Lenay and Billie Hatison. I also had one sister by the name of Suckey Morton. Our master's name was John Morton. We were then sold to Joe W. Lane. Mother was set free at Lanes, in Limestone county, Ala. Father died at Lanes. One sister was Fannie Lane. Her husband's name was Nathan. She was then sold to Solf White. She had two children. Sister Emerline had two girls named Surrildia Adaline and Sinthia Oatharine, and one brother, all of whom belonged to John W. Lane. I was sold by Lane to J. Bendison and by him to Riley Snrrot. He moved to Texas. I had one daughter named Pnas Bendison. She was a mulatto. The last I saw of them was going down Tennessee river. Everyone knowing anything of their whereabouts will please address me, Lucinda Mannor, care of Rev. M. J. Allen, Woodlawn, Texas.

I HAVE had catarrh for twenty years, and used all kinds of remedies without relief. Mr. Smith, druggist, of Little Falls, recommended Ely's Cream Balm. The effect of the first application was magical, it allayed the inflammation and the next morning my head was as clear as a bell. I am convinced its use will effect a permanent cure. It is soothing and pleasant, and I strongly urge its use by all sufferers.—Geo. Terry, Little Falls, N. Y.

There is a growing interest in the United States in the political and social life of the people of the Dominion of Canada. Nothing more interesting on Canada has appeared in the magazines for a long time than Dr. Prosper Bender's article on "The French Canadian Peasantry," in the New England Magazine for September. As a picture of the conduct of election contests in a French constituency it is very valuable and instructive, and possesses a full flavor of novelty for American readers.

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GREAT is Ohio. One-eighth of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church live in one State, Ohio.

PASTORS who expect their members to follow the requirements of the Discipline should be careful to set them a good example. Your exhortations will be valueless on this line if you are an habitual violator of the rules laid down for your conduct. You are supposed to be an example to the flock.

MISS Frances E. Willard in her opening address as president of the Woman's Council is reported to have criticised the style of dress adopted by the fashionable woman of to day, as follows: "Woman is a creature born to the beauty and freedom of Diana. But she is swathed by her skirts, splintered by her stays, bandaged by her tight waist, and pinioned by her tight sleeves until—alas! that I should live to say it—a trussed turkey or a spitted goose are her most appropriate emblems."

FIRST, men ought to vote as they pray—that is to say, thoughtfully and honestly; and, secondly, they ought to be allowed to do so without let or hindrance from any quarter. The attempt to constrain them, whether it comes from one direction or another, is a piece of tyranny and an invasion of sacred rights. To instruct them, to reason with them, to persuade them—all this is well enough; but whatever goes beyond this, no matter what sanctimonious claims it may put forward, is of the devil.—Nashville Christian Advocate, M. E. Church South.

In the light of this excellent interpretation, the whole system of voting in the South, as made to operate against the Negro, must be "from the devil."

It seems to us that it is hardly fair to exact of our colored brethren qualifications for the episcopacy which we have not always met ourselves. What we ought to have is a man of pure character, good executive ability, scholarship sufficient to speak and write the English language correctly, and preaching talent enough to make one respectable anywhere. With these gifts, a colored bishop would be a great blessing to his people.—California Christian Advocate.

Dr. Crary's head is level, and his heart is in the right place. He has stood with Peter on the housetop and learned that God is no respecter of persons; and he is faithful to the heavenly vision. God bless him and multiply his race a thousand-fold.

In a recent issue of the *Crusader*, Rev. Pierre Landry denies the absurd statement made by a correspondent of that paper, to the effect that he had said that all the brainy men of the race were in the African Church; and that the colored people in the Methodist Episcopal Church were simply tails to the white man's kite. We were satisfied from the first that Bro. Landry had been misrepresented. We are glad to announce that Bro. Landry has repudiated the malicious representation, as all who know him must have known that he was incapable to give utterance to such an absurdity. Bro. Landry is a true and loyal son of our Methodism, and no one who knows him could have believed the absurd representation of him. The North and South New Orleans district conferences both endorsed Bro. Landry's statement of the facts as he represented them.

Vicious Literature Denounced.

The North New Orleans District Conference, which recently held its session in this city, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we look with horror upon the entrance of some of our people into the field of obscene journalism in this city; and that we stamp with our most emphatic disapproval the circulation of such vile and vicious newspapers among our people as the *Ferret* and *Fair Play*; and that we do all in our power to denounce them and prevent their circulation in our charges and congregations.

Resolved, That we do all we can to counteract their immoral and ruinous influences, by a wider and more general circulation of our own church paper, the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

The resolutions were signed by: D. J. Price, Geo. W. Simms, H. C. Wilson, Engus Baptist, Alexander Ready, S. A. Mason, Thos. McCary, W. P. Forest, S. Mitchell, Ed. Dixon, R. J. Floyd, N. Kyles, A. W. Wilson, F. Walker, F. Harvey.

The South New Orleans District Conference, at Thibodaux, La., we learn, took similar action about the same time. We most cordially endorse their action, and hope that it will be effective in checking the inroads of this corrupting influence in the homes of our people.

"The Spread of Methodism in the South."

With this week's paper we begin a series of articles on this very important question, from the pens of some of our strongest men of both races in our church in the South. One or two articles of the series appeared before this announcement, but their merit will be appreciated with those that are being published, and are to follow. We commend them to the careful and considerate attention of the whole church.

LOUD "amens" often dwindle down into a deathlike quietude, when the truth begins to take hold in real earnest, and cut like a two-edged sword. Here is a true anecdote showing a very practical way of testing the character of Christian profession: An old Methodist preacher once offered the following prayer in a prayer meeting: "Lord, help us to trust thee with our souls." "Amen" was responded by many voices. "Lord, help us to trust with our bodies." "Amen" was responded with as much warmth as ever. "Lord help us to trust thee with our money;" but to this petition the "Amen" was not forthcoming. Is it not strange that when religion touches some men's pockets it cools their ardor at once, and seals their lips? We often hear men talk of the "peace of God in the heart;" and to the phrase we raise no objection; but it has often occurred to us that if the "peace of God" could get in some people's pockets it would be a blessed thing.

"It is now high time for the free nations of the world to utter their protest against this system of barons despotism, and to demand of the Russian Government that its Jewish subjects shall enjoy at least the elementary rights of human beings, liberty of movement, freedom in choice of a career, and equality in all orderly citizens before the law."—Mail and Express.

The *Appeal* says: "We should like for the *Mail and Express* to specify just where those free nations are that can afford to rebuke Russia. In the United States, the colored people are treated as badly as the Jews in Russia are, and the Jews are just as active in aiding in this class of persecution as any other class of people. With our massacre of colored men in the South and of Indians and Chinese in the West and so on, we would cut a beautiful figure posing as a free nation and rebuking Russia. We think it is high time for us to pay some attention to the barbarism so prevalent in the United States, to which Russia can offer no parallel." That's too true.

A Most Worthy Object.

Fourteen months ago Bishop Mallalien purchased a property most suitably located for the medical college of the New Orleans University. Upon this purchase he has collected and paid a little over \$11,000 in cash. There yet remains \$5,000 to be raised to complete the payment of the last dollar due on the purchase. It is of the greatest importance that all of this should be paid within the next six weeks. Will all interested in helping the colored people send their contributions by letter promptly to Bishop W. F. MALLALIEU, 1428 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.

THE American people will never fully appreciate the service rendered, this government during its darkest days, in our civil war, by Bishop Simpson. A recent issue of the *Sion City Journal* pays tribute to him as follows:

"Two men who had mighty influence behind the scenes during the war were James Harlan and the late Bishop Matthew Simpson, of the Methodist Church. Bishop Simpson was president of Aabury (now De Pauw) University, at Greencastle, Indiana, when Harlan was a student there. He was a man of remarkable administrative genius, and it is a fact that many of the great financial measures of the war period, for which Secretary Chase received credit, really originated in the fertile brain of the Methodist bishop. He probably had as much as any other man to do with framing the plan which created the 'greenback' money of that period. It was probably through Harlan that Lincoln came to know and to put so high a value upon the advice of Bishop Simpson."

Political Review.

President Harrison has just completed an eastern tour. He was received everywhere with remarkable enthusiasm. He was idolized everywhere. His speeches won many friends and mark him as the hero of the hour. In one of his speeches he said, among other things: "A statesman of one of the Southern States said to me, with tears in his eyes, shortly after my inauguration: 'Mr. President, I hope you intend to give the poor people of my State a chance.' I said in reply, a chance to do what? If you mean, sir, that they shall have a chance to nullify any law, and that I shall wink at the nullification of it, you ask that which you ought not to ask and that which I cannot consider. (Applause.) If you mean that obeying every public law and giving to every other man his full rights under the law and the Constitution, they shall abide in my respect and in the security and peace of our institutions. Then they shall have, so far as in my power lies, an equal chance with all our people. (Applause.) We may not choose what laws we will obey; the choice is made for us. When a majority have by lawful methods placed a law on the statute book, we may endeavor to repeal it, we may challenge its wisdom, but while it is the law, it challenges our obedience. (Applause.)"

Such patriotism and devotion to duty will insure him the support of the solid Negro vote for renomination and election.

It is understood that Judge Omberson will be elected U. S. Senator from Texas, vice Senator Reagan resigned, when the extra session of the Texas Legislature convenes.

Hon. Fred Douglass has resigned the office of Minister to Hayti, and the indications are that he will be succeeded by a colored man from the North. We regret this because we are satisfied that the President could not do better than in appointing one of our Creole colored citizens, who is thoroughly conversant with the national tongue of that country.

Georgia Democracy is said to be solidly against the presidential

nomination of Cleveland, and in favor of the free coinage of silver, against which Mr. Cleveland has already pronounced.

Gov. Page, of Vermont, will appoint the Hon. Redfield Proctor, Secretary of War, U. S. Senator in place of Senator George F. Edmunds, resigned.

Senator Walthall, of Mississippi, it is said, will be re-elected to the U. S. Senate, despite his declaration to be a candidate.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, Hon. J. Y. Brown, Democrat, will be inaugurated Governor of Kentucky, with the usual ceremonies and accompaniments.

The Lottery folks are stirring up this whole State over the lottery amendment. We beseech our people to have nothing to do with the accursed gambling scheme. No greater harm can possibly come to our people than that they should be known as the vicious element that supports the saloon, the lottery, Sabbath desecration and every immorality that comes up for political consideration. Have nothing to do with any party or faction that proposes to advance your interest by whatever immoral means. Stand for God, the church, and with good men, and God will take care of you. Let every colored patriot prepare to array himself against the gambling infamy in the next general election. Don't listen to those who pretend that the lottery folks are more friendly disposed toward the colored people. This is not a question of friendship, but of right. Stand by that, whatever may be the bribery offered to pursue the contrary course.

Personal.

—Rev. S. E. H. Morant, of Alexandria, who was suffering over work is now fast recovering, and in the course of the next few days will be fully prepared for the continued vigorous prosecution of his work.

—After spending several weeks at Chautauque, N. Y., where he enjoyed all the literary advantages offered at that famous seat of learning, Prof. Alex. P. Camphor, A.B., professor of mathematics at New Orleans University has returned to this city.

—We regret to record the death of our beloved pastor of Winona, Miss., Rev. L. P. Brown. He departed this life in triumph August 23.

—Bro. J. P. Patten, a promising young man, and a student of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., was accidentally drowned while swimming in the Warrior river, near Warrior, Ala., August 21.

—Mrs. Rev. A. J. Pickett, of LaHarpe Church, is visiting relatives and friends at Franklin, La.

—His many friends will rejoice to learn, that president Thirkield, of Gammon Theological Seminary, is enjoying a much needed rest at Meredith, N. H., and that he is now "feeling more like himself than he has for months." He is hopeful of another year of great results at Gammon next session.

—Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D.D., of Boston, has been stirring up Ohio Methodists with several great sermons.

—Bishop Goodsell has returned from his visit to China and Japan. He is in excellent health.

—Prof. W. H. Crawford, of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., has returned from his European tour.

—Rev. M. J. Dyer, of Jeanette, made a pleasant call last Sunday. He brings good reports from his charge, and renewed interest in the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

—Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and Rev. M. O. B. Mason, B.D., Field Agent, have been visiting district conferences in this section and giving general inspiration in behalf of the cause they so ably represent. At the North New

Orleans district Conference in this city, last week, they were seconded by Prof. Sedgwick, of Nashville, Tenn., and president Adkinson, of New Orleans University. These brethren were given an ovation at each of the conferences visited.

—The Rev. George Whitaker, D.D., of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, has been elected president of Wilamette University, Oregon.

—We rejoice to learn that Mrs. Barrow, wife of Rev. R. C. Barrow, of Ponchatoula, La., is recovering from a severe attack of malarial fever. She is in this city under medical treatment.

—Col. George W. Williams, the great Negro historian died suddenly Aug. 5, at Blackpool, England, aged 42 years. In his death the race loses one of its most conspicuous historians, literateurs, legislators, philanthropists, and general man of letters.

—America mourns the death of one of her most brilliant sons in the person of James Russell Lowell, the poet and diplomat.

—Rev. R. F. Wayman, a brother of Bishop Wayman, and a prominent minister of the Baltimore Conference, A. M. E. Church, died in Baltimore, Md., August 12.

—Rev. Homer Eaton, D.D., the successful Junior Agent of our New York Book Concern is representing the Concern on the Pacific Coast.

—Bishop Jabez Pitt Campbell, D.D., LL.D., of the A. M. E. Church, ascended to his reward from his home in Philadelphia, Sunday Aug. 11, aged 68 years. He was a great theologian, a faithful minister and one of the most powerful preachers that we have ever heard. In his death Methodism, and the American Negro especially, loses one of its best exponents. We reverently uncover our head, in the presence of his open grave, shed a tear over his departure, and gird up the loins of our minds to press forward, as we gather inspiration from his glorious triumph over the last enemy. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family and church in their irreparable personal loss.

—Mr. George B. Johnson, of the Western Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, has been spending a few weeks in the East, visiting Ocean Grove and other places of interest. Mr. Johnson is a faithful servant of the church, and a hard worker, and deserves the well-earned vacation.

—Rev. M. C. B. Mason, B.D., preached his farewell sermon at Lloyd Street Church last Sunday night. The church was crowded to overflowing. The aisles were crowded and a great many had to go away. Bro. Mason preached an able sermon. He goes with the admiration of not only the members of Lloyd Street but of the people of Atlanta.—Atlanta (Ga.) Times.

—Rev. Edward L. Parks, D.D., of Gammon Theological Seminary, is spending his vacation in teaching theology at Madison, South Dakota.

—Rev. E. E. Hoss, D.D., editor of the *Christian Advocate* (M. E. Church South) mourns the death of his mother. We extend heartfelt sympathy.

—Bishop Mallalien was in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sunday, Aug. 23. He is now on the Pacific coast holding conferences and rallying the churches out there to grander results.

—Sunday School Agent Lyon is suffering from malarial disorders. He is some better, but he has been very sick indeed.

—Presiding Elder Marshall is spending a few days in the city, pending the inauguration of his third round.

—The Rev. James S. Chadwick, D.D., assistant secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, will return to the pastorate next spring. He has done good service in his present position, and he retires with the blessing of the whole church on his head.

—Prof. L. M. Dutton, president

of Olin University, Orangeburg, S. C., and Mrs. Dutton have been spending a little time at Chautauque. They are much beloved for their work's sake, and for their personal worth, and deserve their pleasant outing.

—Rev. Dr. Mendenhall, of the *Methodist Review*, is recreating at Lakeside, Ohio.

—Mr. F. S. Mendenhall, son of the editor of the *Methodist Review*, has returned to this country from Liverpool. He spent three months in Germany and France, and one year in the university at Oxford, England, taking lessons from Jewett, Sayce, Gardiner, and others, in Greek language and literature. Mr. Mendenhall graduated in 1889, from the Ohio Wesleyan University, and has improved his rare opportunities abroad. He is fitting himself for a Greek professorship, and gives promise of exceptional distinction in his chosen profession.

—The report that the Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder of Alexandria, (La.) district had lost his mind, we are glad to learn is not true. He suffered a few days from overwork, but is now all right again.

—Rev. E. S. Hicks, our pastor at Columbus, Ga., is reported to be very sick.

—After several weeks absence in Shreveport, visiting relatives and friends, Mrs. Dr. Albert and daughter, Miss Laura, returned home with the Doctor last week. They had a very pleasant stay, and returned home with regret that they could not remain longer. They gave a concert for the benefit of St. Paul Church while there, from which about forty five or fifty dollars were realized for the church. Mrs. Prof. Cole, Miss V. M. Duncan, the ladies of the church and the Gate City Quartette assisted to make the occasion the entertaining and profitable one that it was.

THE sitting of the North New Orleans district Conference at Mt. Zion last week, brought nearly all the pastors of the district to the city. They favored us with appreciated calls. Reports next week.

THE final blow has been given the Balmaoda Government; Santiago has been captured, and the Congressional troops are in peaceful possession of the Capital.

Help Poor Africa.

SUMMER, S. C., Aug. 8.
Dr. A. E. P. Albert:
Dear Brother: From the columns of the *SOUTHWESTERN* I learn that there is not a printing press in the republic of Liberia. Our school at Cape Palmas ought to have a printing press and outfit for publishing a paper. "The African Christian Advocate" should be established at once with American dollars, and in this way help to evangelize the Dark Continent. I will head a list of subscribers with \$10, and will do more, if possible, later on. Please open your subscriptions and oblige one greatly interested in Africa and the Africans. Yours truly,
J. B. MIDDLETON.

We heartily commend the above to all the friends of Africa, and endorse it with a subscription of \$10 to that proffered by Brother Middleton. No greater responsibility rests upon the church of America than this very cause. Who will now be the next to unite in this special effort to help Africa? Send cash to this office, and it will be acknowledged through our columns and applied to the purpose herein set forth. Those who deem best to do so may send us \$2 and we will send the *SOUTHWESTERN* one year to worthy and needy ones over there.

THE session of the South New Orleans district Conference at Thibodaux last week caused all the churches of that district in this city to be without a pastor last Sunday. They no doubt had a good time. Their people will profit from the rich experiences which they will bring to them therefrom.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has a steadily increasing popularity, which can only be won by an article of real merit. Give it a trial.

DAILY BREAD.

When God puts light in a sinner's heart, he don't turn it through a meter and charge so much a foot for it.

It don't take much religion for a man to praise God when he feels like it.

Zacchens didn't climb up into the tree to be looked at.

Nobody ever had more horse sense than they needed.

If the Lord didn't love us, the devil wouldn't tempt us.

The congregation that expects the preacher to furnish all the fire will do a good deal of shivering.

All the dead Christians aint in the cemetery.

There were no dead languages taught in the school of Christ.

The light of the body is the eye, but we are responsible for the kind of glasses we look through.

If you won't go to church with your wife, do the next best thing—take care of the baby and let her go.

One has traveled a long way toward success who has fully made up his mind to succeed.

A gun is no less a gun because it isn't loaded.

The young man that says he can't see any sense in religion never wears more than a number six hat.

The prodigal son's elder brother wouldn't have killed the fatted calf that took the first premium.

God never put a blind watchman on the walls of Zion.

It will take a pretty warm preacher to thaw out a cold church.

Nothing will weary a Christian so much as trying to see how little he can do for God.

Every one of us has trials that must be borne without any assistance, save that which we get from our Father in heaven.

No one can lead a successful Christian life without the help of Christ.

Find a man whose own dog don't like him, and you will find one who hasn't many friends among his fellows.

If you are ashamed of your religion, it is a good sign you haven't the kind which Christ died to give you.

The grass grows rankest around the empty well.

It ought not to be hard to make up our mind to always live for Christ when we remember that he "ever liveth to make intercession for us."

The devil always takes off his hat to a long-faced Christian.

It isn't God's fault if his army ever goes on half rations.

When you see a man that is mean to his wife, you ain't very far from the connecting link.

If done in the right spirit, helping your wife take care of a cross baby will prove a means of grace.

The man that is true to God and himself never lacks for friends.

The reason idleness is so great a sin is because it breeds so many sins.

It don't take much effort for a man to do right if he really wants to do it.

It's the devil's thunder that sours the milk of human kindness.

One reason why we should keep our eyes on Christ is, a man gen-

erally travels in the direction he looks.

If money was necessary to salvation a large majority of mankind would be lost.

A starving man won't stop to ask whose make of baking powder you use.

The worship God wants don't start in the throat.—*Ram's Horn.*

Homiletics.

Power for Service.

Acts 1:8—"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

The disciples of our Lord were perplexed when he announced his approaching departure from them. They had cherished thoughts of position and influence. Erroneously enough we know, but none the less real and to be taken into account, and now before even the semblance of power has been attained, for Jesus to talk of coming death and separation from them! What a shattering of their hopes! And too add to their bewilderment he says it is "expedient" for them that he should go away. From other lips the words would have seemed little better than cruel mockery. Yet so it was. To them, to the future church, and to the world at large, it was of infinitely greater importance to have the inward, all-pervading, ever-present spirit with them, than even the visible, bodily, but necessarily localized presence of the Savior. So he said, "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart I will send him to you."

It is to be noted that in the later days of his ministry Jesus seems to have set himself specially to honor the Holy Ghost, and to direct the minds of the disciples to his coming. He recurs to it as to a tender and loved theme. He knew well what was before his followers and that whatever other qualifications they had, the power of the Holy Ghost would alone fit them for what they were called to do. Therefore they were to tarry until they received that power, and then when thus baptized they were to go forth, fearlessly, confidently, and to bear their testimony in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

I. Note well, for it has much significance, that the disciples had already many elements of power for their work of witness-bearing.

1. They were good men, renewed in heart and life and "made clean through the word." And goodness is power. Silent it may be, but real and making itself felt.

2. They were men of faith and prayer. And this ever means power in such service as that to which the disciples were called. Such men have always done great exploits.

3. They could speak from personal knowledge and experience of Jesus. And this knowledge meant power. It was knowledge at first-hand. Their eyes had seen him, their ears had heard him, their hearts had been thrilled by his words.

4. They had deep and strong love for Christ. And love is power, one of the greatest forces that can actuate us.

Each and all of these elements of power these men had. But the power was yet wanting. What they needed was that supernatural gift which would take up and press into service every faculty, every gift, every acquirement they had and make them mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin. All other gifts, valuable though they might be in their place, were as needless as the most elaborately constructed engine without steam, or the most powerful artillery without fire. Some time ago it was resolved to blow up the rocks that obstructed the entrance to New York harbor. Seven long years were spent in preparatory work, drilling and

laying trains of gunpowder until the rocks were honeycombed and tons upon tons of explosives were skillfully placed. But at the end of the years the mighty rocks lay there formidable as ever, until one day at a given signal a little child pressed her finger on the electric button and the fire leaped amid all the preparations, giving life to their hidden energies. Then in a moment the spectators heard a low, rumbling sound followed by a great upheaval of the waters, and the gigantic rocks were shattered into fragments. There were vast possibilities stored in those prepared galleries, but they waited for the fire. Till that came they were inoperative, but when that touched them they were instant with irresistible energy. So with the disciples. And the conditions of service are ever the same. Our supreme need is to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Given this and the weakest shall be as David, and David as the house of the Lord.

II. See how this power manifested itself in the early Christians.

1. In a deepened piety, a richer and fuller spiritual life.
2. It took hold of and utilized in service each and every disciple.
3. They were filled with a courageous enthusiasm.
4. The effect on the people was immediate and mighty. Three thousand souls born in a day.

It will do all this for us in our day if we but receive it. Oh that it might come to us all. To the pulpit, and old sermons shall be preached with new power and new sermons with the old soul-saving success. To the pew, and old experiences shall throb with new life and tongues that have long been silent shall break forth into God's praise; into our homes and the children shall know the God of their fathers; into the church and there shall be the shout of a king in the camp. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."—Rev. G. D. Oleworth, Vermillion, So. Da.

Schools and Colleges.

Gov. Northern at Gammon.

Gov. Northern was among the distinguished visitors at the commencement at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

The Governor's address was the closing and crowning exercise of commencement day.

Dr. Thirkield introduced Gov. Northern as the people's Governor. The Governor spoke substantially as follows: "Recent absence has caused an accumulation of work in my office, but I am here in the discharge of what I regard another duty, and because it is my high pleasure to be here. Christian education, I take it, is the theme of this occasion. As one of your speakers has said, 'a man is a man only as he stands under the shadow of the cross.' A man is a man, not because of what he does for himself, but because of what he does for his fellows. In this splendid and most important work which you are doing for the uplifting of your race and for the welfare of society and the State, I give you my hand, my purposes and my heart. It is the duty of every citizen to help, as far as he is able, to build up the material resources of the State, and to promote its intellectual advancement, and to see to it that there is a moral standard that will elevate the people and honor God. Material development is important and necessary; but, as one of your speakers has said, there ought to be a check upon the un-Christian and unbusiness-like methods of making money. It is to the great credit of the colored people of the State of Georgia that they report \$12,322,000 of taxable property. It is a much greater compliment to the colored people of the State that it has been truly said that, in the equipment of the State college for your people, it is possible to fill every professorship with a competent colored man from the State of Georgia.

"I have named these elements in the order of importance which they have in my mind. The material and the intellectual are necessary, but the highest is the moral—the heart power. I do not know just how many Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians they are among your people, but I do know that there are great multitudes that stand for righteousness, morality and every good in society, and are standing out against every evil.

"And now young ministers, as you go out, take the Gospel, and wherever the people are in want, and suffering, and distress, and cry out for relief, preach it to them in sympathy, tenderness and love, and lift the individual, lift the community, lift the State up to Christ." The Governor made every one in the audience feel that Georgia has a Christian Governor, who is in hearty sympathy with every honest man, woman and child in his State, in their struggle for a right life, and for the good of those about them.

Bishop Hurst reports that he has secured \$96,000 from the citizens of Washington towards the purchase of the site for the National American University, leaving only \$4,000 to be provided for. The largest contribution was by Mr. Waggaman, \$25,000; Hon. Simon Wolf and his friends contributed \$10,000; J. W. Thompson, \$5,000. In a short time a statement will be made by Bishop Hurst to the whole church and to the Christian public, inviting contributions for the erection and endowment of the university itself. It is believed by some that Senator Stanford, the California Methodist millionaire, will start the ball in motion by a contribution of \$100,000 for one of the buildings.

You can make money during vacation canvassing for the SOUTHWESTERN, "The House of Bondage," and "The Colored Man in the M. E. Church." Write for terms to Hunt & Eaton, 139 Poydras street, New Orleans, La.

There was a grand rally day at the St. Paul M. E. Church, in Meridian, Sunday, August 23 1891. Saturday night, Rev. M. O. B. Mason, of Georgia, opened the services with one of his most powerful sermons. On Sabbath the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was opened up by Drs. Hartzell and Mason who occupied the day in the interest of the Meridian Academy School. Able sermons and lectures were heard from these eminent men and others at each service. Subscription after subscription. The work of the Sabbath for Christian education closed with a subscription and cash to the amount of \$1200. Over which every one was made shouting happy. The city has been roused.

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Marriages.

At the M. E. Church in West Point, Miss., August 5, Rev. Will E. Mask to Miss Fannie P. Crowell, of West Point. Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson of Asbury M. E. Church, Holly Springs, officiating. After the marriage several of the citizens had prepared a reception, which was served to the 250 or 300 persons witnessing the marriage. The tables were set from near the pulpit in the church down the middle to near the door, and every one pronounced it quite an enjoyable affair. The friends of both parties presented many valuable presents. Our best wishes go out to the groom and his lovely bride.

Alexandria, La.—Mr. J. D. McCain and Miss U. E. Young, at the residence of their friend, Rev. S. E. H. Morant, who officiated.

Obituary.

Kendleton, Tex.—Little Fred Douglass departed this life June 20, aged 4 years, 2 months and 27 days.
Rev. N. Axel.

Richmond, Tex.—Miss Lissie Neal, of Kendleton, Texas, died while visiting her sister, Mrs. Dora Martin, at Houston on the 18th of August. Miss Lissie was only 12 years old, and was not a member of the church, but was a prompt and faithful member of the Newman Chapel Sunday School at Kendleton. Before she died she professed a hope in Christ and died the death of the righteous. She leaves a father, two sisters and two brothers to mourn.

G. J. Izard.
Sister Mary Jane Ward died August 19, at Donaldsonville, La. She was a true Christian woman. She had been paralyzed in her left side for some time, yet her faith was strong in God. Her funeral was attended by Rev. H. J. Wright, her pastor, and Presiding Elder Landry.

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Steen Creek.....	" 8
Jackson cir.....	" 10
Bolton.....	" 12-13
Clinton.....	" 12-13
Canton.....	" 12-13
Canton cir.....	" 12-13
Benton.....	" 12-13
Yazoo City.....	" 19-20
Yazoo City cir.....	" 18-20
Rosenath.....	" 22-23
Green Hill.....	" 26-27
Jackson.....	Oct. 3-4

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Birmingham District, Central Alabama Conference. Third Round.

Enon-Birmingham.....	Sept. 5-6
St. Paul.....	" 12-13
Mt. Pleasant.....	" 19-20
Irondale.....	" 26-27
Brownsville.....	Oct. 3-4
Blount Springs.....	" 7-8
Warrior.....	" 10-11
Village Springs.....	" 17-18
Collinsville.....	" 22-23
Attalla.....	" 24-25
Springville.....	" 29-30
Gadsden.....	Oct. 31 and Nov. 1
Cedar Bluff.....	" 7-8
Howell Cross Roads.....	" 11-12
Centre.....	" 14-15
Anniston.....	" 21-22
Hedon.....	" 21-22
Oxford.....	" 28-29
Horse Creek.....	" 28-29
Bessemer.....	" 28-29
Kidd Street.....	" 26-26

I. TOWNSEND.

Camp Meeting.

The Pine Bluff District Camp Meeting will take place Sunday, September 13, at Sweet Home, Ark. All denominations are invited. We hope all the pastors on the district will be present. The presiding elders and pastors of the Forest City, Little Rock, and Texarkana districts, are also invited to come over and help. Bring your tents and camps, and come to stay until September 30.

C. A. TAYLOR, P. C.

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Since man began to be;
Sorrow and Sin stood sponsors at my
birth,
And terror christened me.

More pitiless than Death, who gathereth
His victims day by day;
I doom man daily to desire death,
And still forbear to slay.

More merciless than Time, I leave man
youth,
And suck life's sweetness out;
More cruel than Despair, I show man
truth,
And leave him strength to doubt.

I bind the freest in my subtle hand,
I blanch the boldest cheek;
I hold the hearts of poets in my hand,
And wring them ere they speak.

I walk in darkness over souls that bleed,
I shape each as I go
To something different. I drop the seed
Whence grapes, or thistles, grow.

No two that dream me dream the self-
same face,
No two name me alike;
A horror without form I fill all space,
Across all time I strike.

Man cries, and cringes to mine unseen
rod;
Kings own my sovereignty;
Seers may but prove me as they prove
a God;
Yet none denieth me.

Grace Denio Litchfield, in *Independent*.

The Household.

Sick Room Advice.

Do not forget that kindness and
tenderness are essential to success-
ful nursing.

Don't ask a convalescent if he
would like this or that to eat or
drink, but prepare the delicacies
and present them in a tempting way.

A nurse must never get impa-
tient. A sick person is often
irritable, and sometimes obstinate,
but this must be overcome by kind-
ness and firmness.

Do not fan a sick person unless
you are requested to do so, or there
is a good reason why you should.
A nervous person is often made
very uncomfortable by it.

The nurse must learn to be cool
and collected in time of trouble.
Any expression of alarm or anxiety
at a critical moment may result
disastrously to the patient.

In the early morning hours the
vital forces of the patient are at
an ebb, and it is often necessary
to add additional clothing to the
bed, or provide something stimu-
lating at this time.

In bedside watching, the nurse's
work is very responsible and try-
ing. And it is here that the ob-
serving physician can readily de-
termine whether the nurse is ex-
perienced or not from her general
bearing.

Avoid jarring the bed and do
not allow any one to sit on the bed.
Avoid haste. Do things quickly
by knowing what to do and how
to do it. All appearance of haste
an uncertainty is annoying to the
patient.

Unnecessary noise and confusion
should not be permitted in the
sick room. Nothing is more irri-
tating to a nervous patient than
loud talking. When it is necessary
to converse with the sick let the
voice be sufficiently loud and clear
to enable the hearer to understand
without special effort.

A little salt will bring up a low
fire if thrown on.

Pine floors can be treated to a
coating of boiled linseed oil.

A dulled steel pen can be im-
proved by heating it in a gas jet.
Scratches on furniture can be
rubbed with beeswax melted in
linseed oil.

A bag of charcoal hung in a cis-
tern of water will absorb all the
bad odor.

Good lap rugs for use when
washing a baby are made of can-
ton flannel.

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nary carriage varnish. It is not
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Boiled starch is improved by
adding a little salt, or a little dis-
solved gum arabic.

Kerosene oil will soften boots and
shoes that have been hardened by

water, and render them as pliable
as new.

To keep butter hard, without ice,
take a new flower pot, wash it
clean, wrap it in a wet cloth, and
set it over the butter.

Salts of lemon—equal parts of
powdered oxalic acid and tartaric
acid—applied to rust and ink spots
on clothing will remove them.

To destroy the odor of paint in a
newly painted room, put a hand-
ful of fresh hay in a bucket of
water and let it stand in the room
over night.—Every Thursday.

Books and Current Literature.

What they say of The House of Bondage

Rev. Dr. Albert, editor of the
SOUTHWESTERN, has our sincere
thanks for a handsome volume en-
titled *The House of Bondage*. The
book was written by his former
wife whose sad death was so much
regretted by all who knew her
here in her native State—Georgia.
We hope to review this book in
some subsequent issue. Meanwhile,
we advise those who wish a most
interesting book to write to Dr. A.
E. P. Albert, New Orleans, La.—
Angusta, (Ga.) Weekly Sentinel.

We have received from the M. E.
Church Book Concern, The House
of Bondage—a neatly printed vol-
ume of an episode of slavery days,
by the late Mrs. Octavia V. Rogers,
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Albert. This series of stories had
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of which Dr. Albert is editor.—
Free Speech.

The work is said to be very good
and quite readable.—Standard Pel-
ican.

The work is complete and com-
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should meet a ready sale wherever
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—Fair Play.

We have received from Hunt &
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ing and thrilling volume of slave
stories as told by those who had
to undergo the cruel treatment in
the dark days of slavery. The
author is Mrs. Dr. A. E. P. Albert.
It will prove interesting reading
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The House of Bondage; or, Char-
lotte Brooks and Other Slaves, is
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other hand, in costs of the very
many criminal prosecutions which
are necessitated by reason of mur-
ders and violence, for which the
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ble. It realizes a few thousands
from saloon licenses; but how much
does it lose by having so many of
its citizens demoralized and made
worthless; by having the ranks of
its criminal class constantly angu-
mented and by having widows and
orphans multiplied within its
bonds."

"Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary."
—Longfellow.

We need not expect to have
things always our own way in this
life. There are disappointments,
joys and sorrows for the whole
human race. There must be days
of pleasantness and days of gloom-
iness. We must all have our bitter-
ness and sweets. Therefore, let us make
up our minds to kindly and humbly
submit to whatever the hand of
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Sunday-School and Children.

SECOND QUARTER.—Studies in the Gospel of St. John. Lesson X. The True Children of God. John 8. 31-47. Commit to memory verses 33-36. Sept. 6, 1891. A. D. 29 or 30.

HOME READINGS.

M. John 8. 31-38. Tu. John 8. 39-47. W. Gal. 3. 7-14. Th. Gal. 4. 1-7. F. Rom. 8. 12-17. S. 1 John 3. 1-6. S. 1 John 3. 7-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. (John 1. 12.)

LESSON HYMN, C. M.

Why should the children of a King Go mourning all their days? Great Comforter, descend and bring The tokens of thy grace.

Dost thou not dwell in all thy saints And seal the heirs of heaven? When wilt thou banish my complaints, And show my sins forgiven?

Assure my conscience of her part In the Redeemer's blood; And bear thy witness with my heart, That I am born of God.

Time—April, A. D. 29 or 30, im- mediately after the last lesson.

Place.—The temple courts.

Rulers—Herod in Gallilee; Pi- late in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links.—The officers sent by the Sanhedrin failed to arrest Jesus, saying, in apology, "Never man spake like this man." An angry discussion in the Sanhedrin followed, which was taken up by the populace in the temple courts. To them he spoke these words.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Abraham's Seed, v. 31-39.

Whom did Jesus say were his real disciples?

What promise of freedom did he give them?

What boast did they make in re- ply?

Whom did Jesus say was a slave?

What difference is there between a slave and a son?

Through whom could they have real freedom?

Why did the Jews seek to kill Jesus?

What did he say about his teach- ing and their doing?

Whose children did they again claim to be?

What did Jesus say about that claim?

Who were the real children of Abraham? (Golden Text.)

2. Satan's Seed, v. 40-47.

What were the Jews seeking to do which was unlike Abraham?

Whose example were they follow- ing?

What did they say about their Father?

What answer did Jesus make to this?

What did he say about their dall- ness?

Whose children did he declare them to be?

Of what two crimes was their father guilty?

Why would not the Jews believe Jesus?

With what questions did he chal- lenge them?

How did he prove that they were not God's children?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That every sinner is Satan's slave?

2. That Jesus can free us from Satan's power?

3. That God's children are the only true freemen?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE- REANS.

Find how many times "Abra- ham's seed" were in bondage to foreign oppressors.

Find what foreign nation was now their ruler.

Find what body had sent officers to arrest Jesus?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What did Jesus promise to those who continued in his word?

The truth should make them free?

2. What false claim did the Jews make? That Abraham's seed was never in bondage?

3. What did Jesus teach? That all sinners are slaves of sin.

4. Who did Jesus say was the

father of all who hated him? The devil.

5. What is the Golden Text? "As many as received him," etc.

EXPLANATIONS.

Disciples indeed—True learners.

Abraham's seed—To whom God had promised wide dominion.

Whosoever committeth sin—The sinner is sin's slave, and those to whom Jesus spoke were all sinners.

The servant abideth not—No slave is at home in his master's mansion.

The Son abideth—As an heir. Ye shall be free indeed—Jesus's disci- ples are God's sons, and this world is God's house. I know that ye are Abraham's seed—His natural descendants.

Doctrinal Suggestion—The son- ship of believers.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

88. What is the first command- ment? Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

89. What is the second com- mandment? Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third or fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Conference Notices.

District Conferences and Special Meet- ings.

Caledonia Circuit Camp Meet- ing, Columbia, Miss., Sept. 8-13.

Paris Dist. Conf., Clarksville, Tex., Oct. 1-7.

Navasota Dist. Conf., Bren- ham, Tex., Oct. 20-21.

The Editor of Business Manager will attend as many of these district confer- ences and special meetings as possible, but whether they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, when we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circula- tion. It can be done. Will you do it?

To the Brethren of the Houston District.

The district conference will convene at Sloan Street Church, Houston, Sept. 23, 1891. Basket meeting at our camp ground on Sunday, September 27. Come prepared and come praying.

1. B. SCOTT, P. E.

Vicksburg District Conference.

To the Members: The first session of the Vicksburg District (Miss.) Confer- ence will be held at Fayette, Miss., Oct. 9-13. The religious and literary program will be published hereafter. It is to be hoped that every member of the confer- ence will be present the first day, and remain over the entire session.

SAMUEL A. COWAN, P. E.

Palestine District, Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

Butler.....Sept. 19-20

Buffalo....." 26-27

Madisonville.....Oct. 3-4

Leona....." 10-11

Hearne....." 16-18

Franklin....." 17-18

Sutton....." 20

Cotton Gin....." 24-25

Stewart's Mill.....Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

San Augustine....." 7-8

Nacogdoches....." 12

New Birmingham....." 14-15

Jacksonville....." 21-22

Palestine cir....." 27-29

Palestine....." 28-29

Dear Brethren: The fourth round is the home stretch. Push your benevolent collections to the gate.

W. WESLEY, P. E.

Austin District, West Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

Bastrop and Smithville cir.....Sept. 26-27

West Point and Giddings cir.....Oct. 3-4

Manor cir....." 11

Cedar Creek cir....." 17-18

Belton and Temple....." 24-25

Brownwood and Sanaba cir....." 27-28

Burnet and Lampasas cir....." 31

and.....Nov. 1

Georgetown and Taylor cir....." 7-8

Mayfield and Port Sullivan cr....." 14-15

Calvert....." 21-22

DaVila cir....." 29-30

Simmons and Mt. Salem cir.....Dec. 5-6

Wesley Chapel....." 12-13

Dear brethren: Please have all of your benevolent collections in by the time of holding your fourth quarterly conference. And the district stewards will please ob- serve the rule of collecting the Presiding Elder's quarterage as was decided at the district conference held at Belton, Tex., August 6. Distribute your envelopes in time, and pay them in at the quarterly conference on Saturday. We will take in the money subscribed for Samuel Hix- ton College.

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Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

Third Round.

Shnqualak.....Sept. 5-6

Mashulville....." 12-13

Deerbrook....." 19-20

Crawford....." 26-27

McCool....." 30

Kosciusko.....Oct. 3-4

Kosciusko cir....." 3-4

Dura....." 6

West Station....." 7

Pickens....." 9

Goodman....." 10-11

Ex-Prairie....." 10-11

Bee Lake....." 17-18

Lexington....." 20-21

Tehula....." 22

Greenwood....." 24-25

Minter City....." 26

Itabena....." 27

Carrollton....." 29

The brethren who are behind with their assessments for the University, please collect at once and forward to Dr. J. C. Hartzell. Also, get up our part of the ten thousand subscribers for the "Southwestern." They must be raised.

W. McDONALD, P. E.

Columbus District, West Texas Confer- ence.

Fourth Round.

District Conference, Alletton, Sept. 17-21

Columbus cir.....Oct. 2-4

LaGrange....." 10-11

LaGrange....." 17-18

Industry....." 24-25

Weimar and Schlenburg, Oct. 31 and.....Nov. 1

Oakland....." 7-8

Snblime....." 14-18

Hallettsville....." 21-22

Edna and Wharton....." 28-29

Fannin and Mission.....Dec. 5-6

Victoria and Spring Creek....." 12-13

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Conferences, 1891.

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Editorial Notes.

"O Lord of life and love,
Come thou again to-day,
And bring a blessing from above
That ne'er shall pass away."

PROF. A. W. Stewart, of the Shreveport postoffice, has placed us under obligations for appreciated favors.

BETTER register at once, and avoid the rush later on. No one can vote in this State unless registered since January 1, '91.

OUR Homiletical Department, as well as the general composition of the SOUTHWESTERN, continues to command the emphatic and pronounced appreciation of all our people.

REV. H. O. Armistead requests us to say that he paid \$2 benevolent money at the last session of the Louisiana Conference from Beattieville charge, which was not credited. The error no doubt was typographical.

ONE of the most attractive features of Shreveport, La., is its electric street car system. In that respect it is in line with the most progressive Western and Northern cities, while New Orleans lags behind with its antiquated mule car.

WE welcome among our exchanges the *New Era*, recently launched out in this city, with Mr. John L. Minor, as editor and manager. It is bright and new. Its editor brilliant and versatile, and it gives promise of great usefulness. We extend it a most cordial welcome. The *New Era* is Republican in politics.

THE *Dawn Town Herald* answers the caution given our readers against its insincere friendship, in order to get the colored vote for the lottery, by saying: "The *Dawn Town Herald* is a straight out Democratic paper, and therefore cares very little about the good graces of the colored people." This is not only the attitude of the *Herald*, but of the Lottery which it constantly represents, and our people should have sufficient manhood to govern themselves accordingly. We believe they will.

A MAN'S color does not involve any sin on his part, but in this country where prejudice hoodwinks even-handed justice, it is often a great inconvenience. A few weeks ago, a colored man, in Pittsburg, Pa., who had the reputation of being one of the best mechanics in that city, applied for admission to the Trades Union there, but he was blackballed. His only misfortune was his color, and this was sufficient to bar him from the advantages the union.

The Methodist Episcopal Church In the South.

"How can it be promoted?" This is not a new question. For twenty-five years the whole church has been seeking an answer. About the impediments to its expansion and the best method of removing them there has been much speculation and not a little variety of counsel.

To name the one chief obstacle is to name the reason wherefore there is any need of spreading any Methodism in the South that is not Southern Methodism. It is the want of a permanent adjustment of the relations between the white and colored work in the South. Here we have one of the great problems of the twentieth century for the church and for the State, in America. If any steps shall be taken to spread our work among the whites by ignoring this question our advance will be a loss to the cause of christianity.

The Southern church has set off the brother in black into a separate church. Our people are earnestly advised to do likewise. Southern States make it unlawful for white and colored children to attend the same school. And this law cuts off from all public schools the colored children in rural districts where two schools cannot be maintained. The overwhelming sentiment of Southern people is in harmony with this policy. The Methodist Episcopal Church antagonizes it. Here the line is drawn, and we are in the minority. The Methodist Episcopal Church cannot turn the Negro out. He will not withdraw. What then? I answer: if the Negro remains in our church he should have a place on the platform with our Bishops. Not because some colored brother is anxious to be an Episcopos, and is eager to run before he is sent; but because it is in the nature of the case. Doctor Potts admits this, and so do nearly all objectors. The Doctor is quoted in the SOUTHWESTERN as saying: "If we could be persuaded that our colored brethren had the material (for a Bishop) we should heartily advocate its utilization." And that is, in substance, what a great many are saying who think it premature to ask for a colored Bishop at the present time. But observe what is conceded in that statement. There is, then, need of a colored Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Doctor Potts does not "heartily advocate the utilization" of the German "material" (of which he recognizes an abundance). But he does not perceive the Negro who measures up to the requisition. Very well. Let us admit we do not see the man. What follows? Must we wait till one of the colored elders has shown himself to be the man for the hour? I answer emphatically, no. When God prepares a man for a responsible place in some mighty movement he commonly hides him from men's eyes until he sets the man in his place. Sometimes men refuse to recognize him until his work has been finished, and the generation following first discovers his worth. Lincoln rose above all "recognized" statesmen. Grant, the unknown, became the master of all the "recognized" military ability of America. History and Revelation both teach us to walk by faith. We believe that God has called thousands of this race to the office of elder in His church. Now "recognizing" this need we ought to trust to Providence to furnish the man. But a colored Bishop, however "well rounded," will be a great shock to our white work in the South.

The lives of all militant hosts feel the shock when great blows

are delivered against the enemy. On dress parade only are the moving lines unshaken. When Lincoln made the Negro a soldier many were offended. When the Constitution made him a citizen many were offended. Whenever our church makes him a Bishop many will be offended. In every forward movement for the elevation of the Negro the protests have been emphatic according to the clearness with which the act affirms that God made the Negro a man. The prejudice against color will not be removed by waiting. Make a colored man a Bishop in 1892, or fifty years later, and the protest will be the same. But when the church marks progress beyond that mile stone, it will be better for our white work in the South.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Notes From District Conferences.

REV. J. BRADEN, D.D.

The West Tennessee District Conference met at Mason, a small village thirty-six miles from Memphis, Tenn., on Thursday, August 27th. The attendance was small the first day. Some people have a habit of always being behind time, and some Methodist preachers are afflicted with this same trouble.

The Presiding Elder, B. Anderson, was in the chair and the conference, after a half hour spent in devotional exercises, proceeded to its routine business. During the morning session the subject of a Conference Academy was taken up and after animated speeches in favor, by Revs. H. W. Key, J. S. Foster, A. Burdett, Prof. G. D. Fields and the writer, it was unanimously determined to reorganize the Board of Trustees of the Mason Preparatory School, and institute the Mason Academy as a conference school, with the Central Tennessee College, and under the auspices of the F. A. and S. E. Society of the M. E. Church. This movement is wise, as we have had a school here for several years. Prof. G. D. Fields is at present in charge of the school and is an excellent and thoroughly competent teacher. The M. E. Church is quite strong in and around Mason, and is fully able to build up and support a strong school of academic grade. Some of our colored people own most excellent farms in this neighborhood, and many have pleasant homes. The writer enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. H. W. Key and his excellent family, six miles from Mason, and a tramp over his farm of 200 acres, getting a view of excellent corn and cotton crops and fields well set with clover. Bro. Key understands farming as well as managing the work of the church. In Mason, the writer was most pleasantly entertained at the home of Bro. Stewart, whose beautiful, well furnished and well kept cottage was rendered more beautiful by a very fine array of flowers in the front yard, which is laid out in excellent taste. No more attractive home is found in that vicinity. The writer was compelled to leave Mason at the close of the morning session to attend his own district conference at McMinnville, Tenn., 250 miles from Mason, which met at the same time as that at Mason. All the preachers of the district were present, except one, and a goodly number of local preachers, exhorters and other members of the conference. J. P. Price, presiding elder. The minute business was attended to with fidelity. Five were recommended for Deacon's orders, and three for admission on trial in the annual conference.

The SOUTHWESTERN was most heartily endorsed and efforts made

to secure its increased circulation by requiring all members of the conference to take and pay for it. A resolution was adopted, requesting the Annual Conference to memorialize the General Conference to arrange a course of study for exhorters, and to provide for certificates of graduation for local preachers, who have finished their prescribed course of study. This conference also took action toward securing the active co-operation of all the members of the Tennessee Annual Conference in erecting a new hall or chapel at the Central Tennessee College. The resolution on this matter was presented by O. B. Wilson, pastor at Murfreesboro, and urged in a very earnest and forcible speech. Under the arrangements of the pastor Bro. Richmond, the conference was most pleasantly entertained by the people of McMinnville. Quite a number of the white citizens attended the meeting, and the pulpits of several churches were filled by members of the conference. The writer occupied the pulpit of the M. E. Church South, and the pastor, Rev. M. Curry, took occasion, in introducing him, to speak in complimentary terms of his work at the Central Tennessee College. Our church having been burned some months ago, the meetings of the conference were held in a large tent. The foundation of a new church is laid, and it is hoped the good people of McMinnville will soon be worshipping again under their own vine and fig tree.

August 31, 1891.

Tidings from the Field.

After a few hours ride over the popular Mississippi Valley Road in company with his wife and daughter, the writer reached Baton Rouge in time to meet the Baton Rouge district Conference August 7. Rev. J. F. Marshall presided with becoming dignity over its deliberations, while the brethren made excellent reports and discussed the various questions of interest that came before the body. Rev. Ernest Lyon, A. M., Sunday school Agent, was present and impressed every one with his helpful presence. The SOUTHWESTERN was given a genuine boom, and its editor made to feel that he was among devoted friends and faithful supporters. The sessions were well attended, the sermon and all the exercises inspiring, and much good accomplished in every direction. Among the strong men of the district present we noticed Revs. W. R. Butler, pastor of the Baton Rouge charge, T. A. Brown, of Albert Chapel, N. Randolph, Joseph Jones, Hampton James, C. C. Wright, E. P. Harris, J. A. Tirouit, H. O. Goins, J. H. Rylander, Julius Benn, D. M. Seals, Z. T. Gayden, P. W. Clark, E. H. Clark, R. J. Thomas, G. J. Rogers, J. D. Pool, A. Hilton, D. G. Pharris, Reuben Turner, Chas. Barnes, S. McGruder, A. A. Lacey, B. Carr, etc. Every cause was advanced and materially improved.

From there we had a pleasant trip over the Texas Pacific Railway to Shreveport.

We reached there on Saturday night August 8. Next day, Sunday, was general speaking meeting at St. Paul Church. It was an occasion of great rejoicing among God's people. Many precious testimonies were given. The church is in a prosperous condition, and Rev. T. J. Johnson, the pastor, is rejoicing in the prosperity that it enjoys. It was a source of great pleasure to meet many friends there and among the many whom the writer had called from the ways of sin to righteousness. At 3 p. m., the writer preached the funeral sermon of one whom he had taken into the

church during his pastorate there. She had gone home in triumph. At night he preached at St. James Church, Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne pastor, to an appreciative congregation. Bro. Shallowhorne is enjoying great success, and the indications bid fair for a good year's work. The

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

at Natchez, was a remarkably successful one. Presiding Elder Duncan had the good fortune to have there to help him Dr. Hartzell, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Presiding Elder Priestley of Monroe district, Sunday school Agent Lyon, Rev. W. R. Butler, Prof. Hoskin of Gilbert Seminary, and Dr. Albert of the SOUTHWESTERN. The reports were encouraging, the sessions well attended and all the services and exercises inspiring. The appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason, B. D., as Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was applauded, and Drs. Hartzell and Albert and their work cordially endorsed. The work of the Sunday school Agent was also warmly appreciated. The session was one of the best ever held. Among the prominent members present were Revs. T. J. Johnson, C. D. Shallowhorne, J. J. Obee, Stephen Green, S. S. Wright, Emerson Hutchinson, Braxton Bolden, David Shelby, M. T. Fairfax, S. Carroll, C. D. C. Bryan, S. R. Ha son, J. H. Pierre, Wm. Ector, A. Venable, P. C. Colton, C. W. Reeves, Wm. Emmett, A. McGlocklin, Prof. D. W. Boatner, etc. The conference, by a practically unanimous vote condemned the oath of Bro. Shallowhorne for a preacher's convention at Baton Rouge. The

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

was next visited at Washington, La. Among the visitors there were Presiding Elder Marshall, of the Baton Rouge district, who was received with evidence of appreciation by his old district brethren, Sunday school Agent Lyon and Dr. Albert of the SOUTHWESTERN. Mrs. Lyon and Dyer, were also present and gave two very creditable concerts. The conference was never better attended nor its proceedings marked with greater interest. Presiding Elder Morant has good reason to feel gratified over the work thus far accomplished on the district. Among familiar faces we noticed, Revs. A. Moore, pastor at Washington, A. J. Ford, H. T. O. Abbott, Joseph Johnson, A. G. Davis, H. King, H. W. Webb, Ed. Fields, W. Carr, M. J. Dyer, W. B. Anderson, Robert Anderson, J. Augustus, P. Bibbs, M. P. Franklin, J. A. Vincent, and Ed. Powell, also Adolph Baham, W. L. Amos, and many of the old friends whom the writer remembered while Presiding Elder of that district. Miss Polla M. Brewer, teacher at Eola, was among the visitors.

Returning from the district conference, the writer stopped over at Alexandria, and preached on Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience. Next day he proceeded to join his family at Shreveport.

Sunday school Agent Lyon, Revs. W. R. Butler, Joseph Jones, Presiding Elders Priestley and Duncan, and Prof. Hoskins spent a few days in Shreveport, and delighted the people of St. Paul and St. James Churches with their sermons and addresses.

During his stay there, a large surprise party visited him and family during the midnight hours, with vocal and instrumental music, and treated them to a royal entertainment. In return Mrs. Albert and daughter gave a grand concert and ghost entertainment for the benefit of St. Paul Church.

Although the time for preparation was very short, it was pronounced one of the best and most profitable ever given there. Misses Virginia M., Matilda and Anna Duncan, daughters of the Presiding Elder, and Mrs. Rev. Pierre Landry were there on a pleasant visit. Mrs. Rev. T. J. Johnson was absent at Hot Springs, Ark., for her health, and Mrs. Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne at Donaldsonville with her aged mother.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Twenty Years of Progress.

REV. A. J. FORD.

Before me lies a copy of the minutes of the Louisiana Conference of 1870-91. These bound together form a handsome volume for historical reference.

Twenty-one years ago the number of traveling preachers enrolled was 40; to-day there are 178, besides many from the local ranks serving as supplies. Then the membership, including probationers and the visitors who attended upon the congregation, was 12,632; now, not including the visitors nor those who attend the services regularly, it is 15,545. The conference at first covered only a very small territory, only five districts were necessary to take in the whole work. To-day nearly every available spot in the State is presided over by an assistant superintendent, who goes over the work once every three months to overlook the labors of the many earnest pastors, who are working to strengthen the borders of Zion, to cheer and inspire them to labor and suffer more for the cause of Christ. The several presiding bishops have seen fit to form three additional districts since the organization of the Louisiana Conference, to better our people and save them to Christ and his kingdom.

When we remember that three churches went from the Louisiana to the Southern German Conference in 1878, the terror and oppression that prevailed among our people from 1870 to the present day, thereby driving many of our people away from their homes and churches, and remember that our pastors are becoming more accustomed to making conference reports, we might with joy to God say Methodism has certainly made a great advancement numerically during the past twenty-one years. The sound of some old Methodist praise can be heard from almost every hamlet in Louisiana. There is scarcely a village in the State where a Methodist preacher has not entered.

The estimated value of church property then was \$179,200; to-day it is \$285,454. Twenty-one years ago the benevolent collections were \$1,629.77; to-day they are \$3,186. The men of those days are the fathers of to-day. They labored with a heroism almost unsurpassable. Many of them are to-day "over the river" in the mansions prepared for the people of God. Others are yet in our midst waiting for the boatman. Soon they will hear the inviting voice calling them home. The present generation of Methodists are reaping the faithful sowing of the men of those days. The fathers planned wisely and laid deep and broad the foundation upon which their sons have builded, and are yet building. Brethren! remember those fathers did not have the literary qualifications that some of us have; but they were filled with the Holy Ghost and a great deal of push.

Methodism within the bounds of the Louisiana Conference was never so well equipped for work, so far as men are concerned as she is to-day. Her greatest need is power from on high. Being possessed with this, the new triumphs of the Cross would eclipse all the victories of the past. This, for God's work, is more valuable than brain or culture, than oratory, money, and worldly honors. This is the great need of Christ's church among us. We have no fear of the future if we be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Alexandria, La.

(The Lord baptize us all anew, preachers as well as members! Amen. Ed.)

Letters from the Districts.

Montgomery District Conference.

E. M. JONES.

The Montgomery District Conference convened at Union Springs, Ala., July 9-12.

All the members of the district knew that Union Springs was the place that led the withdrawal of several hundred of the members of the A. M. E. Church to ours, several years ago, and naturally expected to see signs of hostility and opposition. So the brethren seemed to have been determined to make a fine impression on the city and to transact business in a business way. This they did.

But we are glad to say, though prejudice is the hardest devil to kill, that it is dying out in Union Springs in favor of the Old Church. The writer was invited to preach at the A. M. E. Church by the Rev. A. A. Godwin, pastor, and was cordially received and listened to with undivided attention.

The district never enjoyed a better session. Much is due the Rev. S. B. Henderson and his excellent people for the ample provisions made for the conference. We were glad to find the church in a live and growing condition. Seven or eight joined the church during the session of the conference.

Presiding Elder Rev. Cain Rogers read his report, which showed the good condition the district was in and the work being done by the brethren.

The following pastors read their reports, which showed material, numerical and spiritual growth: Revs. G. R. Rogers, J. D. Webb, N. H. Redick, M. Moore, L. J. Hill, Lewis Drake, S. B. Henderson, E. M. Jones, G. R. Gibson. Revs. Z. T. Pearsall and A. D. Crowell were absent.

The local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents and stewards made good reports.

The following were recommended to the annual conference for admission into the traveling connection: G. R. Gibson, J. H. Howard, G. R. Reeves, Isaac Austry, Ellis Williams.

G. R. Rogers was recommended for deacon's orders.

The brethren are raising the benevolent collections, and from present indications the district will be able to report more benevolent money at the next Annual Conference than ever before.

Saturday, the last day, was devoted to the Sunday School Institute, and every one seemed intensely interested in this feature of our session. The program was carried out and many good speeches made and excellent papers read.

The chair, led by Prof. J. W. Tate, had made out a musical program, which was used in connection with the regular program. It was a unanimous sentiment that an enthusiasm had been given to the Sunday school work that would result in great good to the city and district.

On Sunday all the pulpits of the city were filled by the brethren of the conference with splendid results.

Secretaries: E. M. Jones and J. W. Tate.

Shreveport District Conference.

J. J. OBEY.

The eighth session of the Shreveport District Conference met in Asbury Church, Natchitoches, August 13. Presiding Elder S. Duncanson presided.

J. J. Obe was elected secretary; E. Hutchinson, B. J. Reddix, S. R. Hason, assistants; Rev. T. J. Johnson, statistical secretary; H. Daniels, assistant; Rev. T. J. Johnson, treasurer.

The first day's session was taken up appointing committees. All of the pastors were present, except Bro. A. Wilson, who was sick.

The Presiding Elder made his report, and it showed an increase all along the line of work, and spoke well of all the brothers in their several fields of labor.

The pastors' reports showed

that the district, while financially embarrassed, was somewhat improved spiritually.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert was present on the first day of the conference and spoke at length concerning the paper and its support, and as a result he secured some subscribers. A resolution was passed endorsing the editor for his manly defense of our people through the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN, and promising to do more for the paper in the future.

At night the Rev. E. Lyon, A. B., Sunday School Agent, lectured at the camp grounds to about 500 people, on education.

The call of the Baton Rouge Convention was brought up by Rev. T. J. Johnson, and a committee was appointed to consider whether it was right for a member of this district to call a convention on another district without the knowledge of his Presiding Elder.

The committee reported that the call was irregular, and the conference sustained the report by a vote of 54 to 4.

Dr. Hartzell was introduced and spoke on education, followed by Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, S. Priestley and Prof. J. L. Hoskins.

Saturday was a high day for Methodism. Rev. Dr. J. C. Hartzell was present and gave one of his enthusiastic addresses.

Gilbert Academy was fairly represented by that gallant hero and strong Methodist, Prof. J. E. L. Hoskins, who seems to be a man of the times among our race. With these different lights among us, we were compelled to say it was the best district conference ever held on this district.

Prof. D. W. Boatner read an essay on Sunday schools, which was so full of truth that the conference appointed a committee, asking him to submit it to our people through the press.

Rev. Priestley, Presiding Elder of the Monroe District, in his manly way, gave some wholesome advice, and his sermon at the grounds on Sunday will long be remembered.

Rev. J. F. Fisher was recommended for the recognition of orders.

Bros. J. McKee and A. W. Goins were recommended for admission into the travelling connection.

Prof. D. W. Boatner and Aaron Simonds were granted licenses to preach.

Resolutions were read thanking the pastor, members and citizens for their hospitality, to the T. & P. Railroad for reduced rates, and to the Presiding Elder for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference, and to the Natchitoches Railroad Company for reduced rates on its road.

The conference chose Martha-ville as its next seat.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

M. C. Caviness, Goliad, Texas.

The Beeville, Goliad and Corpus Christi work is improving. We have succeeded in building a church in Corpus Christi. Membership at Corpus Christi has been increased from 6 to 30. We have also succeeded in building a church at Beeville, the only colored church in the town. We have had 83 conversions. Estimated for pastor this year \$800, paid up to date \$376; estimated for Presiding Elder \$70, paid \$35; raised for benevolences \$30. More than \$1000 has been raised for all purposes. The Presiding Elder, Rev. H. Swann, has planned a special rally for the Samuel Houston College, at Austin. We have had a glorious camp meeting, which resulted in the conversion of 20 souls and 19 accessions. More than \$125 was raised for all purposes during the camp meeting. Rev. J. T. Gibbons, of San Antonio, rendered very valuable services.

V. M. Cole, Houston, Tex.

Our work in Houston looked dark and gloomy when I reached

there last January. Small pox and rain lasted two months or more, seriously interfering with our work.

Feb. 27 Dr. I. B. Scott, Presiding Elder, held his first quarter, which was well attended. Collection \$33.90. Our protracted meeting resulted in the conversion of 41 souls and 70 additions. Benevolent collections: missions \$51, Freedmen's Aid \$11. Our rally on Church Extension debt resulted in \$200, as follows: Class No. 1, \$16.70; 2, \$13.75; 3, \$13.75; 4, \$14; 5, 7.80; 6, \$8.75; 7, \$17; 8, \$9.80; 9, \$6.75; 10, \$7; 11, \$8; 12, \$9.40; 13, \$6; 14, \$7.50; 15, \$6.50.

S. D. Troupe, Batesville, Miss.

We have reached our long wished for spot at last. When I came to Batesville circuit I found no church at New Haven, but we now have as nice a church as there is in the country. We have nicely celled it. Bro. Wesley Daniel's funeral was largely attended, by the pastor and Rev. D. J. Adams. The Holy Ghost met us, and such a time has never been seen at New Haven.

A Brndette, at the New Grove Church, Tenn., is enjoying a year of great prosperity. The recent quarterly visit of Rev. B. F. Anderson, Presiding Elder, was a benediction.

N. H. Speight, Oxford, Ala.

We have just closed a successful revival, 18 precious souls saved and 14 joined our church. We are preparing to build a parsonage, which is much needed. The work will commence next week, and we hope to move in it in September. I am sorry that no more of our people read the SOUTHWESTERN here. I have worked faithfully along that line, but owing to the panic that has been through a portion of this mountain district, they say they are unable. Yet many have pledged to take and read the paper as times get better. Many of them desire the machine that is offered with the paper. Our Presiding Elder, a small man weighing something over two hundred, works with an untiring zeal. Yet we need a new district, so the Presiding Elders can help in the new fields which are open before us.

F. J. Yeargin, Friendship Circuit, Tenn.

My fourth quarterly conference was held at St. Peter by Elder B. F. Anderson, August 22, 23, with good reports. Our protracted meeting resulted in 4 conversions. Rev. J. C. Sherrell, of the Little Rock Conference, preached two wonderful sermons for the Elder, who was sick. Bro. Sherrell was out to see his father. He is a student of Philander Smith College. Bro. Anderson is a good man and is beloved by all his brethren. We regret his inability to preach this round. Collections, for the Elder \$12.15; pastor \$47.60; probationers received 3.

B. G. Smith, Oak Grove and Greensboro Circuit, Ala.

Our third quarterly meeting was held at Oak Grove August 15, 16. We had a glorious time. The church is enjoying a glorious revival. Conversions 8, accessions 9. Our beloved Presiding Elder, H. N. Brown, was with us and preached two soul stirring sermons. Paid pastor this quarter \$41.88, Presiding Elder \$15, benevolences \$9, total \$65.88.

J. A. Stewart, Richmond Circuit, Texas. My third quarterly conference was held at Orab Switch, Aug. 22, by Elder I. B. Scott. He preached a splendid sermon. Collection \$17.55, paid pastor \$15.85. We had a good time.

T. C. LeVert, Gainesville, Ala.

We have just closed a blessed revival at Soule's Chapel, with 33 conversions and 38 accessions.

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Letters from the Laity.

P. A. Cook, Monroe, La.

On the 25th of June Rev. E. O. Goings, our pastor, carried out one of the finest picnics that Monroe

ever witnessed. Bro. Goings is getting his work on a boom; and on the fourth Sunday in June we had our ex-pastor, D. J. Price, with us. He preached the funeral of sister Mary Johnson, and the people gathered in great crowds to hear him.

Mrs. Lula C. Lewis, of the Mt. Olive Church, Radford, Va., East Tennessee Conference, is loud in her praise of the good and helpful influence of the Woman's Home Missionary Society throughout that territory. She speaks highly of the work of Mrs. Rev. E. Province in its organization, and is thankful to Elder Province for the full recognition he has given the Society on his district. Mrs. Mary J. Jones, corresponding secretary of the Society on the Mt. Olive charge, has sent us a very appreciative address on the subject, which we would gladly publish but for lack of space.

Sadie Alina Heald, Nolensville, Tex.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Aug. 1, 2, by Elder J. P. Price. Many brethren were present with written reports. R. B. Battle was elected lay delegate to the Annual Conference, which will convene at Murfreesboro Oct. 21. At the close of the sermon on Sunday night one soul professed faith in Christ and many knelt at the altar for prayer. The revival just closed has been marked with success, 43 precious souls won for Christ and 47 added to the church. Bros. D. C. Ransome and Jimmie Price were among the visiting brethren. They preached stirring sermons, which greatly revived the church. Bro. Jimmie Price is a great revivalist. On Monday the Elder and pastor visited my school and lectured on the subject of education, and left quite an impression. My school at present numbers 80 pupils. This closes my third year's work at this place, I trust with some good results. The county superintendent speaks of making this a secondary school within another year. It is now graded in the fifth grade, with an assistant teacher. We also have a flourishing Sunday school, under the able superintendency of Bro. W. M. Copeland.

W. H. Hundley, Ingram's Mill, Miss.

Children's day was observed at Bright Prospect Chapel on Sunday, July 12. The program was carried out to the letter. The exercises were grand. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Prof. T. A. Greene of Rust University, Prof. J. W. Love of the Bright Prospect public school, the pastor, Rev. C. W. Butler, and the writer. Collection \$15.15.

J. H. Gordon, Spay, Miss.

Our Sunday school is prospering. Children's day collection was \$6.60.

A. J. Simpson, Doyle Station, White County, Tenn.

Our pastor, T. Allen, is a first-class preacher. Our quarterly conference was held July 17, 18. Elder J. P. Price preached to a large audience, 33 partaking the Lord's Supper. Raised \$10 for Presiding Elder and paid pastor \$75. We have a grand Sunday school.

F. M. Stanford, Paris, Tex.

Presiding Elder Morgan held the third quarter for Mt. Zion M. E. Church, this city, Aug. 2, 3, and preached two powerful sermons. 147 communion as Rev. W. H. Jackson was in the heat of his revival. At the close of the sacrament one very noted young man was converted, making a total of 17 conversions and 27 accessions to the church. Revs. A. Taylor of Bonham, S. M. Bolden of Jefferson, W. M. Bartley of Texarkana, J. W. H. Moore of Blossom, and F. Gilmore of Clarksville, rendered good assistance during the meeting. In spite of the bad health of the pastor, his report showed \$78 raised for benevolent purposes, 85 visits, 16 adults baptized, 19 sermons preached, and the parsonage has two new porches. Collections, pastor \$98.70, Presiding Elder \$20, visiting pastors \$31.30. Rev. Jackson is a pastor in every sense of

the word. He is now laboring to pay off the old Church Extension debt.

A. Lee, Palatka, Fla.

Second quarterly conference of the Palatka district was held July 26, by Presiding Elder S. A. Hanger. Rev. T. Holsendoff, pastor, rendered a good report. Superintendent and class leaders also rendered good reports. During the quarterly conference seven joined the church.

Thomas Atwood, Pickens Station, Miss.

One of West Station churches, Galilee Sunday school, had a celebration, and repeated verses, read essays, etc., in which much credit was reflected upon all concerned.

S. C. Coleman, Wadler, Texas.

Rev. J. J. Collins has just closed a protracted meeting with 29 converts. The church is much pleased with Bro. Collins. Rev. Thomas Wadkins, at Gonzales, is doing a good work. Some colored people are going to Oklahoma from here. The Lord has blessed the people with good crops on Peach Creek.

Y. B. Land, Memphis, Tenn.

Centenary M. E. Church is doing a grand work this year. Rev. C. L. Fields is the right man in the right place. Our new parsonage is nearly completed. We had a grand rally on the 26th, in which we collected \$106.60. The building will cost between \$800 and \$900. \$485 has been raised on it. Our pastor is happy over his work.

T. I. McGough, Bayou Scie, La., is full of praise for his pastor, Rev. S. Green, and Presiding Elder S. Duncan. He gives a grand report of the recent quarterly conference held there by the Elder. The church and Sunday school are prospering. The new church begun last March was occupied the first Sunday in June.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: Permit me to inquire for my brothers and sisters. My brothers' names, Richard or Dick Reden, Joseph Reden, and George Reden. My sisters' names, Mary, Martha and Sonilia Reden. We were all born in the State of Kentucky, and belonged to Melton Church. My name was then Kitty Reden, but is now Kitty Black. Any information as to their whereabouts will be gladly received. Address me in the care of Rev. H. James, Box 49, Clinton, La.

MRS. KITTY BLACK.

Mr. Editor: I wish to inquire for my grandmother. She lived in Lexington, Ky., where my mother and aunt left her. Mother was Lnoy and aunt Eliza Bohlen. My grandmother's name was Hannah Bohlen. Her two daughters are now dead. We are her granddaughters. My name is Mary Jordan, and my sister is Octavia Briers. Address Mrs. Mary Jordan, in care of John Gidon, 356 South street, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I desire to inquire for my father. His name was Richard King. He was taken off by Sid King during the war. I have not heard from him in a long time. He had one brother named Noah King, and two sisters, Hannah Howard and Chaney Croff. Any information will be thankfully received. Address me at Stonewall Station, Miss.

C. H. KING.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother and father. Mother was Mary Berch, and father Warren Taylor. Mother belonged to Joe Berch, and Berch sold her to Job Smith. I have never heard from her since I left Georgia. I was separated from her at 11 years of age. After my young mistress, Martha Berch, married Nathan Wamble, I was chosen as her servant. My father belonged to Dr. Taylor, in Hawkinsville, Ga. My mother had two children brought from that State, Warren and John Berch. Aunt Gammer had two

children; a girl, Amanda, and a boy, Ernest. Mike Berch brought them from Florida to Texas. My mother's oldest son was Moses Berch. I left him in Florida. If any one can tell their whereabouts it will be gladly received. Address John Taylor, West Point, Texas.

Mr. Editor: I desire to enquire for my lost relatives. My father's name was Jack Brooks, and he was sold to Benben Roe. Mother was Minnie Christie. My oldest brother was George Coleman, next Richard Booz r. I had three sisters, Annie Dozier and Eliza Smith. The last I heard from my youngest brother he was in Georgia and belonged to Whitfield Brooks. My husband belonged to Allen Dozier. I have two sons, the oldest named Willis, and the other John Wesley Dozier. I was brought to Gaston, Ala., by Sam Watson, a Negro trader, and sold to Delemi & Hanl. Any one knowing of their whereabouts will do me a great favor by writing me at Greenville, Miss., in care of Rev. N. H. Williams. My name is now Maria Freeman.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me to inquire for my two uncles and three brothers, whom I have not seen since November, 1863. Their names were: uncles Warren and John Pinkard, and brothers George, Wesley and Wood. All of us belonged to Tom Pinkard, in Bradley county, Ark., until 1863. These men went in the war at Pine Bluff. Then Tom Pinkard moved to Texas with the balance of us. Any having information will please address B. F. Pinkard, Mexia P. O., Limestone county, Texas.

Books and Current Literature.

Littell's Living Age. The numbers of The Living Age for August 1st and 8th contain Prince Napoleon, Westminster; Influenza, by Sir Morrill Mackenzie, M. D., The Locust Plague in Algeria, and Italy and France, Contemporary, etc.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

In the Leisure Hour for August, issued by the Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago, is contained the usual number of installments of continued stories and an excellent explanation of the terms Commons and Commoners, which takes us back to the first agitation for public parks. The subscription is \$2 per year. The increased facilities for traveling in this nineteenth century have very much conduced to the practice of entertaining visitors, and an article in the Girls' Own Paper for August gives some very good suggestions as to the treatment of our guests. We have had several chapters on The Spirit of Fun in Literature and Art. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago. August being essentially a month for outings, considerable space is devoted to natural history in the Boys' Own Paper for the current month, sent out by the Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago. The August number of the Sunday at Home, published by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago, contains a large variety of subjects, among which we first meet Archbishop Tait, the story of a saintly and beautiful life, as well as of a great ecclesiastical statesman and leader. The present number is very practical, and contains other articles worthy the attention. To be had for \$2 per year.

Readers of Harper's Magazine for September are confronted from the beginning with an embarrassment of riches. The number is opened by a series of superb illustrations of Shakespeare's Much Ado about Nothing—most of them full page—from drawings by Edward A. Abbey. The editorial department, under the control of George William Curtis, William Dean Howells, and Charles Dudley Warner, present for discussion and thought the usual rich variety of timely topics relating to society, music, manners, and literature.

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THE Christian Advocate suggests that the Grant Monument Association secure the services of Chaplain McCabe and Chanucy M. Depew to boom the Grant Monument Fund. It thinks that they could swell the funds of that association to a round quarter of a million dollars in less than a week. The Advocate is about right too.

In his excellent paper, entitled, "Why I am a Methodist," read before the Baton Rouge, (La.) district Conference, Rev. D. M. Seals, says: "I am a Methodist, because I love her doctrines and polity; because she declares the equality of all races; and because her efforts are directed to the salvation of whosoever will come," of whatever race or nationality. Excellent reason.

Miss Ella Cameron, a young lady on the Reid circuit, Miss, read an essay on education at Reid Chapel, July 18, which does credit to her head and heart; and especially for one so young. We regret very much, that lack of space makes it necessary for us to deny our readers the privilege of reading it.

REPORTS have reached us from Gonzales, Texas, of a gross and outrageous assault and battery committed upon Dr. N. H. Middleton, a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Aug. 31. The Doctor was having his shoes mended when a crowd of young white men began throwing torpedoes at him. Leaving there they followed him to a store wherein the Doctor went to do some shopping. They continued their pranks until the Doctor could stand it no longer. The result was a lively fistfight and handling of chairs, etc., wherein the mob came out second best. Passing out of the rear door of the store, Dr. Middleton made his escape to the courthouse and had the ruffians arrested. After their arrest and release on bond the parties disputed among themselves, resulting in the death of Clark Barber, at the hand of Joseph Blain. Thus ended the career of the leading spirit in the attack of this plucky young Negro physician. We rejoice to know that while our schools and colleges inspire a gentlemanly spirit in our graduates, they also encourage them in the honorable and manly spirit of self defense so successfully exhibited in the present unprovoked attack upon him.

The Mud-Slingers.

Last week we published and endorsed the resolutions, adopted by the North and South New Orleans district Conferences, denouncing the style of journalism represented by two certain papers published in this city which they considered "vile and vicious." One of them referring to the same, said last Saturday, that it proposes to turn its mud-slinging battery upon the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. We know absolutely nothing of the gentlemen operating the two papers denounced. We only know their papers. These we denounce as dangerous to public morals and to the peace of the community.

Now if their editors propose to evade the discussion of the character of their papers to enter into a personal attack upon the reputation and character of the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, we assure them that they shall not be permitted to do so without invoking upon themselves the penalty that attaches to the law against criminal libel and slander.

Dr. Albert is well known in this city, state and country, and no vile insinuations from such a source can tarnish his reputation for honesty and purpose and purity of character. We propose to continue to denounce vicious and immoral literature, and to plead against its introduction in the homes of our people, whatever may be the consequence; and if for so doing, the same devil seeks to spew out its slimy venom upon the editor of this paper, he will not fail to call upon the strong arms of the law for his protection and vindication.

No blacker sin disgraces President Harrison's administration, than that men capable of inflicting such a curse upon this community should be given places in the federal service in this city.

Help Poor Africa!

Some weeks ago we published a very pathetic letter from Africa, appealing for papers for the reading room of our mission school at Cape Palmas, West Coast of Africa. In answer to this, the Rev. J. B. Middleton, of Sumpter, S. C., offered \$10 toward the establishment of the African Christian Advocate. To this we offered to add our subscription of \$10, and others have been solicited to join their contributions for the same purpose. To this we have thus far received no responses. In the absence of a printing press in Liberia, there remains but one thing for American Christians to do, and that is, to see that those poor people are supplied with the right kind of reading matter from the American press. We therefore appeal to our readers to supply the means whereby we may be able to furnish the SOUTHWESTERN to our Cape Palmas school reading room, and to worthy and needy ones in the Black Republic. For \$2 we will send the SOUTHWESTERN to such persons for a whole year, postage prepaid. Who will send us \$2 and thereby assist in the evangelization of Africa? If you can't go there yourself, send them the SOUTHWESTERN as a missionary agent to assist in their evangelization and salvation.

THE people of Carrollton, the upper suburb of this city, are very much disturbed over the prospects of the expropriation of a large portion of their property for a new levee on the river front in that section of the city. In consequence of several oavings in the river front, the Levee Board has decided it is necessary to build a new levee, 300 feet behind the present levee, which was built only seven years ago. It is proposed to run the new levee from the head of Jefferson street to Short. That will take in the Carrollton railroad depot, the Carrollton Garden, Fisher's saw mill and yards, and much valuable property. The estimated loss involved is placed at over \$140,000. And what is worse, nearly all the property involved belongs to poor people, and no

compensation is provided for their losses under the law. A wall of protestation has gone up from those poor people, and it is now being planned to take in only 150, instead of 300 feet, and it is proposed to plan for some fair remuneration to them. As the safety of the whole city from overflow is dependent upon the protection sought in the building of this new levee, it will no doubt be built. The only questions to be solved are those of proper lines and remuneration for the property that will thereby be expropriated. There can be no element of justice in the confiscation of the property of those poor people, however, and it is greatly to be hoped that some scheme will be adopted whereby they shall be made to suffer as little as possible from their immediate loss. The whole city and State are to be benefited, and it is but just that they should bear all the losses threatening the people immediately affected.

To set apart the black comrades of the Grand Army in a separate department would be a manifestation of the rankest ingratitude. The black men knew the rebels were fighting to keep them in slavery, they knew the union troops were fighting to give them freedom—and so well nigh a quarter of a million of them joined the union forces. They did their whole duty well and bravely. A hundred instances might be cited, one must suffice. The fifty-fourth Massachusetts was the first colored regiment organized in the free States. It immortalized itself at Fort Wagner. "In order to be in season for the assault it had marched two days through heavy sands and dreaching storms. With only five minutes rest it took its place at the front of the attacking column. The men fought with undimmed gallantry, and planted their flag on the works, but their colonel, and so many of their officers were shot, that what was left of the regiment was led off by a boy," but the ditch about the fort was filled with hundreds of their dead, with the splendid and most highly educated, and connected Shaw among the slain. When a flag of truce was sent in asking for his body, the insolvent, and insulting reply was that "he was buried with the niggers he had commanded," and there he sleeps to day, for his wealthy and honored relatives said no more honorable grave could we give him in any marble tomb, even though his dust should rest among the most honored of the land, nor can the sculptor's art add to his name. Yes, Shaw, the heroic, magnificent young colonel still sleeps with his "niggers" in the sands of Morris Island, and, so long as this is true, let no one dare to propose that the blacks and whites of the Grand Army shall be separated. If Southern intolerance, and the anti-Christ, and anti-American spirit demand anything of the kind, let a booming No! thunder along the line. No it shall never be as long as the dust of Shaw, and others as brave as he, mingles with the dust of the black men who fell at their sides.

REV. Dr. Briggs who has lost the confidence of the Presbyterian assembly has, without doubt, been greatly misunderstood in his theological position; for the questions which he has raised are those relating to theology, not to the fundamentals of religion that enter into personal experience. He seems to be one who unintentionally provokes opposition from the people who never think for themselves and therefore have small charity for those who do. In an article in the June Forum he defines his position, and we are inclined to think that it is tenable. The following general statement may give a tolerably correct idea of his position: "Dogmatic theology is in a state of dissolution and reconstruction. The dogmatic theologians have elaborated Protestant dogma far beyond the later symbolical books of Protestantism. Thinking men are going back to the symbols of

the reformation, and then back of these to the ecumenical creeds, and then still further back to the theology of the Bible itself. The theology of the Bible was sadly neglected by the scholastic divines, and it has found no adequate expression in the symbolical books of any of the great churches of Christendom. They, for the most part, pursued false methods of exegesis. They knew little or nothing of Biblical criticism, the higher or literary criticism, and historical criticism are sections of modern scientific study of the Bible. Criticism has made the Bible a new book. And the discipline of Biblical theology which builds on the results of criticism finds in the Bible a new theology—new not in the sense that it destroys anything that is valuable in the old theology; but that on the one hand it is simpler, fresher, full of life and energy, quickening and fascinating people as well as preacher, and, on the other hand, more comprehensive, more profound, more symmetrical and harmonious. It is sublime and indeed divine, because it brings us face to face with holy prophets and with God himself."

Political Review.

The President has appointed Mr. John S. Durham consul to San Domingo, to succeed Hon. Fred Douglass, resigned, as United minister to Hayti.

The question whether it will be Blaine or Harrison continues to disturb political speculators. Political wisdom, however, would indicate the unanimous re-nomination of President Harrison by acclamation or on the first ballot. This is the only course which can avert a repetition of the Republican Waterloo, which the party sustained when it failed to nominate the late President Arthur in 1884. Mr. Blaine was the victim of that defeat then, and it is hardly to be expected that he will offer himself for another like experience.

The campaign in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa and other States is growing interesting, with many favorable signs in favor of Republican success.

Considerable dissatisfaction is being exhibited against the retention of Mr. F. F. Claassen as assayer of the United States mint in this city. Mr. Claassen is a Democrat, and the complaint is that with many competent Republicans willing to serve the government in that capacity it is wrong to deserving ones of the party in power that he should be continued in that office. His official head is demanded in such tones that President Harrison will no doubt have to heed it.

Among the sugar district deputy revenue collectors appointed by Collector Wimberly last week we notice the name of T. Mann Cage, a colored man who used to associate with white Democrats and had no affiliation with his race. He was rich then, and was a Democrat. He has lost his sugar plantation, and now he is numbered in the first batch of such deputy collectors under a Republican administration. The faithful are very much dissatisfied over it. Among others appointed were Mr. Wm. Dnplessis, a worthy member of our church at Baton Rouge.

The United States interstate commerce commission has just made a decision making null and void the "Jim Crow car law" in the case of persons traveling out of one State into another, that is in interstate travel. This is the first unravelling of that abominable law. A thorough testing before the United States Supreme Court and the whole thing will come to pieces. The circumstances under which the decision was rendered were as follows:

A colored man recently boarded a west-bound Southern Pacific train in Louisiana, having also a ticket of admission to the sleeping car. When the train crossed the Texas line, despite his protests, he was ejected and forced to take a car seat apart for colored people.

He appealed to the interstate commerce commission and that body decided that the colored man had the right to travel in the sleeping car if he paid first class fare.

Since then the Southern Pacific railroad authorities have ordered that colored persons making interstate trips shall not be interfered with, provided they can secure first-class tickets. This is a loophole against which our people will have to guard very closely. But for the pluck displayed by the colored man in question this decision would not have been made.

Personal.

—Rev. J. M. Howard, deacon of first class, has been transferred by Bishop Newman from the Louisiana to the Southwestern Kansas Conference.

—Bishop Walden made one of the addresses at the reopening services at Wesley's Chapel, City Roads, London, Sept. 4.

—Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, has been appointed a delegate to the World's Peace Convention, to be held in Rome in November next, and will either go or send a paper to be read before that body.

—Rev. L. M. Hagood, M. D., Presiding Elder of the Bowling Green district, Lexington Conference, will deliver a lecture on "The Colored Man: His Past, Present and Future Status," at the Elliott Avenue, M. E. Church, St. Louis.

—Rev. Joseph Johnson, of Burke, La., warns all pastors and Presiding Elders against the employment of Bro. Milo Hatcher, a local preacher of that charge; as he is not in good standing.

—Rev. N. Ronndtree, of Moss Point, Miss., called last week. His work goes on nicely, and we shall expect a good account of him at the conference.

—Rev. J. A. Holliday, of Grantville, Ga., mourns the death of his wife, who departed this life Aug. 24.

—Rev. W. J. Dawson, of Glasgow, well known in this country through his literary works, is expected to spend the months of October and November in the United States. Mr. Dawson is also one of the most popular lecturers in the British Isles. No doubt arrangements will be made for his lectures in various parts of the country.

—Chester Cannon, of East Baton Rouge, called last week. He claims to have been a regular subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN for fifteen years. We like to welcome such to our sanctum.

—D. B. Wilson, Esq., of Shreveport, La., who has been studying law in Washington, D. C., has had to leave on account of lung troubles. He is now at Asheville, N. C., under medical treatment. Address him 133 Poplar street.

—Miss Polla M. Brewer has closed a five months session of her school at Eola, La., and is "home again." We hear good reports of her work there.

—Rev. M. J. Dyer, of Jeanerette, paid us an appreciated visit while in the city last week.

—Rev. P. O. Colton, of Boyce, was in the city three days last week and called. He came on the excursion from Shreveport.

—Rev. R. C. Barrow, of Ponchartroula, passed through the city on his way from the district conference at Thibodaux last week and gave us a call.

—Rev. Stephen Priestley has returned from the work on his district and is spending a few days here with his family. He is full of good reports. The development of his work is simply marvelous.

—President Thirkield is expected to return to Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., from his summer vacation this week.

—President Grandison, of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., has been on a canvassing tour in behalf of his school, in Boston, Chicago and other Northern cities.

He is a fine orator and a tireless worker. We wish him success.

—After several weeks absence in New York, Philadelphia, Washington and other Northern and Eastern cities, Rev. J. W. Hudson, of Union Chapel, has returned home in excellent health and spirit.

—Rev. H. W. Wright, of Donaldsonville, and his sister Mrs. Virginia Mitchell, of Alexandria, spent several days in the city last week. They were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Marshall.

—Revs. Stephen Priestley and J. F. Marshall return to the work on their respective districts, the Monroe and Baton Rouge, tomorrow.

—After several weeks of successful labors in this vicinity, in behalf of the cause he so ably represents, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, B.D., Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, returned to his home in Atlanta, Ga., last Tuesday. The prayers and best wishes of the church in this section will follow him.

—After a very severe attack from malarial troubles, Sunday school Agent Ernest Lyon, A.B., is now well again and able to resume his work, to the great joy of all our churches and Sunday schools.

Endorses the Call for the Proposed Convention of All the Colored Methodists of America.

Rev. Z. T. Pearsall, of the Central Alabama Conference, expresses himself in favor of the proposed convention of all colored Methodists in connection with the Ecumenical Conference to meet in Washington, Oct. 7, but he does not believe that it should be composed exclusively of colored members of the Ecumenical Conference.

He thinks the Central Alabama, and every colored conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church should have representation in the convention.

Rev. G. W. Winn, Tallahassee, Ala.: "I think it will better the condition of colored Methodism in her mission to advance the Redeemer's kingdom."

—We published some weeks ago, from the Missionary Secretaries, their circular concerning Self-Denial Week in the interest of the cause of Missions, which occurs September 27 to October 4. We now gladly call the attention of our readers to the importance of the observance of this Self-Denial Week by all our churches. We hope all of our preachers will be stirred to a general observance of the occasion. If by reason of the sessions of Annual Conferences the week designated cannot be observed, then, any other week, earlier or later, will answer just as well. The Missionary Secretaries will send out Self-Denial Week envelopes free to all pastors that order them. Let the occasion be one of general awakening in behalf of the cause of Missions.

—THE Patriotic Sons of America, in its noble purpose to assist the public schools of this city, gave a grand entertainment recently. It is much to be deplored, however, that in so doing, that it found it necessary to desecrate the holy Sabbath by holding their entertainment on the Sabbath day. Not much patriotism in such a course. The Sabbath and the Bible are the sheet anchors of our liberty.

Our Public Schools

Are the mainstay of our republic. In them are being cultivated the minds which are to be our future law-makers and leaders in every walk in life. How essential it is that these minds should be united to strong, healthy bodies. So many children suffer from impurities and poisons in the blood that it is a wonder that they ever grow up to be men and women. Many parents cannot find words strong enough to express their gratitude to Hood's Sarsaparilla for its good effect upon their children. Scrofula, salt rheum and other diseases of the blood, are effectually and permanently cured by this excellent medicine, and the whole being is given strength to resist attacks of disease.

DAILY BREAD.

Death never stops for hot weather.

No man's life can be right whose love is wrong.

God's warnings are as full of love as his blessings.

People never become any better than they want to be.

You can't help the Lord any by wearing a long face.

People who work for the devil never get any vacation.

He is not much of a man who isn't a hero to somebody.

God never had an enemy who was not a bitter foe to man.

The older people become the harder they are to teach.

To man ever finds life hard who is living it for Christ.

There is joy in hell when a young man takes his first drink.

The better we know men the better we may know God.

People are scarce who do not talk too much about themselves.

No man is ever alone. When God isn't with him the devil is.

The hungriest people on earth are those at the devil's table.

If you have God's promise for a thing, isn't that good enough?

There is no safety in any journey where Jesus does not lead.

There is plenty of light for the man who does not love darkness.

God never made anything that lasted longer than a holy life.

Only weak people are those who are not sure that they are right.

No man can take from another a gift given right and enjoy it himself.

Isn't often that a man gets a home without paying too much for it.

Reason men are down on religion because it is down on their vices.

No man can do things that God has without some day hating himself for it.

No man who is ruled by his sins will always travel in a zigzag course.

Many of us expect others to be better than we are willing to be ourselves.

The man who cannot pray for people he doesn't like, cannot pray for anybody.—*Ram's Horn.*

Homiletics.

Hymns 2, 955, 1030.
Scripture Lesson—11 Timothy, iv.
11 Timothy, iv, 7—"I have kept the faith."

The last words of St. Paul have a deep pathos and interest, range that a life so mighty in influence on the age has left a written record so brief and fragmentary.

Men who lived before and since a day have left whole volumes, but their actual lives have little influence. He has left us only a doctrinal and personal epistle, but we treasure and ponder every word. His life shines through his writings and through his life shines his divine Master, who was the light of the world. Every life has a constraining message—Paul's was the love of Christ. His last writing is a letter full of tender, personal affection to the one he loved best in the world. He exhorts him and warns him—"Preach the word; be instant season, out of season, reprove, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they will not en-

dure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears, and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables; but watch them in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

These words are written by Paul from a Roman prison. He is now Paul the aged. He will never leave his prison till he leaves it to die. He will never see the bright sun again until he sees it shining on the sword that will take his life. He is not discouraged or dismayed. He looks back over thirty years of service for Jesus Christ and writes: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." And now let us see what Paul meant by keeping the faith.

I. Keeping the faith in doctrine.
II. Keeping the faith in life.
III. Keeping the faith in our own day.

I. Keeping the faith in doctrine. Paul first of all teaches us that there is a faith to keep. Three great things we find in Holy Scripture—mystery, simplicity, duty.

We have the story of creation, of the fall of man, of the chosen people, of the holy prophets, of the incarnation, "God manifest in the flesh," of the sinless life, the atoning death, the resurrection, the ascension, the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. We have the wonders and glories of that apocalypse which closes the sacred canon. From the beginning to the end we have mystery. Evermore the Master says to us: "What I do thou knowest not, but thou shalt know hereafter." With Paul we must say, "Now we see through a glass darkly." But yet, through all the mystery, the great mountain peaks of everlasting truth shine forth in their sublime simplicity like Alpine summits that pierce the clouds and mists.

Paul saw the mountain peaks of truth; he had climbed them all. He never lost them amidst the mists and fogs. Yes, there was a faith. Paul saw it and kept it. False Christs and false prophets arose even in his day, but Paul kept the faith once delivered to the saints.

II. Keeping the faith in life. Three great things are, we said, in Holy Scripture—mystery, simplicity, duty. Paul, amid mystery, kept the faith in its simplicity. Let us see how he kept it in duty and in life.

"Lord, are there few that be saved?" said Peter to the Master. Jesus answered: "Strive to enter in at the straight gate." Few or many, Peter, it matters not to thee—thy great concern is thine own salvation. What though all the world be saved and thou be lost? Strive then—agonize—for that is the Greek word—to enter in at the straight gate.

And, again, this same Peter, anxious to know the fate of John, said to Christ: "And what of this man, Lord?" Jesus answered: "And if he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." The great end of all doctrine, of the faith which Paul kept, then, is duty, life.

Paul translated Christian doctrine into Christian life. He illustrated the faith by his faithfulness.

III. Keeping the faith in our day. We have the faith once delivered to the saints; the faith which St. Paul kept. We have it in mystery, simplicity and duty. We are to keep it. We are not to lose ourselves in mystery. The wheels of Ezekiel, the weeks of Daniel, the beast of the Apocalypse, let us not spend our time in seeking to unravel what God himself has purposely veiled in mystery. Our Lord is to come again. Consoling promise! Blessed hope! Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly! But let us not be unduly concerned about the day and the time, which to the angels in heaven and the Son himself was left unrevealed. Let us preach and exemplify re-

pentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us with Paul proclaim "Jesus and the resurrection" as the only hope of a lost world. Let us keep the faith in doctrine and in life, and our blessed Lord will keep that which we have committed unto him against that day.

REV. R. T. ADAMS of the Gainesville District, Savannah Conference, has written as a denial of the statement which appeared in the SOUTHWESTERN some weeks ago, to the effect that that district conference had "endorsed President Hickman of Clark University and Field Agent Mason of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and pledged their hearty support in the work which they severally represent."

We have since learned that while Bro. Adams is correct in his statement, yet had such resolutions been offered there is no doubt but they would have been adopted with great enthusiasm. The enthusiastic reception given Dr. Hickman and Bro. Mason by the conference proves it.

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Marriages.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Miss Carrie F., the eldest daughter of Rev. W. S. Rollins, Presiding Elder of the Indiana District, Lexington Conference, was married Thursday, August 27, at the family residence, in Indianapolis, to Mr. Walter B. Barton, of Bellwood, Tenn. A reception was held from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m., after which they departed for their Southern home, amid the well wishes and congratulations of their many friends. Rev. Geo. A. Sissle, Presiding Elder of the Louisville District, officiated.

Gonzales, Tex.—Aug. 27, Mr. Alfred Kelley and Miss Eliza Lewis.
Rev. J. J. Collins officiating.

Waynesboro, Miss.—August 22, Mr. Jno. Moore to Miss C. Norris.
Rev. A. Butler officiating.

Grenada, Miss.—Mr. J. A. Bostrick to Miss Ernestine Marshall, Aug. 13.
Rev. J. W. Parks, P. C., officiating.

Groesbeck, Tex.—Aug. 23, at the residence of the bride, Mr. Wood Knight to Miss Pinky King.
Rev. J. W. Wormly officiating.

Obituary.

Brunswick, Ga.—Luvonia Samuel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. Samuel, died in full triumph of faith, Saturday, August 22, and passed to her final reward. She was a consistent and devoted Christian and member of the M. E. Church. Luvonia was a great worker in the church and Sunday school, and was organist in Ashbury M. E. Church, Savannah, three months of this year, which position she held in Brunswick at the time of her death. While in Savannah she attended the Beach Institute, and there completed her course of studies last June with great honors. She was a bright scholar and gained the esteem of all her teachers and schoolmates. Luvonia was preparing to enter college in October, but deprived of that privilege, she has entered that college in which all her lofty aspirations will be fully realized. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Arnold, of Savannah. After the sermon her remains were carried to the cemetery, followed by a large procession. There her body rests among many beautiful oaks.

Albert Chapel, La.—Sister Patsy Givens, in her 82d year, fell asleep in Jesus August 22. For 60 years she lived a consistent Christian among the first of Albert Chapel, under the pastorate of Rev. Peter Brown. She died as she lived, saying: "I am ready, just waiting on the Lord." To her children she said, "You all must pray and meet me in heaven." The church has lost a faithful one and heaven has gained a jewel. She leaves three sons, one daughter, and many friends.

Waldo, Fla.—Bro. Wm. Noyes departed this life August 16. He died in triumph of faith. He was a member of the church 30 years.

Young, Tex.—Mr. Henry Titus, son of Rev. Wm. Titus, took sick July 19 and died after a few days of illness. The

deceased was about 18 years of age. He joined the M. E. Church and died in full triumph of faith.
Robt. Thurman.

Rev. L. P. Brown, our beloved pastor at Winona, Miss., fell asleep in Jesus this morning, August 23, at 5:40. He was first taken with bilious fever, but was slowly recovering, when on Aug. 9, he went to a church four miles in the country to preach a funeral sermon, and got worse. His illness turned into typhoid-malaria, which took him away. He bore his pain very patiently. We loved him as though we had never loved another, and feel that his place as a pastor and shepherd will be hard to fill. He seemed as though his whole soul and body were in his work. His only desire to live was to work for Christ. While upon his bed of affliction he was preaching and talking of our church affairs. He died as he lived, a Christian. He folded his arms in humble submission for the angel death to unloose the silver cord of life, and immediately his soul flew home to rest. He leaves a wife and many relatives to mourn their loss. Age, 37 years, 10 months and 7 days.

Bledsoe Circuit, Ark.—Bro. Louis Hodges fell asleep in Jesus August 10. He was a member of the M. E. Church 26 years, and died at the age of 60. His last words were: "I have dying grace." His funeral was preached on the 11th by the pastor.

Philadelphia, Miss.—Sister Mary Rixley, a member of Liberty M. E. Church, departed this life August 19, in full triumph of faith, aged 20 years. The funeral was conducted by writer and B. F. Lyers, a Baptist minister. She leaves a father, brothers and sisters to mourn her loss.

W. H. Smith, P. C.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Pocahontas Peeler Wilson was born Sept. 16, 1873, married October 10, 1888, and died July 12, 1891, aged 17 years, 9 months, 27 days.
R. Hays, P. C.

Grenada, Miss.—Sister Margaret Lewis died in faith in the Lord August 7. Her funeral was attended at the M. E. Church by Revs. D. Green and J. W. Parks, P. C.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Bro. Jessie Winters, a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 60 years, died April 27, in full triumph of faith, aged 80 years.
R. Hays, P. C.

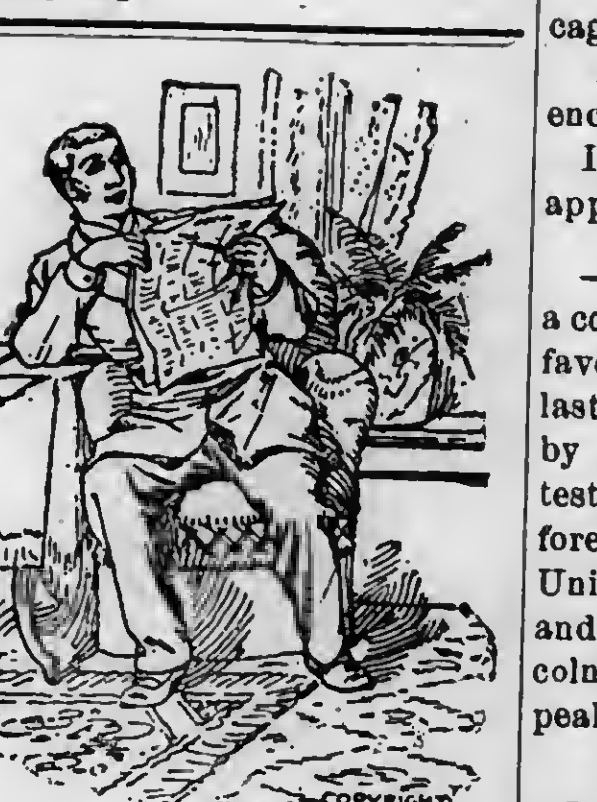
What steam is to the engine, Hood's Sarsaparilla is to the body, producing bodily power and furnishing mental force.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

Last Sunday being the first Sunday in the month, was generally observed by nearly all our city churches as general class meeting and communion day. Rev. M. C. B. Mason preached and assisted Pastor Wm. P. Forest at Thomson Chapel; Rev. J. F. Marshall assisted Rev. A. J. Pickett at La Harpe Street Church, and Dr. Albert assisted Rev. F. T. Chinn at Wesley Chapel.

Presiding Elder Priestley preached at Union Chapel last Sunday night.



In reading over the literary items of the week, I found not much to interest me, until my eye caught sight of an article headed "Jenks' Dream." Imagine my surprise to find it ended up with a recommendation to use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Nevertheless, being a great sufferer from sick headache, I determined to try them, and to my great joy, I found prompt relief, and by their protracted use, a complete immunity from such attacks. Pierce's Pellets often cure sick headache in an hour. They are gently laxative or actively cathartic, according to size of dose. As a pleasant laxative, take one each night on retiring. For adults, four act as an active, yet painless, cathartic. Cause no griping or sickness. Best Liver Pill ever made. Smallest, Cheapest, Easiest to take. For Constipation, Indigestion and Bilious Attacks, they have no equal.

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—UPON the call of the *Crusader*, a committee of gentlemen, well and favorably known in this city, met last week to formulate plans whereby to raise the necessary means to test the "Jim Crow" car law before the Supreme Court of the United States. But for its length and the crowded condition of our columns we would give their appeal to our readers in full.

—THE SOUTHWESTERN has a ringing contribution calling for the election of a colored Methodist Episcopal Bishop.—*Epuworth Herald.*

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Third Round.

Arcola	Sept. 5-6
Helm	" 5-6
Indianola	" 12-13
Sanflower	" 13-14
Faisiona	" 19-20
Shelby	" 26-27
Clarkdale	Oct. 3-4
Tonica	" 10-12
Jonestown	" 10-11
Dablin	" 17-18
Webb	" 24-25
Stornville	" 26-27
Gnnison	" 28-29

Brethren, push your benevolent work, so you can be able to make a full report.
J. W. DAVIS, P. E.

Corinth District, Upper Mississippi Conference.
Third Round.

Ripley	Aug. 27
New Albany	" 29-30
Pontotoc	Sept. 5-6
Honaton	" 12-13
Bell cir.	" 12-13
Tampico	" 19-20
Sturges	" 23
Webster	" 24
Starkville cir.	" 26-27
Ackerman	" 30
Lonisville	Oct. 3-4
Chester Mission	" 6
Greensboro	" 8
French Camp	" 10-11
Bellfontain	" 10-11

Brethren will look well to the benevolences had "Southwestern."
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Huntsville District, Central Alabama Conference.
Third Round.

Decatur	Aug. 29-30
Courtland	Sept. 5-6
Guntersville	" 12-13
Cedar Grove	" 18
Triana	" 19-20
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Rules for Family Peace.

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Everybody in the house has an evil nature, as well as ourselves, and therefore we must not expect too much.

Learn the different temper of each individual.

When any good happens to any one, rejoice at it.

When inclined to give an angry answer, count ten.

If, from sickness, pain or infirmity, we feel irritable, keep a good watch over ourselves.

Observe when others are suffering, and drop a word of kindness and sympathy suited to their wants.

Watch for the little opportunities of pleasing, and put little annoyances out of the way.

Take a cheerful view of everything.

In all little pleasures which may occur put self last.

Try for the soft answer that "turneth away wrath."

When we have been pained by an unkind word or deed, ask ourselves: "Have I not often done the same, and been forgiven?"—Central Methodist.

Some Good Rules for Dyspeptics.

1. Eat two meals a day.

2. Eat slowly, masticate the food very thoroughly, even more so, if possible, than is required in health.

3. Avoid drinking at meals; at most take a few sips of warm non-stimulating drink at the close of the meal, if the food is very dry in character.

4. In general dyspeptic stomachs manage dry food better than containing much fluid; so avoid light soups.

5. Eat neither very hot nor cold food. The best temperature is about that of the body. Avoid exposure to cold soon after eating.

6. Be careful to avoid excess in eating. Eat no more than the wants of the system require. Strength depends not on what is eaten, but what is digested.

7. Never take violent exercise of any sort, either mental or physical, either just before or just after a meal. It is not good to sleep immediately after eating.

8. If it is thought necessary to eat three times a day make the last meal very light. For most dyspeptics two meals are better than more.

9. Never eat a morsel of any sort between meals.

10. Never eat when very tired, whether exhausted from mental or physical labor.

11. Never eat when the mind is worried or the temper is ruffled, if it is possible to avoid doing so.

12. Eat only food that is easy of digestion, avoiding complicated and indigestible dishes and taking but two or three kinds at a meal.

13. Most persons will be benefited by the use of oatmeal, wheat meal, or Graham flour, cracked wheat, and other whole grain preparations, though many will find it necessary to avoid vegetables especially when fruits are taken.

14. Some kind of fruit, ripe, fresh, or in the simple form of stewed or canned should be eaten at breakfast, as fruit promotes digestion. The use of fruit obviates the necessity of drinking while eating, and for those who have been habituated to drinking a dish of stewed apples, or prunes, will serve as well.

General Church News.

The girl's school in Tripoli, Syria, has 35 house pupils and 115 day scholars.

The Swedish Missionary Society is actively at work among the Laplanders. The society has an orphanage at Ange, and 6 mission schools in other parts of Lapland, where 173 children have received instruction. In spite of a grant of 2,000 crowns from the king, the expenses for the past year were 1,500 crowns in excess of the receipts.

A man of means, who refuses to contribute to the missionary cause, lacks either intelligence or piety. Where men have both intelligence and piety, we never fail to get missionary money from them, if they have it. A man can as easily be a Christian without prayer, as without giving for the conversion of the world, or at least willingness to give.—Western North Carolina Methodist.

One of the methods which Bishop Taylor is said to be employing to some extent in carrying on his work in Africa is unique in the extreme. Young Negro girls are purchased, the market price being \$30 a girl. When introduced into the mission schools their families and friends have no further claim on them, and Christian influences can be brought to bear on them more effectively.

Though it is but a few years since Protestant Missions were founded in Mexico, already 20,000 have been gathered into the churches, and a few of these are already large and self-supporting. The Methodist Episcopal Church South, is expending \$105,000 annually upon this field, the Presbyterians \$90,000, the Methodist Episcopal Church \$50,000, and the American Board \$24,000. Besides these, the Episcopalians are at work, the Associate Reformed, the Cumberland Presbyterians, and the Friends.—Missionary Review.

The work among the Chinese on the Pacific Coast is now beginning to bear fruit of a very hopeful kind. Here are two illustrations: One thousand Chinamen, members of the Congregational Church in California and Oregon, have sent two missionaries to their native land, organized a foreign missionary society with \$1,000 to start with, and have also contributed \$2,200 to some missions. Lun Foon, a member of the Methodist Mission Church in San Francisco, gave up a good business and returned to do missionary work at his own charge. He has built a mission property in foreign style of architecture, with preaching hall and school rooms.—Missionary Review.

De Civitate Dei.—The Divine Order of Human Society, by Prof. Robert Ellis Thompson, S.T.D., University of Pennsylvania, being the L. P. Stone lectures for 1891, delivered in Princeton Theological Seminary. Prof. Robert Ellis Thompson, of the University of Pennsylvania, is widely known as a writer on social and economic problems. By appointment of the Society of Princeton Theological Seminary, he lectured last winter on Christian Sociology on the L. P. Stone Foundation. As a sociologist, he is a theistic evolutionist. He handles in this light many of the practical problems of the day, such as woman's social sphere, family discipline, socialism and communism, the single tax, the right of property, the conflict of capital and labor, open or secret voting, the Bible in the schools, Christian union, the organization of charity, prison discipline, and the like. This book, just issued, is 12-7 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, contains over 270 pages, is tastefully bound in cloth, gilt top, uncut edges. Mailed to any address on receipt of \$1 John D. Wattles, publisher, 1031 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Our Symposium.

Many and many an evil word and work would be avoided if Christian people would only remember that hope is a Christian duty, so high a duty that the Christian religion is pre-eminently a religion of hope; and the Christian life a life of hope. A hopeless Christian is no Christian, flatter himself as he may. The true Christian is resolutely hopeful; he hopes when other men despair; he does not know, and will not know, when he is beaten; and so it often comes to pass that he plucks victory from imminent defeat. His dutiful hopefulness is often his salvation, temporal as well as spiritual; he is "saved by hope."—The Churchman.

It is a mistake to sigh for "the good old times." True wisdom will make better times out of the present. Our modern experience may lack some few advantages known in earlier years, but we have new ones which were then unknown. The world moves forward, and it is true policy to adapt ourselves to the changing circumstances. New methods and forms are inevitable. Religious work has a wider field and more golden opportunities than ever before, if we shall only keep up with the advancing times, and take advantage of the new possibilities which open around us. Progress is the order of the day.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

Hon. William Pitt Kellogg, in a recent interview says: "The interests of the colored and white people in the South are identical. Their destinies are linked together and only one thing stands in the way of a prosperous and happy future, and that is a race prejudice chiefly engendered by politics. Let the colored man have a local office occasionally. Put him on the police force and let him have something to say in municipal elections, and very soon he will recognize that he really is a citizen and will vote as his interests direct. . . . And this I have to say to the Republicans of the North, the colored voters in five Northern States hold the balance of power and can elect the President in 1892. They should not be ignored."

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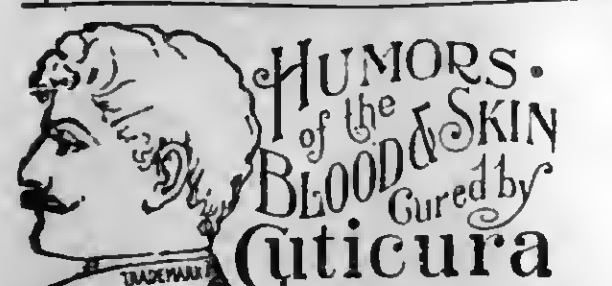
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40 ".....	375 lbs.	700 lbs.	210	00
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52 ".....	525 lbs.	1000 lbs.	270	00
54 ".....	550 lbs.	1050 lbs.	280	00
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58 ".....	600 lbs.	1150 lbs.	300	00
60 ".....	625 lbs.	1200 lbs.	310	00
62 ".....	650 lbs.	1250 lbs.	320	00
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66 ".....	700 lbs.	1350 lbs.	340	00
68 ".....	725 lbs.	1400 lbs.	350	00
70 ".....	750 lbs.	1450 lbs.	360	00
72 ".....	775 lbs.	1500 lbs.	370	00
74 ".....	800 lbs.	1550 lbs.	380	00
76 ".....	825 lbs.	1600 lbs.	390	00
78 ".....	850 lbs.	1650 lbs.	400	00
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82 ".....	900 lbs.	1750 lbs.	420	00
84 ".....	925 lbs.	1800 lbs.	430	00
86 ".....	950 lbs.	1850 lbs.	440	00
88 ".....	975 lbs.	1900 lbs.	450	00
90 ".....	1000 lbs.	1950 lbs.	460	00
92 ".....	1025 lbs.	2000 lbs.	470	00
94 ".....	1050 lbs.	2050 lbs.	480	00
96 ".....	1075 lbs.	2100 lbs.	490	00
98 ".....	1100 lbs.	2150 lbs.	500	00
100 ".....	1125 lbs.	2200 lbs.	510	00
102 ".....	1150 lbs.	2250 lbs.	520	00
104 ".....	1175 lbs.	2300 lbs.	530	00
106 ".....	1200 lbs.	2350 lbs.	540	00
108 ".....	1225 lbs.	2400 lbs.	550	00
110 ".....	1250 lbs.	2450 lbs.	560	00
112 ".....	1275 lbs.	2500 lbs.	570	00
114 ".....	1300 lbs.	2550 lbs.	580	00
116 ".....	1325 lbs.	2600 lbs.	590	00
118 ".....	1350 lbs.	2650 lbs.	600	00
120 ".....	1375 lbs.	2700 lbs.	610	00
122 ".....	1400 lbs.	2750 lbs.	620	00
124 ".....	1425 lbs.	2800 lbs.	630	00
126 ".....	1450 lbs.	2850 lbs.	640	00
128 ".....	1475 lbs.	2900 lbs.	650	00
130 ".....	1500 lbs.	2950 lbs.	660	00
132 ".....	1525 lbs.	3000 lbs.	670	00
134 ".....	1550 lbs.	3050 lbs.	680	00
136 ".....	1575 lbs.	3100 lbs.	690	00
138 ".....	1600 lbs.	3150 lbs.	700	00
140 ".....	1625 lbs.	3200 lbs.	710	00
142 ".....	1650 lbs.	3250 lbs.	720	00
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148 ".....	1725 lbs.	3400 lbs.	750	00
150 ".....	1750 lbs.	3450 lbs.	760	00
152 ".....	1775 lbs.	3500 lbs.	770	00
154 ".....	1800 lbs.	3550 lbs.	780	00
156 ".....	1825 lbs.	3600 lbs.	790	00
158 ".....	1850 lbs.	3650 lbs.	800	00
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162 ".....	1900 lbs.	3750 lbs.	820	00
164 ".....	1925 lbs.	3800 lbs.	830	00
166 ".....	1950 lbs.	3850 lbs.	840	00
168 ".....	1975 lbs.	3900 lbs.	850	00
170 ".....	2000 lbs.	3950 lbs.	860	00
172 ".....	2025 lbs.	4000 lbs.	870	00
174 ".....	2050 lbs.	4050 lbs.	880	00
176 ".....	2075 lbs.	4100 lbs.	890	00
178 ".....	2100 lbs.	4150 lbs.	900	00
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182 ".....	2150 lbs.	4250 lbs.	920	00
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224 ".....	2675 lbs.	5300 lbs.	1130	00
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506 ".....	6200 lbs.	12350 lbs.	2540	00
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512 ".....	6275 lbs.	12500 lbs.	2570	00
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518 ".....	6350 lbs.	12650 lbs.	2600	00
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East Train.....	5:15 p.m. 7:55 a.m.
Vicksburg & Natchez Ex.....	8:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m.
Baton Rouge "Coast" Train.....	3:50 p.m. 10:20 a.m.

Illinois Central.	
ARRIVE—	LEAVE—
No. 1, pass.....	7:20 p.m.
No. 41, Chic. & St. Louis	7:00 a.m.
East Mail.....	5:15 p.m.
No. 43, Chic. & N. O.	6 p.m.
Limited.....	8:00 p.m.
No. 41, Memphis & Kos.	12:01 p.m.
City East Ex.....	12:01 p.m.
No. 5, McDon. City ac-	12:01 p.m.
commodation.....	4:30 p.m.

Texas and Pacific.	
No. 32, Cal. ex.....	7:30 p.m.
No. 54, RR loc.....	10:25 a.m.

Queen and Crescent Route.	
No. 1, lim.....	2:30 p.m.
No. 5, fast line.....	7:00 a.m.
No. 2, lim.....	5:00 p.m.

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Sunday-School and Children.

SECOND QUARTER.—Studies in the Gospel of St. John. Lesson XI. Christ and the Blind Man. John 9. 1-11 and 35-38. Commit to memory verses 35-38. Sept. 13, 1891. A. D. 29 or 30.

HOME READINGS.

M. John 9. 1-11. Th. John 9. 35-38. W. John 9. 13-21. Th. John 9. 23-34. F. Mark 10. 46-52. S. Matt. 13. 10-17. S. 2 Cor. 4. 1-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. (John 9. 25.)

LESSON HYMN. 11.

Delay not, delay not, O sinner, draw near,
The waters of life are now flowing for thee;
No price is demanded, the Saviour is here,
Redemption is purchased, salvation is free.

Delay not, delay not, why longer abase
The love and compassion of Jesus, thy God?
A fountain is open, how canst thou refuse
To wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood?

Time—A Sabbath day in the fall of A. D. 29, between the feast of tabernacles and the feast of dedication.

Places—Jerusalem, and especially the Pool of Siloam.
Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Light of the World, v. 1-5.
What sufferer did Jesus see by the way?
What question did his disciples ask?
What was Jesus's answer?
When did Jesus say he must work, and why?
Who is the Light of the world?
What then is every one's duty? (Chap. 12, 35, 36.)

2. The Pool of Siloam, v. 6-11.
What did Jesus do for the blind man?
What did he tell the man to do?
What was the result of his obedience?
What did his neighbors say when they saw him?
What conflicting opinions were uttered?
What question did they ask him?
What was his reply?
Of what was this man certain? (Golden Text.)

3. The Son of God, v. 35-38.
What did the Jews do to the man born blind?
What question did Jesus ask him?
What was the man's reply?
Then what did Jesus say?
What did the man say and do?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.
Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. To do good as we have opportunity?
2. That we may gain knowledge by obedience?
3. That prejudice blinds people to the truth?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG MEN.

Find the story of another blind man to whom Jesus restored sight. Find two references in the Old Testament to the Pool of Siloam, or Silome.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What sort of a man did Jesus see as he passed by with his disciples? A blind beggar.
2. What did his disciples believe? That each man who suffered had sinned?
3. Why did Jesus say the man had been born blind? To show forth the work of God.
4. What did he do? Restored the man's sight.
5. What did the Jews do? Expelled the man from their synagogue.
6. What did Jesus do? Declared that he was the Son of God.

EXPLANATIONS.

He saw—He earnestly gazed, until his disciples noticed his interest in the blind man. From his birth—He probably repeated this sad fact over and over in a monotonous whine. Blind beggars in our own great cities nearly al-

ways, by painted sign or by their own words, tell passers by how they came to be blind. Who did sin—The Jews believed, and modern people often assume, that, "all special afflictions are divine punishments for special sins." "This man, or his parents—"As if they had said, What is the explanation, the man's own sin? That cannot be, for he was born blind. Is he then punished for his parents' sin?

Neither bath—His blindness is not a punishment. But that—In order that. The works of God should be made manifest—The poor blind man should become a voucher for the divinity of Jesus. Spat.... clay—It was a current idea of the Jews that both saliva and clay had curative properties. Jesus used them as means at hand. Wash in the pool—Wash off the clay into the pool.

Doctrinal Suggestion—Christianity as an experience.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

90. What is the third commandment? Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

The people at the World's Dispensary of Buffalo, N. Y., have a stock-taking time once a year, and what do you think they do? Count the number of bottles that have been returned by the men and women who say that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, or Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, didn't do what they said it would do.

And how many do you think they have to count. One in ten? Not one in five hundred?

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Conference Notices.

Indiana District, Lexington Conference.	
Third Round.	
Pittsfield.....	Sept. 12-13
N. Indianapolis.....	15-17
Anderson.....	18-20
Shelbyville.....	23-24
Indianapolis.....	27-29
New Castle.....	Oct. 3-4
Bloomington.....	3-4
Princeton.....	10-12
Grayville.....	13-14
Evansville.....	15-16
Newburg.....	17-18
Rockport.....	19-20
Corydon.....	24-25
Watson.....	Nov. 1-2
Jeffersonville.....	1-3
Cementville.....	4-5
North Vernon.....	7-8
Cleves.....	10-11
Madison.....	14-15
Connersville.....	21-22

Dear Brethren: The year is half gone. What have you done about raising your benevolent money? Rev. B. J. Davis and N. H. Tolbert raised the full amount and have vouchers in hand. These two brothers lead the district. As you pay in your money I will publish it in the paper. Now is the time to push your work. Let me hear from you. I have the Minutes of the District Conference in print. You can get them for 10c. each.

W. S. ROLLINS, P. E.
618 N. West St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Notice.—Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren: The only chance for me to be present and represent you in the Ecumenical Conference in accordance with your vote and the appointment of the commission, is for each one to collect and forward to me as soon as possible, from \$1 to \$5, as you find your congregations able. I shall make full report of amount sent me. Take an after collection if you can do no better. Conference meets in Washington, D. C., in early part of October. Expenses \$85.

I. B. SCOTT, P. E.
Honston, Texas.

Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference.

Fourth Round.

Monett Taho.....	Sept. 12-13
Socksport.....	17
Shady Grove.....	19-20
Alexander City.....	19-20
Rockford.....	23
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Cedar Grove.....	Oct. 3-4
New Style Church.....	3-4
Nixborough.....	10-11
Rivers Chapel.....	17-18
LaFayette.....	24-25
Opelika—St. Paul.....	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Monett Leveret.....	Oct. 31

Brethren, push your benevolent work, so you can make a full report at the conference. Do your best for the success of the "Southwestern," and of every cause.

W. F. SMITH, P. E.

Official Notice.

The tenth annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, will be held in Foundry M. E. Church, Fourteenth and G. streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., Thursday, October 29, 1891, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

Each conference society is entitled to two delegates, the conference corresponding secretary and one elected by the conference society. In addition to the delegates from 70 conference societies, it is expected that a large number of interested visitors will be present on this important and significant occasion—the

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It behooves us to come with renewed consecration to the work, and devoutly petition for an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the workers who will counsel and toll together "for the love of Christ and in His name," that the influence of this decennial anniversary shall yield a harvest of blessings to the society, the church and the nation.

Mrs. F. A. AIKEN,
Recording Secretary.

District Conferences and Special Meetings.

Caledonia Circuit Camp Meeting, Columbia, Miss.....	Sept. 8-13
Paris Dist. Conf., Clarksville, Tex.....	Oct. 20
Navasota Dist. Conf., Bismarck, Tex.....	Oct. 21

The Editor or Business Manager will attend as many of these district conferences and special meetings as possible, but when they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, which we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circulation. It can be done. Will you do it?

Bowling Green District, Lexington Conference.

Third Round.	
Hawsville.....	Oct. 3-5
Cannelton.....	6-7
Lewistown.....	8-9
Cloverport.....	10-12
Irrington.....	13
Germantown.....	14
Hurdinsburg.....	17-19
West Point.....	21-22
Vine Grove.....	23
Leitchfield.....	24-26
Horton.....	27
Beaver Dam.....	28
Morgantown.....	Oct. 30, Nov. 2
Hall's Creek.....	3
Hartford.....	4-5
Greenville.....	6-8
Princeton.....	9-10
Eddyville.....	11-12
Grand Rivers.....	16
Paducah.....	17-19
Smithland.....	20-23
Owensboro.....	24-25
Auburn.....	Dec. 1-2
Franklin.....	4-6
Cave City.....	11-14
Sotora.....	15
Bowling Green.....	25-28

L. M. HAGOOD, P. E.

Baton Rouge District, Louisiana Conference.

Fourth Round.

Merrill Chapel.....	Oct. 3-4
New Roads.....	4-5
Bayou Lafourche.....	7
Union Chapel.....	8
Summer Chapel.....	10-11
West Melville.....	12
Wiley Chapel.....	13
Musson.....	14-16
Hartzell.....	16-18
Plaquemine.....	18-19
Indian Village.....	20
Bayou Goula.....	21
West Baton Rouge.....	24-25
Wesley Chapel.....	Nov. 7-8
St. Zion.....	9
Vincent Chapel.....	11
Rylander Chapel.....	12
Comte.....	13
Clinton.....	14-16
Macedonia.....	17
Pine Grove.....	19
Mr. Cmel.....	20
Argonne.....	21-22
Jackson.....	23
Slaughter.....	24-25
Story Point.....	26
Zachary.....	27
Plank Roads.....	28-29
Albert Chapel.....	Dec. 4
Conrad.....	5-6
Priestly Chapel.....	6-6
Jones Creek.....	6-6
Baton Rouge.....	11-13
St. Mark's.....	13-14
Wesley Chapel.....	13-14

Dear Brethren: Don't fail to raise all your benevolent collections and report at the fourth quarterly conference. Send the Freedmen's Aid collection and raise it to Dr. Adkinson as soon as possible. I shall expect to receive the amount for General Conference expenses as I pass around.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

I SUFFERED from acute inflammation in my nose and head—for a week at a time I could not see. I used Ely's Cream Balm and in a few days I was cured. It is wonderful how quick it helped me.

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Editorial Notes.

It is the lonely load
That crushes out the life and light of
heaven,
But borne with him, the soul restored,
forgiven,
Sings out through all the days
Her joy and God's high praise.
—The Christian World.

DOWN with excursions. They
only enrich heartless corporations
and demoralize and impoverish our
people. Away with them.

OUR ministers and members can
consistently occupy but one posi-
tion in reference to the lottery, and
that is that of uncompromising an-
tagonism.

BUT one voice is heard touching
the action of the G. A. R. at their
national encampment, upon the
color question. That is one of
gratitude that hateful race pros-
cription was not permitted to tri-
umph in that patriotic order.

OUR people cannot afford to ally
themselves with the saloon, the
lottery, the Sabbath desecrations
and every vicious and immoral
element in the country. Our sal-
vation depends on our faithfulness
to God, and alliance with good
men.

THE Chestertown, (Md.) district
Conference at its recent session,
passed strong resolutions condemn-
ing the lynching of Asbury Green,
a colored citizen of Queen Anne
county, Md., and called upon the
authorities to bring his murderers
to justice. The lynching was a cold
blooded murder and deserves the
extreme penalty of the law.

A BEAUTIFUL church was dedi-
cated Sunday August 30, near
Crowley, La. Rev. L. F. Aber-
nethy pastor. Rev. W. P. McLaugh-
lin, D. D., preached the sermon, and
Rev. W. H. Cline, Presiding Elder,
conducted the dedication. In the
afternoon Dr. McLaughlin preached
in French to the Acadians. The
entire occasion was a great success,
and forty-two souls were converted
in the week's services that followed

THERE are a good many good
things advertised in our columns,
some of which are medicines of well
established reputation. It may be
that some dealers will try to sell
customers articles of an inferior
kind when these are asked for,
claiming theirs to be "just as good."
We hope all our readers when pur-
chasing anything we advertise will
always insist on getting what they
call for. Our advertising patrons
pay out their money to secure trade
and they are entitled to the benefit
of the outlay. Then we are careful
to advertise nothing but what is
good.

For The Southwestern.

The Spread of Methodism in the South.

BY REV. J. B. MIDDLETON.

"The spread of Methodism among
the colored people of the South;
and how best promote it?" are
themes of great importance, and
in their discussion, require careful
thought and intelligent treatment.
If by "Methodism," is meant the
many branches of Episcopal and
non-Episcopal Churches of this
nomenclature represented in the
section indicated; we are honestly
of the opinion that the limit of
division and expansion has been
fully reached, and that now the
desideratum is unity of purpose
and action, as now there is unity
of interest, both social, educational
and religious. And this should be
the result of organic union—if
necessary—of all Methodisms, on
a basis alike, honorable and accept-
able to all. Such action would
greatly promote the spread of
Methodism, not alone in the South
but throughout the entire country,
and in her original aggressive spirit,
contribute largely to the destruc-
tion of atheism, the check of the
imperious claims of Roman Catho-
licism, the evangelism of the masses;
rejuvenate the National Constitu-
tion and enlighten the public con-
science so that it will act more in
the spirit of the sermon on the
Mount. This view may be regarded
as utopian or chimerical: if so it is
indeed a pleasant dream and is so
rendered, largely, if not entirely
because so many of us serve our
own ambition rather than the cause
of Christ, and our personal inter-
ests instead of the salvation of
souls. This much at least in re-
cognition of other branches of
Methodism in the South.

If however, the question relates
solely to our own—the Methodist
Episcopal Church; then the agen-
cies we regard as most promotive
of Methodist christianity are:

1. A pentecostal shower of divine
grace. This, of all, and above all,
by the ministry, officary and
membership, of our church.
2. General Episcopal oversight
coupled with special Episcopal vi-
sitation of the charges. Reduce
this to a system. Under present
conditions our bishops only "touch
and go" from the conferences in
the South—excepting Bishop Mal-
laliu. The Southern Episcopal
residences fixed by the General Con-
ference are delusions and our work
suffers in comparison with other
churches.
3. This neglect may be partly
remedied by the elevation to the
episcopacy of a colored man who is
not a candidate for the responsible
office and who is fully equipped for
it. Let the office seek the man. He
will be found.
4. Systematic visitation of the
charges by our connectational offi-
cers. Present arrangements of vi-
siting our Southern conferences are
highly unsatisfactory and but little
is accomplished. Give us a "field
secretary" if necessary, who will
visit the most remote hamlet.
5. There are some men who are
constitutionally fitted for the office
of Presiding Elder. Other qualifi-
cations being equal, they should
be continued in office—provided
however, they remove to other dis-
tricts and reside therein at the
expiration of their term of service.

These are my sentiments and I
do not fear to father them.
Sumpter, S. C.

For The Southwestern.

The Spread of Methodism in the South.

REV. J. F. MARSHALL.

The question of the election of a
man of African descent to the
Episcopacy in the Methodist Epis-
copal Church, now absorbing the

attention of many, is a question of
no small import.

That the election of such a per-
son at the next General Conference
or as early in the future as the
combined wisdom and judgment of
the church will order, will be hailed
with delight by all true and loyal
Methodists—especially those of
the race in question—should go
without saying.

The condition of our Southern
work—and especially our work
among the colored people—invites
and would be highly improved by
such an action.

The candidate for this most im-
portant place in the gift of our
great church, should not be selected
merely because of the accidental
hue of his skin; but because
Providence has endowed him,
he has cultivated to the
proper degree, and his fellows have
discovered in him, traits of charac-
ter and qualities fitting him for the
position.

I believe such a person can be
found. Let the church cast about
for him, and when satisfied he is
found, call him to the place which
the great Head of the church will
have provided.

New Orleans, La.

For The Southwestern.

An Important Question.

Brother, has it ever occurred to
you that the Methodist Episcopal
Church is losing ground? If it has
not, look around you, in your own
town or city, and see if you do not
find ten persons on the streets and
in places of amusement to one in
church.

Perhaps you have asked yourself
a number of times what is the
cause of this, and what is the rem-
edy? I suppose every Christian
who prays that prayer, "Thy
Kingdom come," has a remedy; I
will give you mine.

There is a church in our country
that is growing all the time; and it
cannot be disputed, their buildings
are not large enough to accommo-
date the multitudes that attend
them, they have plenty of money
to carry forward all their plans and
schemes. Now, if they are so suc-
cessful, would it not be wise in our
church to adopt some of their plans
for filling our churches and hasten
the coming of Christ's Kingdom on
earth? We must look after the
education of the children, as that
church does, and that is where it
has its stronghold.

We will never convert the world,
nor half of it, as long as our church
allows its children to mix with the
world and its wickedness for six
days in the week, and only a few
hours on Sunday with Christian
people and Christian teachings.
Our church must establish day
schools where our children, and
any others who may wish to at-
tend, may be instructed in all the
English branches and also in the
Bible, catechism and like books
pertaining to Christian knowledge.

Our church will have to come to
this sooner or later, if we expect to
hold our ground and make ad-
vancement in the world as a Chris-
tian church.

The subject of admitting women
to the General Conference, and all
like subjects, are of small impor-
tance in comparison with this.

Now, dear brother, as you and
all your co-laborers are the educa-
tors of the people, put this plan
before our people, or some plan,
and in the light of which you are
able to do, and by the time our
next General Conference convenes
those in authority in our church
will make a movement in this di-
rection, which, when it has worked
itself to a complete success, will,
in time, fill our churches, redound
to the glory of our Lord and Sa-
viour, and be a credit to the whole
church. I am, yours truly,

F. C. CLEMONS,
58 W. Sixth st., Cincinnati, O.

For The Southwestern.

Religious Don't's.—Ministerial.

L. M. HAGOOD.

Fail to have a place for study.
Encourage the people to give cop-
pers and nickles in public collec-
tions, as all that's required.

Fail to ask each member of the
church to pay ten cents per week
to support the Gospel.

Carry on revival services all
night.

Build churches outside the town
limits.

Offer excuses before preaching
big sermons.

Fail to meet Sunday school
teachers weekly.

Eat anything, anywhere, with
anybody, any time, and sleep the
same.

Have every visitor to the Sunday
school make a speech.

Save good clothes for special
occasions, unless you have plenty
of good ones.

Wear old clothes to and during
conference, until Sunday.

Let love feasts last longer than
one and one-half hour.

Put officers and ngodly chap-
lains into and in possession of
your pulpit when they "turn out"
or attend funerals there.

Fail to use our Discipline at fu-
nerals.

Marry people without ritual to
guide you.

Leave persons in church offices
too long.

Halloo, knock, squeal, snort and
jump when you preach.

Say nrrah, aha, umph! when the
spirit moves you in preaching.

Preach without necktie or collar.

Have nails in the wall or hat
pins behind pulpit to hang
notes on.

Let people use snuff and tobacco
in church.

Let children drink out of the
pulpit pitcher.

Call every one you meet "Prof."
"Doctor" or "Bub."

Say something cutting if white
folks come to your church.

Let the people keep up their old
customs.

Let the money collectors tell how
pretty the women and how smart
the men are.

Let the people give their money
to you, rather than the cause you
represent.

Preach sensational texts, such
as "Death in the Pot," "The White
Horse," "Jonah's Umbrella," etc.

Let the people or children stand
up and pray.

Give sacrament into gloved
hands.

Use crackers or baker's bread
for the sacrament.

Let people say "holy, holy!" in-
stead of prayer of confession at
sacrament.

Fail to preach Methodist doc-
trine from your pulpit.

Social Morality.

WM. SMITH.

The flood of vice which ruins so
many young men and women—aye,
and old ones, too—is not altogether
the result of inherent evil. The
wise sayings of Solomon on train-
ing a child "in the way it should
go and when it is old it will not
depart therefrom," has been dis-
puted.

Social surroundings develop an
evil spirit, where to the superficial
observer all seems pure and virtu-
ous.

The professing Christian father
and mother will indulge in a foul
story or a lewd remark in the pres-
ence of their son; the mother in-
sinuates a base motive, or gives
expression to a tainted thought
before her child, and the seed thus
sown is diligently cultivated in

younger company, where the par-
ent little suspects.

The seeds of vice are sown at
home, or on the street, and are
harrowed in by everyday repeti-
tion. They germinate with oppor-
tunity, at the social gatherings
around the hearthstone and in
every day life. They grow into
flaming passions, which take pos-
session of the soul and fill it with
the torments of the damned.

They ripen into lives of shame
and debauchery. What sad
wrecks are there all around us,
whose early lives seemed laid amid
scenes of the greatest purity and
peace. But there was a worm
gnawing at the root of their lives,
of which the world knew nothing,
and for which parents or friends
were responsible, and which at
last so weakened their powers of
resistance that they came toppling
down to the earth like some forest
oak swept down by an avalanche.

A people's morals are sustained
by their religion—Christian morals
by Christianity. And if our peo-
ple lead such lives as will not al-
low them to become Christians in
fact, in heart, in personal experi-
ence, in spirit and general charac-
ter, in deed and in truth, the vital
and all-sustaining power of our
Christian morality is weakened by
just so far as such a life is led. It
lies at the foundation of our refine-
ment and of our steady growth as
a people; and as a necessary con-
sequence it breeds depravity in
heart and in life as no other system
does, and more than any other. It
needs a powerful support from
some source—even the support
which alone is found in the regen-
erated heart. It is the heart
which determines the happiness of
man, and restores him to the high-
est form of being.

For The Southwestern.

Loyalty Rewarded.

STEPHEN PRIESTLEY.

The Louisiana Conference can
hoist her banner in this country
for her representation in the old
Mother Church. All hail to her
leaders.

She has her great Mallaliu,
her Joseph O. Hartzell, her A. E. P.
Albert, her M. C. B. Mason, her
B. M. Hubbard, her W. D. God-
man, her L. G. Adkinson, and her
A. P. Camphor.

Stop, see her New Orleans Uni-
versity sending forth her boys and
girls to keep down rebellion from
our pulpits. Humility before
honor. It is the spirit that brings
men and women to the front, and
not the letter only. Profit by this,
ye that press in haste.

For The Southwestern.

Church Polity.

Q. What should be done with a
member of fifteen years connection
with the church who refuses to
attend class meetings because he
doesn't believe in them? M. W.

A. If he is a good man; faithful
and dutiful in every other respect,
reason with him, and you might
convince him of his error. If he is
worldly-minded and is otherwise a
drag on the church, proceed as in
any other case for neglect of the
means of grace.

Q. 1. Who is the proper person
to nominate a board of stewards
to the quarterly conference for ap-
proval?

Q. 2. If the pastor in charge
does not desire any change in the
board of stewards, and a few mem-
bers of the quarterly conference do,
would it be legal for any of the
members of the conference to pre-
sent names of persons, and the
conference to approve them against
the wishes of the pastor in charge?
H. A. S.

A. 1. The preacher in charge.

A. 2. Stewards are accountable
for the faithful performance of their
duties to the quarterly conference,

which shall have power to dismiss or
change them at pleasure. Discipline
§283.

It is the province of the quarterly
conference to create the vacancy
"at pleasure." The vacancy can
only be filled by the nomination of
the preacher in charge and confir-
mation of the quarterly conference.
The conference cannot both nomi-
nate and confirm; it can only make
the vacancy and confirm or reject
nominations made by the preacher
in charge.

Q. Should a minister hesitate
to go anywhere and everywhere in
case of serious illness? Is it not
his duty to go whenever he is
called, no matter what may be the
character of the person's illness.

A. If a minister is called to
visit in a case of serious illness,
where the disease is of a conta-
gious character, and liable to be-
come epidemic, he should consult
the physician of the person at once
and propound two questions: Can
I as a non-professional visitor call
upon this person without a reason-
able hazard of spreading the dis-
ease? If the physician says, "Yes,"
if you will take such and such pre-
cautions," the minister should ob-
serve them and immediately visit
the sick person. If the physician
says "No," he is absolved. Dis-
eases as respects contagion or in-
fection differ greatly. Typhoid
fever is in one sense contagious,
but it is safe for visitors to visit
patients with that disease, and
stay a sufficient length of time to
pray with them. Such in general
is true of diphtheria and of scarlet
fever, except in a particular period
known and recognized by physi-
cians.

The writer never refused a call.

In the case of a small-pox patient
he went the house and offered
prayer on the steps leading to the
room in which the patient was,
and later on conversed with the
patient through a window. In
times of epidemic of fatal diseases
the minister should gird up his
loins, put his trust in God, take
all precautions, and go from house
to house. If he lives, it will be
with the consciousness of having
done his duty; if he dies, he will
die as a moral hero; if he runs
away, he will be as "alive coward."

Priests, rabbis, parsons, ministers
and preachers have all shown true
heroism, and instances of consum-
mate cowardice have been seen
among them all. "Thank God,"
said the late Stephen H. Tyng,
"no soul ever asked for my Chris-
tian sympathy and prayers with-
out receiving them."

Q. Should a minister go to a
house of evil repute to pray with
sick and dying persons?

A. He should whenever asked,
but never without taking with him
one of the officials of his church or
his wife, or both.

THIS action of the Grand Army
is hailed with pleasure, announcing
as it does to the world that the
patriots who fought for the unity
of the nation, and incidentally for
the abolition of slavery, are ready
to recognize all those who fought
in the ranks with them as brothers,
regardless of color.—Pittsburg
Christian Advocate.

Why can't all the soldiers of the
Lord Jesus Christ show the same
degree of fraternity, seeing they all
pray "Our Father?" What a shame-
ful contrast in favor of the world,
as against many christians who
profess to preach the Fatherhood
of God, and the unity of the human
family!

We congratulate the Cleveland,
(O.) Gazette, upon the attainment
of its ninth anniversary. Its career
has been brilliant and useful and
highly creditable to its worthy
editor H. C. Smith, Esq.

Letters from the Districts.

South New Orleans District Conference.

P. M. J. W.

Was held at Thibodaux, La., August 28, 29.

By request of Presiding Elder Landry, nearly all of the preachers were present a day prior to the meeting of the conference. Distinguished among them were the Revs. T. G. Montgomery, J. W. Hilton, F. D. Bowers, H. C. Williams, W. S. Harris, Henry Taylor, H. J. Wright, T. Larkin, E. B. Richards, Simon Evans, Allen Luster, R. C. Barrow and others.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Hilton.

The conference opened with Presiding Elder Pierre Landry in the chair.

The Elder and pastors reported the district and their charges in good condition, which showed an increase in membership and collections, a fair percentage over that of last year.

The Presiding Elder evidently manifested a marked display of ability and wisdom in the management of the conference.

The order of business was interspersed with sermons, reading of papers, etc.

Field Agent Rev. M. C. B. Mason and Presiding Elder W. P. McLaughlin were with us on the first day and delivered very interesting addresses. Bro. Mason spoke also at night, in the interest of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Rev. Chas. M. Smith of Honma offered, and the conference passed, resolutions congratulating the Board for the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A.M., B.D., Field Agent for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Bro. Mason appreciated the resolution, as coming from one with whom he had spent so many hours of his early life.

On the second day Dr. L. G. Adkinson, president of New Orleans University, was with us and spoke in the interest of the school.

Bro. Travis Larkin preached the Missionary sermon to a packed house at 7:30 p. m.

Our very able young friend, Prof. G. C. Bryant, leader of the choir in our church at Thibodaux, deserves much credit for services during conference.

Mr. Bryant is not a full member of our church, but he, like all other intelligent young men and women, is Methodist inclined.

It cannot be denied that the Methodist Church skims the cream of intelligence in communities, and she organizes her forces with intelligent young men and women, and her motto is "the world is our parish."

Be fitting resolutions were offered to the honor of Bishop W. F. Malhallen, Drs. J. O. Hartzell, A. E. P. Albert, L. G. Adkinson, Wm. D. Godman and Rev. Pierre Landry.

Resolutions were also offered endorsing Drs. Albert and Hartzell for delegates to the General Conference, and congratulating Bishop J. P. Newman for the appointment of Rev. E. Lyon, A.M., Sunday School Agent.

Sunday was a day of glorious experience.

Sister Amelia Williams gave a reception to the ministers.

We were royally entertained by this dear sister.

At 7:30 o'clock Bro. Henry Taylor, of Clinton Street Church, New Orleans, preached an excellent sermon.

Among the resolutions adopted were those endorsing the position of Presiding Elder P. Landry, taken in his answer to an article published in the *Crusader*, charging him with disloyalty to the church; thanking Rev. Wm. Smith for the very nice manner in which he entertained the conference, etc.

The conference adjourned to meet at Clinton Street Church, New Orleans, La.

The following statistics were reported at the South New Orleans District Conference, at Thibodaux,

La.: Probationers 155, full members 954, local preachers 83, deaths 5, baptisms 259, children 125, adults 134, churches 27, parsonages 21, Sunday schools 27, scholars of all ages 1309. Amount raised on the district \$4539, cash \$132, vouchers \$359.60, total \$491.60.

A. J. Hall, G. C. Bryant, F. D. Bowers, statistical secretaries.

Program for the Sunday School Institute of the Paris District, Texas Conference.

H. A. READ, SEC'Y.

Will convene at Clarksville, October 20, 1891.

Welcome address, Prof. H. C. Higgs.

Model superintendent, Prof. J. C. McColloch.

The least number that a Sunday school can be organized with, Miss Mattie McCoy.

How to begin a Sunday school, Tom Stewart.

How to teach an infant class in Sunday school, A. Lock.

What literature should be used in Sunday school for the infant class? D. Nelson.

Duties of a Sunday school scholar, Mrs. L. J. Magnes.

Duties of Sunday school officers, A. C. Williams.

How to conduct a Sunday school Institute, Prof. R. S. Thwait.

The object of a teachers' meeting, Prof. A. L. Patterson.

Meaning of Easter Sunday, Miss Susie Harris.

Should an unconverted person teach Sunday school? Miss E. Pirtle.

Missions, Prof. J. C. Smelser.

A good name, J. B. Bagby.

The Bible, Miss N. A. Dinwidie.

Why is the Sunday school called the nursery of the church? Miss Enola Brooks.

The Lord's Prayer, Mr. J. R. Nunnally.

Ten Commandments and their application, Prof. E. E. Brown.

Faith, Hope and Charity, define and illustrate, Mr. Noah Murphy.

Religion at home, Miss M. E. Debrow.

Should parents attend Sunday school? M. Lee Bagby.

How to secure regular attendance at Sunday school, Miss E. Gooden.

Why the SOUTHWESTERN should be a weekly visitor to every family on the district, M. J. Dyer.

The superintendents will prepare and bring in papers on any subjects that suit them.

J. C. Smelser, chairman.

Birmingham District Conference.

A. B. ALLEN.

The Birmingham District, Central Alabama Conference, held its session in Enon M. E. Church, Birmingham, Ala., August 5-11, with Rev. I. Townsend, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

A. B. Allen was elected secretary, and N. H. Speight and L. W. Goodson assistants.

Dr. Wesley Prettyman was present and delivered an instructive and inspiring address.

Thursday morning was devoted to the work of the Sunday School Convention.

Dr. O. R. Franklin delivered an eloquent address on the Work of Sunday Schools, which was enjoyed by all that heard him.

able essays were read by Miss Young and Mrs. Hall.

Friday morning Rev. A. S. Williams, pastor of our church at Tuscaloosa, Ala., was introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of his contemplated camp meeting at Tuscaloosa.

The Presiding Elder's report showed increase all along lines of church work, with one or two exceptions. Several new churches had been built and the benevolent collections had been taken.

Pastors' reports showed that the pastors had not been asleep, but like their vigilant Presiding Elder, alive to every interest of the grand old church.

The Dadeville District Conference was in session at the same

time, and sent greetings by telegram.

Saturday morning found the conference hard at work.

Dr. Wesley Prettyman preached on Wednesday night to a crowded house, to the satisfaction of all. R. H. Fleming, S. J. Robertson, N. H. Speight and others preached highly edifying sermons during the meeting.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A.M., B.D., reached us Saturday morning, and spoke with his usual eloquence in behalf of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. He pleaded earnestly to the conference to stand by the church and the different societies.

At night the conference, members and friends of Enon Church, filled the house to hear A. B. Allen and Rev. M. C. B. Mason speak on the great Society which in the providence of God Rev. M. C. B. Mason has been called upon to represent; after which a collection of \$8 was taken.

Sunday morning Presiding Elder Townsend preached with great power. Rev. M. C. B. Mason preached at St. Paul M. E. Church at 11 a. m., at 3 p. m. at Enon Church, and at 8 p. m. at St. Paul M. E. Church again.

The conference left a lasting impression for good on the city of Birmingham.

The SOUTHWESTERN was well represented.

Resolutions were adopted expressing appreciation for the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason, and expressing deep sorrow upon the death of Rev. E. H. Gammon.

Nashville District Conference.

J. P. PRICE.

The district conference of the Nashville district has just closed one of its best and most successful sessions. White and black were out in crowds. Each day and night our big Sam Jones tent was crowded.

The regular business of the conference was dispatched with much credit.

Several visitors were introduced, among them Rev. Dr. Karry, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the whites in this city (McMinnville).

The sermons preached on the occasion were very powerful and aroused the people much.

Dr. J. Braden lectured on "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Freedmen's Aid Society and Church," on Saturday night.

Revs. Harden, Vaughn, Knight and others, preached with much credit to themselves and the cause.

The Elder gave several pointed lectures on general church duties.

The pastor and his good people cared well for the preachers and visitors.

Pine Bluff, Ark., District Conference.

J. QUALLS.

We have just closed one of the most interesting district conferences ever held on this district, Rev. G. W. Lacey, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

All reports were encouraging, and every interest of the church was represented.

Dr. Thomas Mason, president of Philander Smith College, met us August 27, and made a strong pull on the work of education. The Doctor made a deep impression.

The Sunday School Anniversary, on the 28th, was a grand success. Sunday was a high day in Pine Bluff.

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Letters from the Laity.

M. P. Moore, Rockyford, Ga., reports a glorious revival there, resulting in fifty-four conversions and sixty accessions. The pastor Rev. W. A. Holmes, is nerving in his efforts. Such a great interest was manifested in the saving of souls that the people did not leave the church night or day for a week.

Bro. J. S. Whittaker, of Marshall, Texas, writes of the farewell sermon of Dr. G. Whittaker. He expresses regret over the retirement of Dr. Geo. Whittaker, from the presidency of Wiley University.

O. W. Trammell, Fredonia circuit, Ala.

The third quarterly conference convened at Mt. Zion Church, Ang. 16, 17, Rev. W. F. Smith, P. E., in the chair. Reports showed progress. The Presiding Elder preached with power and made a good impression. After which he baptized and received into the church thirty-six children. He administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 116 communicants. The church was greatly revived, and ten members joined. Rev. I. Perry, P. C., is doing earnest labor. He has added a goodly number to the church. Paid Presiding Elder this conference year \$36.85. He took several subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, and he makes it a special part of his labor to urge his members to supply themselves with our church literature.

W. H. Simpson, Fort Smith, Ark.

The Sunday school and church are in a growing condition. Rev. B. J. Griffin is leading us to the front. Rev. W. H. Morris, P. E., has held his second quarterly conference, and preached a grand sermon. Prof. Cox, of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., paid us an appreciated visit. Children's Day was observed, and we had a grand time. The program was nicely carried out by Mrs. Wm. Rignoy. The third Sunday in July was the church tribe day, each tribe worked hard to raise money. The amount received and paid on the Church Extension debt \$140, for the addition of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., \$430, for Children's Day \$10, church tribe day \$74.20, current expenses \$47, Presiding Elder \$25, pastor \$85; total \$455.70. Number of members reserved in the church 27. Adults baptized 12, children 6.

R. Cline, Peach Creek, Texas.

We are alive in Christ again. Through the goodness of our Presiding Elder Rev. H. Swan, we received Rev. A. J. Callen as pastor, on the first of July, 1891. Bro. Callen commenced an eight day meeting which closed July 22, which resulted in 22 converts, and 29 members received into the church. Collection for pastor \$25. We expect to do all we can for our pastor. We are going to pay him \$125, elder \$50, and \$40 for benevolences.

A. E. Morant, Alexandria, La.

Alexandria district is moving on to perfection. The brothers are striving with all their strength with the assistance of the Lord to make this year a grand success. Since the district conference convened at Washington on the 12th, their hearts have been revived. The Presiding Elder S. E. H. Morant, has been ill mentally and physically. He was overworked and was on the verge of insanity, but since his treatment by the best physicians our town affords he is recovering fast.

Palmer Cox has signed a contract with the Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia, Pa., whereby his amusing little Brownies, which he has made so marvelously successful in St. Nicholas and in his books, will hereafter belong exclusively to the Journal. Mr. Cox's contract begins with the October number, for which he has drawn the first of an entirely new series of adventures of his "funniest little men in the world." One dollar a year.

No better publications reach our office than the popular publications of D. Lothrop Company, Boston, Mass. The Pansy for September, is especially attractive. Ten cents a number, \$1 a year.

The Second Ecumenical Methodist Conference.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 7-20, 1891.

The Executive Committee of the Western Section met at Saratoga Springs on Wednesday, August 5, and finally adopted the following

PROGRAM.

(NOTE.—Places assigned to Western Section marked W. Places assigned to Eastern Section marked E. Each day's sessions commence with devotional exercises at 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., and the two evening sessions at 7:30 p. m.)

First day, Wednesday, October 7. First session, 10 a. m.—Sermon by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Sacrament of Lord's Supper. Second session, 2:40 p. m.—Election of officers on nomination of business committee.

Address of Welcome by representatives of Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church South, Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada (one a layman). Responses by representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Primitive Methodist Church, United Methodist Free Church.

Second day, Thursday, October 8. Topic: Ecumenical Methodism.

First session, E. (1) 11 a. m.—The Present Status of Methodism in the Eastern Section, by representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

E. 1st Address. By representative of the Methodist New Connection.

E. 2d Address. By representative of the Irish Methodist Church.

E. 3d Address. By representative of the Bible Christian Church.

Second session, W. (2) 2:40 p. m.—The Present Status of Methodism in the Western Section, by representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. 1st Address. By representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

W. 2d Address. By representative of the Methodist Church in Canada.

W. 3d Address. By representative of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Third day, Friday, October 9. Topic: The Christian Church: Its Essential Unity and Genuine Catholicity.

First session, E. (3) 11 a. m.—Christian Unity, by representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 1st Address. By representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 2d Address. By representative of the Primitive Methodist Church.

Second session, W. (4) 2:40 p. m.—Christian Co-operation by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

E. 1st Address. By representative of the United Methodist Free Church.

W. 2d Address. By representative of the Methodist Protestant Church.

E. 3d Address. By representative of the Methodist New Connection.

Fourth day, Saturday, October 10. Topic: The Church and Scientific Thought.

E. (5) 11 a. m.—The Influence of Modern Scientific Progress on Religious Thought, by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 1st Address. The Attitude of the Church Towards the Various Phases of Unbelief, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 2d Address. The Bible and Modern Criticism, by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Sunday, October 11. Memorial Sermon on John Wesley, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fifth day, Monday, October 12. Topic: The Church and Her Agencies.

First session, W. (6) 11 a. m.—The Responsibility and Qualifications of the Preacher, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 1st Address. By representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 2d Address. By representative of the Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Second session, E. (7) 2:40 p. m.—The Religious Press and the Religious Uses of the Secular Press, by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 1st Address. By representative of the Methodist Church in Canada.

E. 2d Address. By representative of the Primitive Methodist Church.

W. 3d Address. By representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Sixth day, Tuesday, October 13. Topic: The Church and Her Agencies—Continued.

First session, E. (8) 11 a. m.—The Place and Power of Lay Agency in the Church, by representative of the Primitive Methodist Church.

W. 1st Address. The Deaconess Movement, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 2d Address. Methodist Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Second session, W. (9) 2:40 p. m.—Women's Work in the Church, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 1st Address. By representative of the Irish Methodist Church.

W. 2d Address. By representative of the American Wesleyan Church.

E. 3d Address. By representative of the Primitive Methodist Church.

Seventh day, Wednesday, October 14. Topic: Education.

First session, E. (10) 11 a. m.—Religious Training and Culture of the Young, by representative of the Australasian Methodist Church.

W. 1st Address. The Family, by representative of the Methodist Protestant Church.

W. 2d Address. The Sunday School, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Second session, E. (11) 2:40 p. m.—Elementary Education. How it May be Best Promoted, by representative of the Primitive Methodist Church.

W. 1st Address. The Ethics of Elementary Education, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

E. 2d Address. Secularism and State Education, by representative of the United Methodist Free Church.

W. 3d Address. Secondary Education, by representative of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Third session, W. (12) 7:40 p. m.—The Broadest Facilities for Higher Education, The Duty of the Church, by representative of the Methodist Church in Canada.

E. Address. University Education, by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. Address. University Education, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Eighth day, Thursday, October 15. Topic: Romanism.

First session, E. (13) 11 a. m.—The Present Position of Romanism, by representative of the United Methodist Free Church.

W. 1st Address. Romanism as a Political Power, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 2d Address. Romanism as a Religious Power, by representative of the Irish Methodist Church.

Topic: Temperance.

Second session, W. (14) 2:40 p. m.—The Church and the Temperance Reform, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

E. 1st Address. Legal Prohibition of the Saloon, by representative of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

W. 3d Address. By representative of the Primitive Methodist Church.

Ninth day, Friday, October 16. Topic: Social Problems.

First session, W. (15) 11 a. m.—The Church in Her Relation to Labor and Capital, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 1st Address. The Moral Aspects of Labor Combinations and Strikes, by representative of the Australasian Methodist Church.

W. 2d Address. The Moral Aspects of Combinations of Capital, by representative of the Methodist Church in Canada.

Second session, E. (16) 2:40 p. m.—Obligations of the Church in Relation to the Social Condition of the People, by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 1st Address. Christian Work Among the Poor. (For future assignment.)

E. 2d Address. Christian Work Among the Rich, by representative of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 3d Address. Christian Work in Agricultural Districts, by representative of the Free Methodist Church.

Topic: Missions.

Third session, E. (17) 7:40 p. m.—Missions in Heathen Lands, by representative of the Methodist New Connection.

W. 1st Address. New Fields Entered Since 1881, by representative of the United Brethren in Christ.

E. 2d Address. By representative of the Primitive Methodist Church.

W. (18)—Missions in Christian Lands, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. 1st Address. By representative of Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 2d Address. By representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Tenth day, Saturday, October 17. Topic: War and Peace.

E. (19) 11 a. m.—International Arbitration, by representative of the Bible Christian Church.

W. 1st Address. By representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. Address, by representative of the United Methodist Free Church.

Eleventh day, Monday, October 19. Topic: The Church and Public Morality.

First session, W. (20) 11 a. m.—Legal Restraint on the Vices of Society, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

E. 1st Address. Lotteries, Betting, Gambling and Kindred Vices, by representative of Wesleyan Methodist Church.

W. 2d Address. Marriage and Divorce Laws, by representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Second session, W. (21) 2:40 p. m.—The Lord's Day, by representative of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. Address, by representative of the Wesleyan Reform Union.

E. (22)—The Attitude of the Church Towards Am

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Chaplain McCabe sends us this:—

To the Missionary Secretaries: "Yesterday was our Mission Day; amount received was \$315. This will probably be increased to \$400 by the gifts of the Sunday school and of members not present yesterday. The amount received already is fifty per cent in advance of last year. World Wide Missions and monthly prayer meetings did it. I am anxious for the day when our offerings will be at least \$1 for every Methodist."

Yours for missions,

J. W. SOMERVILLE.

Hutchinson, Kan., Aug. 3.

A Sunday School Chair or Teachership in the India Theological Seminary.

A bright thought comes as an inspiration: let the multitude of Sunday schools found this chair. Nothing like having a definite object. Let the children have a direct and personal interest in this as their Sunday school chair or teachership, and keep telling them about it. Some \$10,000 from a multitude, means many silken threads of sympathy and interest stretching away to the "school of the prophets." The Sunday school is becoming the hope of missionary work. Here the scholars are learning to give to, and love the cause.

Presiding Elder, missionary, pastor, superintendent, pin this up, and help this chair. Tell your school of our seminary. An encouraging beginning has already been made. Give us a collection however small—something it possible from every scholar. Send to me,

T. J. SCOTT, Principal.

Bacilly, India.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the request published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I want to find the following persons: Sarah Walker, who used to belong to Mr. Welcome, in Jefferson county, East Florida. She was brought away from there with three children. Their names were Elizabeth and William Walker. I am the wife of Bedugo Walker. His brother's names were Shadrach and Meshech Walker, and a sister Millie Walker. We all belonged to Minor Walker. Sarah Walker's father was Billy Burney. My mother was Esther Burney; brothers Green and William Burney, and sisters Mary, Nancy and Harriet Burney. Address William Walker, Coffeville, Texas.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my mother's people, whom she left in Macklinburg, county, Va., before the war. I remember two of my mother's sisters and one brother. Sisters were Perueiller and Rose Ewps. Brother was named James Madison. Grandmother's name was Sarah, and mother's Rachael Ewps. They all belonged to Dan Dailey, in Macklinburg county, Va. His brother James was sold and carried to Tennessee. I heard last year that he was in Little Rock, Ark. Mother is dead, and I am the only son living. Any one finding my relatives will write me at Buffalo, Tex.

JAMES MADISON.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my husband. He went by the name of Phillip Logan before the

war, and since freedom he changed his name and went by his own name James Kanada. Before the war he lived in Yazoo county, between Lexington and Benton. My name is Julia Ann Kanada, I used to belong to Dr. Yandell. Address me, Julia Ann Kanada, 626 Openwood street, Vicksburg, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for two men, Willis and Henry Johnson. Willis was here in the year 1866. His home was in New Orleans, La. He lived at one time on Union and Graten streets. About three years ago it was published in a New Orleans paper that a party of white men took him out of his house and beat him badly, and he has not been heard from since. Henry Johnson was owned by Ake Johnson, who lived in Honeywell, Mo., and was sold to Mark H. Clark, a Negro trader who carried him South, and when he got there he could not sell him because the war was so close at hand, he was then a boy about 11 years old. His mother's name was Rachael and his father Henry Reid. Any information from them would be gladly received. Address Mrs. Kate Porter, Mexico, Mo.

General News Items.

Ex-Senator Ingalls has gone to Europe for a six months trip.

Three shocks of earthquake were felt in St. Louis on Aug. 20. No harm was done.

A large manufacturing firm in Baltimore is soon to commence making tin plate on a large scale.

The waning fame of Oklahoma has been temporarily succored by a reported discovery of rich ores of silver and gold.

Col. Bragg, of Alabama, a member of the Inter State Commerce Commission, died a few weeks ago from the effect of wounds received while serving in the Confederate army.

The old war-ship Kearsarge, which destroyed the Alabama, has recently been put into good condition.

The city of Jacksonville, Florida, lost, by fire recently the greater part of ten blocks of buildings in the centre of the city. The estimated value of the property destroyed is upwards of 1,000,000.

Very interesting experiments were made recently in Texas to test the feasibility of producing rain by artificial means. The project is based upon concussion. Large volumes of oxy-hydrogen gas are sent up in balloons and exploded by electric current; also dynamite and blasting powder. Report says that the experiment was most satisfactory, being followed by copious rain in a few minutes. The agricultural department closely observed the operation.

Earthquake shocks followed the great hurricane in the West Indies, and it is believed that serious losses resulted.

A destructive hurricane on Aug. 18, did very great damage at the city of Martique, the principal port of the Island of Antigua, in the West Indies. All the vessels in the harbor are said to have been sunk or driven ashore. The latest reports indicate that the storm devastated almost the entire island, and that fully 300 persons perished. Other islands were visited also by the storm, but suffered only moderately.

The Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University is to have a new two hundred thousand dollar building.

The commission appointed by the pope to investigate the recent losses to the Peter's Pence Fund has already found a deficiency amounting to \$6,000,000.

The United States leads the world in the number and extent of its libraries. The public libraries of all Europe put together contain about 21,000,000 volumes; those of this country contain about 50,000,000.

Books and Current Literature.

The Illustrated World's Fair for September is issued under the editorship of John McGovern. The number contains a beautiful full double page photographic view of the actual work at the site of the World's Columbian Exposition, showing rapid progress, of the structures; prospectuses of the Administration and Mines buildings; view of the Lagoon; and many other pictures. Price 25 cents. Chicago, McVickers Theatre Building. Jewell N. Halligan, General Manager.

The Treasury for Pastor and People for September is worthy of its name, being brimful of rich, suggestive and varied articles admirably adapted to be helpful to its readers. Leading Thoughts of Sermons are by Canon Liddon, Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, D. MacEwen, E. C. Goodwin, G. Fairclough, J. Lewis and G. A. Gordon. Dr. T. L. Cuyler writes an excellent picture of Dr. Stephen H. Tyng. All departments full.

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Miss Lettie Thompson, of Cleveland, Ohio, is compiling a small book to be known as the Social Guide. It is to serve as a social and religious directory, containing the names and addresses of all colored families and members thereof in that city.

The Arena for September is as usual fully abreast with the advanced thought of the times. The paper which will probably attract the most attention, owing to its timely appearance, is Fashion Slaves, a profusely illustrated contribution on woman's dress reform, by the editor. We do not know whether or not Mr. Flower had been informed of the proposed inauguration of the dress reform movement at Chautauqua, which has attracted such general notice by virtue of the radical position taken by its leaders and the encouragement given the move by such leading women as Miss Frances E. Willard and Miss Frances E. Russell, but he certainly scores another palpable hit in the timely appearance of this paper. The Arena has made for itself the foremost place as the review of advanced and progressive thought.

Grace L. Farniss, author of The Box of Monkeys, will contribute an entertaining story, entitled, The Society for the Suppression of Scandal, to the next number of Harper's Bazar.

Harper's Young People for September the 1st contained among other attractive features, a most interesting illustrated article on the Goat Carriages in Central Park, and a full illustrated description of how to prepare Miss Lydia Emmet's dainty tableau of King Cophetua, and the Beggar-maid.

Judith Trachtenburg, the new novel by Karl Emil Franzos, author of For the Right, has just been published in Harper's Franklin Square Library. The translation is by Mr. L. P. and C. T. Lewis.

Life, Wit and Wisdom of the World's Greatest Preacher, Pastor Charles H. Spurgeon, edited by R. B. Cook, D.D. This book has been very carefully and conscientiously prepared by the Rev. R. B. Cook, D.D., author of the Story of Jesus, etc. It will contain about 450 pages, 16 mo. and will be beautifully illustrated. About 150 pages of the book is devoted to the life and work of Mr. Spurgeon. His latest and best sermons are given, together with a large number of his short, witty and bright sayings, collected from his different books. A number of John Ploughman's Pictures are also given, which are very beautifully and appropriately illustrated. We take the best things from Mr. Spurgeon's books. A person who is thoroughly competent to judge, said, after reading the advance sheets, "It is worth its weight in gold." It is furnished to subscribers in elegant and durable binding at the following prices: Fine English cloth, gilt top \$2, full morocco, gold edges \$2.75, fine edition, cloth \$1.50. Publisher, R. H. Woodward & Co., Baltimore, Md.

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California..... Pacific Grove, Cal..... 9..... Mallen

Indiana..... Meadville, Pa..... 9..... Fowler

Northwest Swed..... Chicago, Ill..... 9..... Vincent

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Minnesota..... Red Wing, Minn..... 9..... Merrill

Central German..... Covington, Ky..... 9..... Foster

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"WINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Shun the accursed stuff as deadly poison.

THE White-leaguers of this city celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of their 14th of September, 1874, revolution, and overthrow of the Kellogg government, last Monday.

"RELIGION is not a pot of hyacinth to be set in a parlor bay-window for passers-by to look at, and to be examined only by ourselves when we have company; but it is to be a perfume, filling all the room of the heart."

COMMENDING the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason, B.D., Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Dr. Thirkield says, "He will do go work, as he is strong intellectually, and is a loyal and devoted worker for the church."

A RACE that has been so long and persistently defamed by the white press, as immoral lepers, as has the Negro race, should be the last one to operate newspapers to propagate the same kind of a defamatory mission toward itself.

SCURIOUS white sheets display the obliquities of the lowest class of the white race; but it was left to the same kind of sheets in the hands of Negroes to seek to destroy the good name and reputation of their ministers and other professional men. Shame on the hyenas capable of such efforts at the destruction of those of their race who are seeking to lead exemplary lives.

THE call for a conference of the Republican presidents of the Parish of Orleans for last Sunday was an outrage upon decency, and deserves the scorn and contempt of every loyal, christian citizen. We have been free too long to continue such practices. We have six days and nights in the week, in which to attend to politics and secular matters, and we ought to frown down every attempt on the part, of any one, who seeks to entice us to disobey God, and desecrate the holy Sabbath. Any party or set of men that cannot carry on its mission without prostituting God's holy Sabbath is unworthy of our confidence and support.

Consecration and Concentration.

This is the one great duty of the individual Christian and of the church. We need to consecrate ourselves to Almighty God, and concentrate all of our powers of body, mind and spirit to His service. If we are Christians, although in the world, we are not of the world. We have been bought with a price, even with the precious blood of Christ. This is the first prerequisite to success in the Kingdom of God and men. First of all, we must be consecrated to the worship and service of Almighty God. We are to consecrate our bodies, as fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. We are to consecrate our minds, so that all the evolutions and workings of our minds shall make us more and more separate from the world, and as one with God. We are to consecrate our souls to God so that we shall be wholly His, and be entirely separated from the world. Then we shall be God's, even as He is ours. This involves a renunciation of the "world, the flesh and the devil," and all their unholy claims upon us, and of our full acceptance of the easy yoke of Christ in their stead. "Here, Lord, I give myself to Thee, 'tis all that I can do." Such is the unconditional surrender implied in the entire consecration of our whole being to God and His cause.

"None of self and all of Christ." This should be the attitude, not only of the individual, but of the whole church. What a tremendous uplifting would be felt throughout the world in the propagation of our religion, could the whole church realize such a blessed experience! Then we might enter every open door that is set before us; we might answer every Macedonian cry that appealed to us to "Come over and help us;" our missionary and all of our benevolent treasuries would all be overflowing, our call for missionaries would all be answered even before they were made, and before the close of this century the Gospel would be preached to every creature. God help us all to a full and perfect consecration of all that we have and are to His service. In addition to this, we need the purpose to concentrate all of our efforts against the giant evils that confront the progress of the Kingdom of God among men. A guerrilla warfare, a stray shot here and there, will not accomplish the conquest of the world. We need to concentrate our efforts against the overwhelming sins of intemperance, Sabbath desecration, social impurity, and the like that threaten to engulf us all. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things that are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

War No More.

Bishop John P. Newman deserves credit for a suggestion made to a select company of prominent gentlemen in Washington, to inaugurate a new movement in the direction of international arbitration, by having our government propose a supreme court for the world. The *Herald and Presbyterian* says: "This proposal is worthy of the best thought of this nation. If such a tribunal could be established, with a legal representative from every European government, selected because of his high character and fitness, there would be little danger of injustice to any nation involved in its judgments. The establishment of such a court would be a great blessing to the nations who are now forced by the present situation to have large standing armies that are eating up the substance of the government and wasting its resources. The disarmament of Europe is a problem that no one government can solve. Such a movement would be the crowning glory of the age, and would advance the policy of peace to a definite solution. We hope to

see some good come from the suggestion without waiting for Europe to disarm."

SECRET State papers of the ex-Confederacy are coming to light. Most interesting is the information they give of the diplomatic efforts of the slave oligarchy. The slave aristocracy counted on certain recognition from England and France. They thought that "Cotton was King" there as much as in Dixie. And the republic-voting aristocracies in both those countries ached to recognize the Confederacy. Napoleon III. was especially anxious but he dared not make a move without England. Pius IX., to use an expression almost profane when touching so holy and infillible a personage, "put his foot in it" very badly. He wrote a letter fairly gushing with admiration and sympathy. "Viro illustrissimo," ("to that most illustrious man!") Jefferson Davis. But the great trouble in the way of practical recognition was the colored brother. He was in the board pile. The anti-slavery sentiment among the Englishmen and progressive classes in Europe was too powerful to permit recognition of an essay in government founded on the sanctity, the inviolability and the perpetuity of human slavery. Napoleon III. told Duncan F. Kenner, of New Orleans, special envoy, finally, that he would do whatever England would do. Kenner returned to London and reported this to Palmerston. But Sherman was then "marching to the sea,"—and the astute English statesman merely said to Kenner—"It is too late." It was!

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the corresponding secretary Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., is a magnificent exhibition of the grandest work ever accomplished by christian heroism. It shows that \$2,939,785.29, had been expended by this society for christian education since its organization in 1866. The schools operated are among both races. The increase in every line of work, in efficiency and in the number reached, has been constant. The total receipts the past year amounted to \$322,656.44; a net increase of 56,008.44 over any previous year. This is certainly an encouraging showing, and speaks volumes to the credit of the corresponding secretary, Dr. Hartzell, his associates and the board of managers of the society. The society employs 477 teachers and enrolled the past year 9,310 students, nearly half of whom are females. No more important work is being carried on by the church, and in no field is the return so great in proportion to the investment, and it deserves the undivided and enthusiastic support of our Methodism and of every patriot and humanitarian. The report is published in full in the *Christian Educator*.

No man is more highly honored by all our people than the venerable Bishop Payne, of the A. M. E. Church. We have differed with him, as have his own colleagues, in his wholesale denunciation of nearly all his colored brethren in the ministry, in the South; and he, himself, afterward signed a paper repudiating his hasty denunciations; but we have never, by word or action, ever sought to detract from his well-earned reputation as a Christian gentleman, a theologian, and a scholar. Those who assert the contrary, violate the ninth commandment.

Women in the General Conference.

The corrected vote of the spring conferences on the eligibility of women to the General Conference shows 2162 "for," 2649 "against." As there are about 10,000 preachers in the connection, and a three fourths vote is necessary to carry, it will be seen that the present defeat of the movement, as it now stands, is foregone.

Political Review.

The Massachusetts State Prohibition Convention has placed Wm. O. Armstrong, a colored man, on their ticket for State Auditor. It is feared that the refusal of the Republicans to nominate him, and this subsequent action of the Prohibitionists, will cause the loss of many colored votes to the Republican party, and may endanger its success at the approaching election.

Edward E. Brown, of Boston, in a speech sharply arraigning Republican politicians for the treatment of the colored people, presented the name of Wm. Oscar Armstrong, of Boston, for the position of Auditor.

Mr. Armstrong was nominated with one or two dissenting voices, after which three cheers were given for the first black man ever put upon a State ticket in Massachusetts.

The Pennsylvania Democratic Convention has nominated its candidates for State Treasurer and Auditor. Its platform denounces the Republican party in the State and nation.

Gov. Pattison's name, Democratic Governor, was tremendously applauded.

The New York Republican State Convention was the most enthusiastic held for years. United States Collector Fassett was unanimously nominated for Governor. The whole ticket is one of the strongest ever nominated by the party in New York, and the indications point to its triumphant election.

The lottery agitation continues in this State. Let our people vindicate the wisdom of their enfranchisement by aligning themselves against the iniquity.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

The North New Orleans district Conference in its recent session extended thanks to Presiding Elder Emperor Williams, for his wise and fatherly administration; to secretaries F. T. Chinn, H. O. Wilson, D. J. Price and Geo. W. Simms for faithful services, and to Rev. Thomas McCary pastor, and the members and friends of Mt. Zion, for their splendid entertainment of the conference.

OLD FOLKS HOME. It also adopted the following: WHEREAS, The Old Folks' Home Association is an institution of our people, for our old people especially, controlled by the ministers and members of our church in the city and State, and should be supported and kept in a good condition by us and our friends. Therefore be it Resolved, That we appeal to every church in the city and State to take monthly collections for the home of our mothers and fathers.

They had a grand day at Union Chapel last Sunday night. The sacramental services were especially impressive; 223 communed. Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin, Prof. Khalil Khayyat, A.M., of Beyrout, Syria, Dr. Albert and other ordained ministers present assisted Rev. J. W. Hudson, pastor.

Personal.

—In another column is the card of Jos. Mangno & Co., to which we call the attention of our readers. The firm will receive fruits and vegetables on consignment and dispose of it to the best advantage and make prompt returns. The senior member of the firm is a pillar in the Italian mission work of our church, and is a model citizen.

—Bishop Newman was given an ovation at Ouantanqua and his sermon on Sunday was highly appreciated. Among other things he said:

"Character is the essential condition of everlasting life, and 'holiness' is descriptive of it. Primarily the word means 'wholeness,' but its real meaning is completeness. We are all evolutionists, for we have need to develop into the perfect life."

The Great Teacher said, "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

—Prof. I. N. Cordoza, A.M., who was the subject of thorough caning by Prof. DeTreville, at Claflin University two years ago, and who afterward, because of the disposition of the case, joined the A. M. E. Church, has resigned from the latter church. We have not learned what church he has since joined. This reminds us that "a rolling stone gathers no moss."

—Prof. C. N. Grandison, of North Carolina, is very young. He must stand close up in the sunshine of thirty years. He is one of the pure black men like Dr. J. C. Price. He is thoroughly educated and a born orator of the restless agitator sort. There is nothing of the hero worshipper in him. Like the wild zebra of his ancestral clime he will not submit to the halter. His mission seems to be to lay inconclusive hands upon most that the race holds sacred, for he denounces with equal vehemence and sarcasm what he styles the religion of the people in which there is no christianity and the politics in which there is all madness and no method. Although he preaches these rank heresies he manages to do so in a way to arouse the enthusiasm of the largest audiences. Such a man will leave as much discontent and restlessness in his passing as a cyclone will destruction.—T. Thomas Forne, in New York Age.

—Rev. B. Carr and wife of Stony Point, La., are both reported sick. Bro. Carr's mother was summoned to their bedside, but has since returned to her home at Hartzell Chapel.

—Rev. Pierre Landry, Presiding Elder of the South New Orleans district, requests his correspondents to address him at this office; as he has established his headquarters at the SOUTHWESTERN office.

—Revs. T. Larkins, of Morgan City, and Wm. Smith, of Thibodaux, was on a visit to this city last week and paid us appreciated calls. They report prosperity in their borders.

—A telegram from Rev. A. J. Ford, Alexandria, La., informs us that Presiding Elder Morant of that district is suffering from mental aberrations. He is in a dangerous condition, and on the advice of his physician has been removed to Shreveport. Let the whole church pray for his recovery.

BISHOP VINCENT was pastor at Galena, Ills., in 1859-61, and in a letter expressing regret at his inability to be present at the recent unveiling of the Grant monument in that city, he said: "I well remember Capt. U. S. Grant, as he occupied Sabbath after Sabbath, a pew in the Bench Street Church, of which I was pastor. He was an attentive hearer of God's Word, and many personal statements of his to me, some of them in writing, bear testimony to the fact that the Word of God echoed in the Galena pulpit in those days of peril were not lost, but fell into the heart of our great leader."

THERE is no end to the friendly interest which the Propaganda takes in American affairs. The latest development comes by way of a convocation at Lucerne. It is proposed to appoint Bishops in the future speaking the same language as the immigrant, and perpetuate, as far as possible, the old world in the new. Thus we shall have a "little Hungary," "little Poland," "little Italy," "little Germany" and "big Ireland" in almost every municipality in the country. The real trouble is a jealousy of the countrymen of St. Patrick. It is felt that the Irish brother is carrying off too many mitres. And it does really seem so. The gentleman from Erin has a strange success in politics, both ecclesiastical and secular, and yet, he is crying himself hoarse over "home rule." Our Milesian fellow citizen evidently wants the whole picture—and wants it framed.

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REV. THOS. COLE, of Marshall, Tex., has a service and visiting card which concludes as follows: "Subscriptions for the SOUTHWESTERN taken on pastoral visits." Go thou and do likewise.

The SOUTHWESTERN never advocated the color line in the G. A. R. We have rather occupied the contrary position; and those who represent us to the contrary, either willfully or ignorantly pervert the facts in the case.

There is great power in the religious press of this country, and if it would only unite its efforts to put down mob violence and all kindred evils, a great change would be witnessed in the present state of affairs which exist throughout this country, but especially in the South where, in many instances, the laws are of no effect. This heedlessness of the law at the present time is but a foreshadowing of the evils and insurrections that are to follow at no great distant day. It is better to call attention to these things now and have them stopped ere it is too late.—Christian Index.

BISHOP Turner says: "The table collections for everything have become a nuisance in our church. Would to God I could see the day when table collections could be dispensed with and reserved for extraordinary occasions."

DAILY BREAD.

"A good tree can not bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

A great many people who profess to have religion do not show it by the way they treat their horses.

Looking for flowers without thorns is one of the best ways in this world of fooling your time away.

No man has done his whole duty to God who has done less than his whole duty to his next-door neighbor.

It may be that sometimes God wants to show the world that you have a light by putting you in the dark.

The man who can be happy in the midst of trials and tribulations is the one who has hold of the hand of God.

The devil has never cared how much man worshipped, if he could only be allowed to tell him how to do it.

There is no road that has so many finger-boards on it pointing the other way as the road that leads to perdition.

Common sense is something that a good many people need more of a great deal worse than they need more money.

When the preacher has a revival in his heart the devil has to work hard to keep his church from catching fire for God.

There are people who have a good deal to say about growing in grace who slander the Lord every time they profess to belong to him.

Every man has something to do with making public sentiment, and public sentiment is the power that gives to government its life.

The better you become acquainted with Jesus Christ, the less fault you will have to find with the people who live in the next house.

Whenever the devil wants to perform a piece of extraordinary meanness he puts on his Sunday clothes and assumes a very solemn look.

It is only here and there that a man could get to heaven if he had to prove by his wife that he had the old-fashioned Bible kind of religion.

The devil will never be lonesome as long as there are people in the church who expect to get to heaven without it costing them a cent of money.

It must be something of a satisfaction to the devil to give some folks a little money, and then make it almost kill them whenever they try to spend it.

No man will ever be able to look up from the pit and claim that he got there because God didn't give him light enough to show him how to keep out.

If there is any one on this earth who does have positive and unmistakable evidence about anything, it is the man who knows something that he has learned from God.

"No man can serve two masters, for either he will love the one and hate the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye can not serve God and mammon."—Rams Horn.

The school of experience is not a free school. We all have to pay our own tuition.

The greatest thing one man can do for another is to tell him something about God.

Christ never sent anybody to anyone else who came to him for any kind of help.

Hearing a sermon without re-

pentance means that you have become a greater sinner.

If there were no stingy people in the church the devil wouldn't get to play so much.

The house of a good man may be torn down, but the man himself will live on forever.

There are people who get credit for being good simply because they have poor health.

What some people call prudence is often what their nearest neighbors call meanness.

The man who knows that his house is built on a rock never trembles when it thunders.

There is no sweeter music in heaven than the song that goes up from a grateful heart.

On the day when God sees that a man has sold himself to the devil forever, grace stops.

It is better to kill a snake in an awkward and clumsy manner than not to kill it at all.

The man who is stingy with kind words is not likely to be very liberal with his money.

If you want people to fall in love with the religion of Jesus you must let them see it in you.

There cannot be any more blessed work anywhere than telling dying men that God loves them.

The joy that God puts in the soul is something the devil has never found out how to drive out.—Rams Horn.

It is not by change of circumstance, but by fitting our spirits to the circumstances in which God has placed us, that we can be reconciled to life and duty.—F. W. Robertson.

We must learn over and over again not to despise the day of small things.

Dr. Lyman Beecher, one stormy, snowy night, preached to but one hearer, who went away before the doctor could speak to him. Twenty years afterwards, in a pleasant village in central Ohio, a stranger accosted Dr. Beecher, saying:

"Do you remember preaching some twenty years ago, in such a place, to a single person?"

"Yes, sir," said the doctor, grasping his hand. "I do, indeed, and if you are the man, I have been wanting to see you ever since."

"I am the man, sir, and that sermon saved my soul, made a minister of me, and yonder is my church. The converts of that sermon are all over Ohio."

Pray and do as much as you can, and do not attempt to do more, or you will soon do nothing.

Let us be content in work to do the thing we can, and not presume to fret because it is little.

A friend sharing my sorrow takes away half its weight; sharing my joy he makes it double.—Taylor.

A holy life has a voice. It speaks when the tongue is silent, and is either a constant attraction or a continual reproof.—Hinton.

If a man is faithful to truth, truth will be faithful to him. He need have no fears. His success is a question of time.—Prof. Phelps.

How much trouble he avoids who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only to what he does himself, that it may be just and pure.—Marcos Anselmus.

You may lose a great deal for Christ, but you will never lose anything by Christ. You may lose for time, but you will gain for eternity; the loss is transient, but the gain is everlasting.

THE Southern Christian Recorder has moved from Nashville, Tenn., to its old home at Atlanta, Ga.

Schools and Colleges.

A Bible College and Training School.

The very valuable property in Washington, D. C., which has so recently been given to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, by a wealthy layman of that city, to be used for the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial College and Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries, home and foreign, has been completely transformed by very extensive repairs, additions and remodifications, so as to adapt it to the requirements of such an institution. The course of study which will be combined with practical parish and mission work in the city, has been very carefully outlined, and will include Bible study, church history, its organization and doctrines, social science, pastoral work, general literature, nursing and elementary medicine, kitchen garden and kinder garden methods of teaching.

No effort will be spared to provide the best facilities for thorough preparation for parish and mission work.

Particular attention is called to special courses of lectures given by distinguished specialists, elucidating Bible truth or pertaining to some important phase of parish, mission or industrial work. The technical schools, public and private, the libraries, the varied nationalities, the intercommunication with foreign countries, combine to furnish unequalled advantages for study and improvement. Tuition and lectures are free, only the expense of living are to be provided for, which will be about \$3 per week, or \$100 a year. Candidates should apply at once as only a limited number will be received. Address the president, Rev. J. N. Dalby, 1138 40 North Capitol street, Washington, D. C.

Important Notice.

A department for deaf mutes will be opened in New Orleans University at the time of the regular opening, October 5, if a sufficient number of pupils can be secured.

Let all friends interested in these afflicted ones among us, notify them or send names or addresses immediately to

PRESIDENT ADKINSON.
1428 St. Charles Avenue.

Hon. W. H. Jack, State Superintendent of Education of Louisiana, has favored us with a copy of his address delivered in this city before the parish superintendents, June 3. The otherwise excellent address is marred by the dry rot which "his honor" introduces in his dilution upon the white man's inherent superiority over the Negro's innate inferiority.

The colored people of Greenville, Miss., met in mass meeting and appointed Hon. I. T. Montgomery, Rev. N. H. Williams, Mrs. B. F. Garrett, and Miss Ida B. Wells as a committee to confer with Miss M. E. Holmes, of Illinois, in regards to her endowment of a seminary for colored girls in Mississippi. Endowment Fund \$75,000. The committee met in Natchez, September 3.

The public schools of this city open Sept. 28. New Orleans University and the Medical School opens Oct. 5. Let every student get ready to enter.

Students from Kansas, Chicago and San Francisco, have applied for admission to Clark University, in Atlanta. It is claimed the outlook was never so good for that school as now.

ONE of the most healthy signs in connection with the demoralizing exonerations that continue to be given among our people, is that the reputable ministers and leaders among our people are giving them a wider berth, and that they are now being given almost wholly by broken-down politicians and condemned preachers. This is prophetic of their speedy abandonment by all classes of our people.

Marriages.

At the residence of Prof. J. P. Mack, of VanBuren, Ark., August 28, Prof. A. H. Tyon, of Morristown, Tenn., to Miss Lula A. Sampson, of Greenville, S. C. Rev. J. W. Jackson officiating.

Schriever, La.—August 20, Mr. Alex Dennis to Miss Ellen Dossey. Rev. Chas. Monroe officiating.

Houma, La.—August 20, Mr. Cary Francois to Miss Angeline Williams. Rev. F. D. Bowers officiating.

Webb, Miss.—Sept. 4, Mr. Lonnie Julian to Miss Mary Avant. Rev. L. W. Mosley officiating.

Opelousas, La.—At the bride's residence, Sept. 2, 6 o'clock p. m., Mr. William Lemon to Miss Louise Guidry. Rev. R. Anderson officiating.

Obituary.

Richmond Circuit, Texas.—Bro. R. B. Jones, aged 25 years, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, departed this life August 28. He was a devoted Sunday school worker. He leaves a wife and child and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His funeral was conducted by his pastor.

J. A. Stuart, P. C.

Aberfoil, Ala.—Sister Georgia Peebles departed this life August 26. She joined this church ten years ago and died in full triumph of faith.

J. B. Webb, P. C.

South Pittsburg, Tenn.—Sister Easter Alley departed this life August 16, aged 61. She lived a member of the M. E. Church 25 years. Leaves a son and many friends to mourn.

Brother Jack Jains fell asleep in Jesus June 20. He was a class leader for many years. He was one of the oldest members on the Jasper Circuit.

A. W. Randolph, P. C.

Bellwood, Tenn.—Aug. 26, 12 m., the angel of the Lord came down and summoned Sister Maggie Johnson home. She was the wife of Bro. R. H. Johnson, our beloved Sunday school superintendent at Bellwood. She was a faithful Christian.

H. P. Belcher, P. C.

Columbus, Miss.—July 23, Little Hattie Sumerville, daughter of Sister Wilda Sumerville, a faithful member of our church. Hattie was burned. While trying to make a fire, the oil can hurled and she caught on fire. She lingered several weeks, then told her mother the angels had come to bear her away on their wings. Her funeral was preached by Rev. I. C. Coleman and the writer.

G. J. Dohson, P. C.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Eugene Walker died March 15, aged 7 months and 4 days.

Pink Tally died June 5, aged 6 months and 9 days.

R. Hays, P. C.
[Rec'd Sept. 5.—Ed.]

Schriever, La.—Mr. Paul Randolph, a highly respected citizen of Schriever, died very suddenly August 23. He leaves a wife and five children. He was an ex-soldier and was drawing a pension from the U. S. Government at the time of his death. His funeral was largely attended. The funeral was preached by Rev. E. Smith, of the Congregational Church, and the Rev. Geo. W. Moore, of New Orleans.

C. Monroe.

A peculiar fact with reference to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is, that, unlike sarsaparillas and other blood medicines, which are said to be good for the blood in March, April and May, the "Discovery" works equally well all the year round, and in all cases of blood-taints or humors, no matter what their name or nature.

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Why? Because it's sold on a peculiar plan, and you only pay for the good you get.

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Mr. Joseph I. Peck, a nephew of the Rev. E. W. S. Peck, D.D., was killed by lightning at his home in Pettingill, Md., August 12, aged 17 years and a half.

Pineville, La.—Sister Jane Mill, after five months of suffering, departed this life Sept. 3. Her last words were, "I am waiting on the Lord." She leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn.

J. L. Angustus, P. C.

Winsted, La.—Sister Bettie Collins departed this life in full triumph of faith Sept. 3. She was a member of the Charleston M. E. Church.

E. B. Richard, P. C.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Sister Sallie Ann Pacely, a member of the M. E. Church, departed this life August 12, aged 22. She leaves a mother and a host of relatives to mourn, but we hope our loss is heaven's gain.

A. Butler, P. C.

Williams Chapel, New Orleans—Sept. 2, Sister Mary Willis, a member of Williams Chapel, departed this life in full triumph of faith. She was a faithful member of the Church for 23 years. She leaves a husband, two children and many friends to mourn her loss. Aged 26. Those who assisted the pastor with the funeral are: Revs. W. P. Forest, S. Evans, Dr. A. E. P. Albert, D. Young of B. C., S. Priestly and H. Taylor.

The prompt use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla will invariably cure all affections of the kidneys.

Conference Notices.

District Conferences and Special Meetings.

Paris Dist. Conf., Clarksville, Tex. Oct. 20

Navasota Dist. Conf., Bismarck, Tex. Oct. 21

Houston Dist. Conf., Sloan St., Houston, Tex. Sept. 23-28

The Editor or Business Manager will attend as many of these district conferences and special meetings as possible, but whether they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, when we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circulation. It can be done. Will you do it?

Corner Stone.

The corner stone of St. Peter M. E. Church will be laid on the second Sunday in October. Presiding Elder Morant and all neighboring pastors and their congregations are most cordially invited.

J. A. VINCENT, P. C.

Holly Springs District.

Third Round.

Elliott.....Sept. 19-20
Winona—J. W. Parks..... " 26-27
Grenada..... " 3-4
Grenada cir..... " 10-11
Hernando..... " 17-18
Oxford—B. F. Woolfolk..... " 17-18
Oxford cir..... " 24-25
Elijah—A. G. Houston.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Holly Springs cir.....Nov. 17-18
Holly Springs..... " 24-25
Abbeville—A. G. Houston..... " 24-25
Myrtle..... " 19
Bright Prospect.....Oct. 31, " 1

Dear Brethren: As usual, many of you will receive a card containing the above list of appointments, and it is not necessary for me to tell you that you must be governed by it. H. R. REVELS, P. E.

Shreveport District.

Fourth Round.

Fairmont.....Sept. 19-20
Boyce..... " 17-18-20
Chopin..... " 22-23
Allen and Marthaville..... " 26-27
Columbus.....Oct. 2-3-4
Fort Jessup..... " 6-7
Leeville..... " 8
Roheline..... " 10-11

Campti.....	" 17-18
Alpha.....	" 14-15
Natchitoches.....	" 18-19
Pleasant Hill.....	" 24-25
Coushatta.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1	" 7-8
Bedford.....	" 10-11-12
Boncheste.....	" 11-12
Mansfield.....	" 14-15
Shady Grove.....	" 14-15
Grand Cane.....	" 23-24
Longstreet.....	" 28-29
Jeweller and Providence.....Dec. 5-6	" 8-9-10
Rush Point.....	" 14-15
Vancerville.....	" 18-20
Scott Chapel.....	" 26-27
Fairfield.....	" 21
St. Paul.....	" 23
St. James.....	" 23

Please have your benevolent collections all on hand and ready to report at the fourth quarterly conference.

S. DUNCAN, P. E.

Paris District, Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

Wolfe City.....Sept. 26-27	
Greenville.....Sept. 30, Oct. 1	" 3-4
Paris sta.....	" 10-11
Blossom cir.....	" 14-15
Clarksville cir.....	" 17-18
Erechope cir.....	" 24-25
Clarksville sta.....	" 28-29
DeKalb cir.....	" 1
Toxarkana.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1	" 4-5
Cooper cir.....	" 7-8
Gibson.....	" 11-12
Red River cir.....	" 14-15
Bonham.....	" 21-22
Honey Grove.....	" 28-29
Brooketon cir.....	" 28-29

Dear Brethren: Do your best to measure up at the conference. Be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with any other man.

P. MORGAN, P. E.

South New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference.

Fourth Round.

Winsted.....Oct. 3-4	
Centerville.....	" 10-11
Franklin.....	" 8-11
Morgan City.....	" 17-18
Raceland.....	" 20
Beattville.....	" 22
Honna.....	" 24-25
Thibodeaux.....Oct. 29, Nov. 1	" 11-12
Schriever.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1	" 7-8
Pontchartronia and Springfield, Nov. 7-8	" 11-12
Lees Creek.....	" 15
Camp Parapet.....	" 14-15
Haven Chapel.....	" 20-21
Cushman Chapel.....	" 27
Kenner Chapel.....	" 26-27
Malden Chapel.....	" 28-29
Simpson Chapel.....	" 3-6
Emmeror Williams Chapel.....Dec. 5-6	" 12-13
First Street Church.....	" 20
Napoleonville.....	" 27
Klotzville.....	" 3
New River.....	" 9-10
Woodlawn.....	" 9-10
Darroville.....	" 9-10
Darroville.....	" 9-10
University Chapel.....	" 9-10

P. LANDRY, P. E.

Many Persons

Are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes causes of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

A PERSONAL note from Rev. T. J. Scott, principal of Bareilly Theological Seminary, Bareilly, India, says: "We have a most wonderful turning of souls to God, and the work of training pastors and evangelists is very great. We need funds. Here is the place to consecrate now in the great battle with paganism." We publish his appeal for help in another column, which we hope will greatly move the church to the help of that great mission work.

Dyspepsia

Makes the lives of many people miserable, and often leads to self-destruction. Distress after eating, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn, loss of appetite, faint, "all gone" feeling, bad taste, coated tongue, and irregularity of the bowels, are some of the more common symptoms. Dyspepsia does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent attention, and a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet surely and efficiently. It tones the stomach and other organs, regulates the digestion, creates a good appetite, and by thus overcoming the local symptoms removes the sympathetic effects of the disease, banishes the headache, and refreshes the tired mind. "I have been troubled with dyspepsia. I had but little appetite, and what I did eat I could not digest. I was so miserable, I could not get on my feet. I had a little good. In an hour after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. PAGE, Watertown, Mass.

Distress After Eating

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Heartburn

Sour Stomach

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OUR HONORED DEAD.—A Tribute To Rev. E. H. Gammon.

The bell has tolled the funeral march,
In such a sad and solemn way;
While friends and loved ones wept be-
cause
A man of God has passed away.

A servant of the Lord of hosts
Has gone from labor to his rest,
Has left this world of sin and woe,
And now on high dwells with the blest.

We come this day our love to show,
In this, our humble, feeble way;
And with our heart-felt gratitude,
A tribute to his memory pay.

We know that God has called him home,
And yet we loathe to have him leave;
And while we bow to God's own will,
Yet still for him our hearts do grieve.

And now from us our friend is gone,
His soul has left this sinful earth;
His name will not be soon forgot,
His life was one of sterling worth.

He lived to help his fellow-men,
And bore their heavy burdens too;
He lived not for himself alone,
But for the good that he could do.

He gave us of his earthly store,
That millions of our down-trodden
race
Might hear the Gospel's charming
sound
And know the power of saving grace.

He gave, and on our woodland hill
A building rose both grand and tall;
And stands in all its loftiness,
A structure great, a stately hall.

He gave that men who're called of God
To preach the glorious Gospel true,
To break the precious bread of life,
All o'er our broad land through and through.

Might come, and here within the walls
Of this our school to us so dear,
Might learn to study God's own word,
And for the work of life prepare.

And men have come from many States
And gladly entered year by year,
Because they knew that all their needs
Could surely be supplied right here.

And men have gone from out these
walls
And told the story of the Cross,
And called men from their wicked
ways,
And saved the erring sinner lost.

And thus the good that he has done,
Will never yet be fully told,
Until we meet around God's throne,
And walk the streets of shining gold.

His influence will be surely felt,
His name will sound from shore to
shore,
His work will stand while time shall
last,
And be remembered evermore.

Then rest, oh, brother, patron, friend,
At God's right hand in glory crowned,
Where angels sing the Savior's praise,
In one accord with sweetest sound.

REV. J. R. HOWARD.

The Household.

The Girl to Be Avoided.

She is the girl who takes you off
in one corner and tell you things
that you wouldn't repeat to your
mother.

She is the girl who is anxious to
have you join a party, which is to
be "a dead secret," and at which,
because people are very free and
easy, you are uncomfortable and
wish you were at home.

She is the girl who tries to in-
duce you, "just for fun," to smoke
a cigarette, or to take a glass of
wine, and you don't know, and
possibly she doesn't, that many of
the sinners of to day committed
their first sins "just for fun."

She is the girl who persuades
you that to stay at home and care
and love your own, to help mother
and to have your pleasures at home
and where the home people can
see them, is stupid and tiresome;
and that spending the afternoon
walking up and down the street,
looking at the windows and the
people, is "just delightful."

She is the girl who persuades
you that to be on very familiar
terms with three or four young
men is an evidence of your charms

and fascination, instead of being,
as it is, an outward visible sign of
your perfect folly.

She is the girl who persuades
you that it is a very smart thing
to be referred to as "a gay girl."
She is very, very much mistaken.

And, of all others, she is the girl
who, no matter how hard she may
try to make you believe in her, is
to be avoided.—Ruth Ashmore, in
The Ladies' Home Journal.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take no-
tice, that all anonymous letters go directly to
our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on
only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous ques-
tions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should
not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be con-
densed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no
manuscript.

Our people at Cave Spring, Ga.,
are building a brick church. Rev.
J. H. Grant is pastor.

A. N. Jackson, LaFayette, Ala.
The night of Aug. 27, closed a
series of meetings on this charge
resulting in 30 converts and 36 ac-
cessions. The work is greatly re-
vived. Sunday the 30th, the choir
of St. John, Belle and town sang
together here, and a fine time was
had. Collection for pastor \$47.06.

W. H. Smith, Philadelphia, Miss.
Just have closed a protracted
meeting, at Mt. Zion and Liberty
M. E. Churches, in which we re-
ceived 13 at Mt. Zion and 7 at Lib-
erty into the church. Received
into the church from the 1st to the
27th of August 27 persons, and
baptized 23. The work is yet alive
spiritually and financially.

T. J. Johnson, St. Paul Church, Shreve-
port, La.
Dr. Albert and family were in
this city a few days ago. And
while Sister Albert and Miss Laura
were here they concluded to help
St. Paul in her struggle. So they
went to work and in a very little
time gave a fine concert, which re-
sulted in netting \$37.55 for the
benefit of the church. The officers
and members thanked them kindly.
We hope the Doctor will visit us
again soon with Sister Albert and
Miss Laura. It is nothing but
right that he should, as he married
a Shreveport lady, and one of whom
we all feel proud. We would be
glad to welcome her and Miss
Laura, who thus contributed so
liberally to the benefit of our
church, to our city again. We feel
that Dr. Albert's heart is with us
in our struggle to pay our debts,
may the Lord aid him in his glo-
rious work. Mrs. Albert and Miss
Laura are great workers in the
church of God. The Lord fill up
our cities and all our churches
with just such ladies.

General Church News.

Along the West African Coast
there are now about 200 churches,
35,000 converts, 100,000 adherents,
275 schools, 30,000 pupils; thirty-
five languages or dialects have
been mastered, into which portions
of the Scripture and religious books
and tracts and general educational
books have been translated and
printed, and some knowledge of
the Gospel has reached about 8,
000,000 of benighted Africans.

The Huguenots in France number
some 600,000, and are gathered
into about 750 churches, though
30,000 or more are scattered and
destitute of pastors and places of
worship. They sustain three Bible
societies, three book and tract soci-
eties, many young men's christian
associations, two theological sem-
inaries, two schools for evangelists,
four societies for carrying on evan-
gelistic work, and a host of colpor-
teurs. The annual contributions
for home missions amount to \$100,-
000, and for foreign missions to
\$0,000.

The Century Magazine will cele-
brate the 400th anniversary of the
discovery of America by pub-
lishing a Life of Columbus written
especially for that magazine by
Emilio Castelar, the famous Span-
ish orator, statesman, and author.
The work is written in Spanish,
and will be carefully translated.
Other articles dealing with the
discovery of America are in course
of preparation for the same maga-
zine.

Our Symposium.

We are told that J. N. W. Otto,
president of the Patriotic Sons of
America, who signed the telegram
to the recent national convention
in Philadelphia, against the admis-
sion of colored members into the
order, is the Mr. Otto who keeps a
drug store at the corner of Ram-
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retary Blaine has been directed
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mercial importance rank first in
the principles of his party, and to
make all other questions secondary,
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gotten that the basis principle of
the Republic, is the equality of the
citizen, and the government of the
majority, and to that purpose have
his public utterances been heard.
He has urged it upon Congress,
and advised such legislation as
would secure it, but against the
advice of the leader of the party,
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American and all true Republicans,
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islation presented before the last
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death of the prayer-meeting. They
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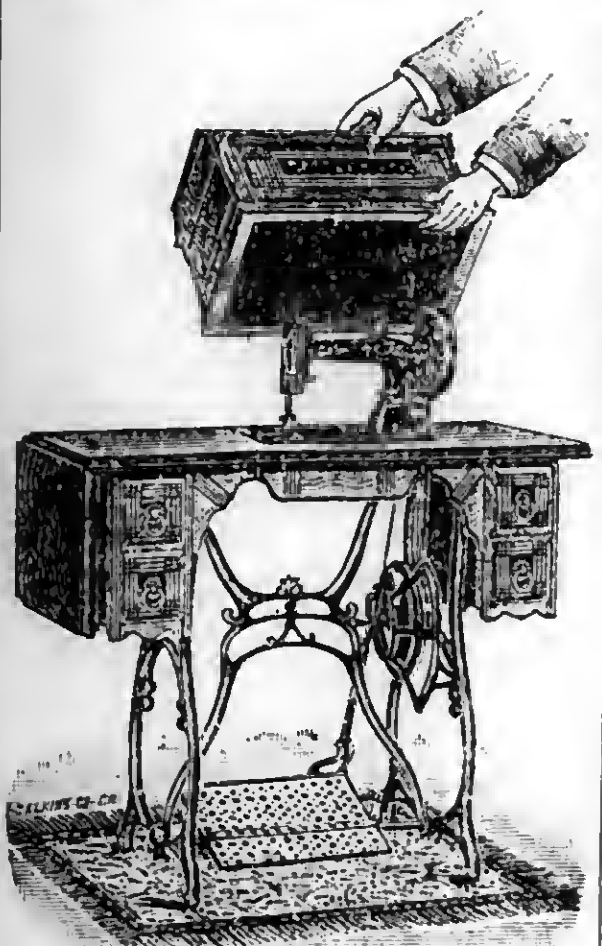
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HOME READINGS.

M. John 10: 1-10 Tu. John 10: 11-16. W. Ezek. 34: 1-6. Th. Ezek. 34: 11-16. F. Ezek. 34: 22-31. S. Matt. 18: 10-14. S. Isa. 40: 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Psa. 23: 1.)

LESSON HYMN, S. 7, 4.

Saviour, who thy flock art feeding,
With the shepherd's kindest care,
All the feeble gently leading,
While the lambs thy bosom share.

Now, these little ones receiving,
Fold them in thy gracious arm;
There, we know, thy word believing,
Only there, secure from harm.

Never, from thy pasture roving,
Let them be the Lion's prey;
Let thy tenderness, so loving,
Keep them all life's dangerous way.

Then, within thy fold eternal,
Let them find a resting place,
Feed in pastures ever vernal,
Drink the rivers of thy grace.

Time—Probably A. D. 29.

Place—Probably the immediate vicinity of Jerusalem.

Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Judea.

Connecting Links—This parable is closely connected with an address on blindness which Jesus preached after curing the blind man and warning the multitude against the Pharisees as blind leaders of the blind.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Sheep-fold, v. 1-6. Who is here called a thief and a robber?

Who is the shepherd of the sheep? Who at once know the shepherd? Whom does he know by name? Why do the sheep follow the shepherd?

Whom will they not follow, and why?

What form of teaching was Jesus using?

How well was he understood?

2. The Door of the Sheep, v. 7-9.

Who is the door of the sheep? What were they who came before him?

What would they find who entered the true door?

Whom may we find by this door? (Eph. 2: 18.)

3. The Good Shepherd, v. 10-16.

Why does the thief visit the sheep-fold?

Why did Jesus come?

Who is the Good Shepherd?

How did he show that he was such?

How does the hireling act when in danger?

Why does the hireling fly?

What knowledge marks the Good Shepherd?

What says Jesus about other sheep?

What may all true Christians say of their Shepherd? (Golden Text)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson we taught:

1. That Jesus is the only Saviour!

2. That Jesus died to save us!

3. That Jesus will save all who trust him!

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Give the name of a Hebrew king who was a shepherd.

Give the name of a prophet who was a shepherd.

Give the name of one of the patriarchs who was a shepherd?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. How is the shepherd of the sheep known? He "entereth in by the door."

2. How is the thief and the robber known? He "climbeth up some other way."

3. Who is the door? The Lord Jesus Christ.

4. What else is he? The Good Shepherd.

5. What does he say concerning his sheep? "I know my sheep, and am known of mine."

EXPLANATIONS.

Thesheep fold.—Usually a stone-walled inclosure, with a well-roofed pen at one end. A thief—What we would call a "sneak-thief." A robber—A brigand. Entereth in by the door—The shepherd must enter the same way as his flock. "There is not one salvation for the teacher and another for the taught." The seventh verse tells us that Jesus is "the door." Callesth his own sheep by name—Asiatic sheep readily distinguish the voice of their shepherd, and sometimes each sheep has a name of his own, and knows it. The sheep follow him—"The true pastor is an example and leader as well as a teacher." They (the Pharisees) understood not—Their notions of the dignity of the priests and rabbis and the insignificance of the common people were radically different from the Christian conception of pastor and flock. I am the door—"Who-soever comes to preach any other gospel comes to rob the sheep of their Saviour and salvation." Before me—Claiming precedence, in rank or authority, over me.

Doctrinal Suggestion—Christian fellowship.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

91. What is the fourth commandment? Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

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Wanted: Men.
Not systems fit and wise,
Not faiths with rigid eyes,
Not wealth in mountain piles,
Not power with gracious smiles,
Not even the potent pen;
Wanted: Men.

Wanted: Deeds.
Not words of winning note,
Not thoughts from life remote,
Not fond religious airs,
Not sweetly languid prayers,
Not love of scented creeds,
Wanted: Deeds.

Men and Deeds.—
Men that can dare and do,
Not longings for the new,
Not pratings for the old;
Good life and action bold,
These the occasion needs;
Men and Deeds.
—The Christian Commonwealth.

WHY don't you get your friends
and neighbors to take the SOUTHWESTERN?

PUSH the revival work brethren.
That is our one great mission
among men, even the salvation of
the world.

EDUCATE the people, and present
every benevolent cause, and take
up a collection for the same. No
church can prosper long that fails
to give to the great connectional
causes.

THE attention of our readers is
invited to the communication in
another column from Dr. Godman,
president of Gilbert Seminary,
Winsted, La. Dr. Godman is one
of the most devoted friends and
benefactors that have ever labored
among our people in the South,
and his school one of the best op-
erated by the Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education Society for
our people. Parents and young
people bent upon preparing them-
selves for usefulness on earth and
eternal bliss in heaven, will do well
to avail themselves of the privi-
leges Dr. Godman offers them at
Gilbert Seminary.

THE question now before the
people of Louisiana is, shall the
State be branded with the infamy
of the "Gambler State," or shall
she wear the garb of a civilized
christian State in the proud galaxy
of American States? Every citizen,
white and colored, is interested in
the issue, and no man can evade
it without prostituting the dignity
of his self respect and manhood.
We plead with our people to stand
for the freedom of the State from
the infamous lottery curse. Reg-
ister, and prepare to join in the
battle against the criminal immor-
ality and in favor of God and good
men. Stand up for the right, and
God will take care of the conse-
quences.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Spread of Methodism Among the Colored People of the South.

JEREMIAH.

That the present is a propitious
time for the spread of Methodism
and the strengthening of the work
among the colored people in the
South I suppose no one will deny
or question. And it is equally
clear to every thinking mind that
as the years roll on this opportu-
nity passes to return no more.

We are living in a period when
the colored man has but few ties to
bind him to any particular creed
or denomination.

They who seek him find him.
And finding him simple-hearted
and free from many environments
and prejudices, he becomes in their
hands as the clay in the hands of
the potter. But he is being shaped.

The clay will soon become stone.
Whether he is to be a vessel
unto honor or dishonor the present
must determine.

Even now in many of our con-
gregations we find persons who
will worship with us and resist all
inducements to join, on the plea
that this is not the church of their
parents.

In future this will more and more
prevail. And I think that I need
not quote history to prove that in
settled society the church may
safely estimate its strength in the
succeeding generation by the heads
of families in the present.

In my town is a church organ-
ized under peculiar circumstances,
and for the last decade they have
had no conversions and no acces-
sions.

The explanation is found in the
fact that there are no families—
that is no family with growing
children among the members.

It has been said that all the col-
ored people are either Methodists
or Baptists. However true this
has been in the past it is now true
no longer. They are dividing.
Roman Catholicism is in the field
with all her machinery, and as is
her custom, she will contend for
the lion's share.

Her priests are becoming ex-
ceedingly friendly towards our
people, and collections are now
taken in all their churches for the
propagation of Roman Catholicism
(the true religion, as they put it)
among the colored people of the
South.

It has been said that the cold
formalisms of Rome ill suit the
fiery nature of the colored man.
This may do to say, but it will not
do to trust. The present is the
time to determine whether the fu-
ture of the colored race in the
South is to be Roman or Protest-
ant.

Of all protestant denominations
Methodism is best adapted to this
work. Baptists may prevail on
the water courses—and this is a
fact worthy of observation—but
Methodism will flourish alike on
hill and dale.

And of all branches of Method-
ism the Methodist Episcopal
Church is best prepared to prose-
cute the work of evangelizing the
colored people of the South.

She has the force; moral, spiri-
tual, intellectual and financial.
She alone has the courage to face
great questions and conquer great
enemies with the sword of the
spirit.

Yet some have gone so far as to
say that the Methodist Episcopal
Church does not want any consid-
erable number of colored communi-
cants. That she is willing to help
them, to educate and uplift them.
But as soon as they become self
reliant and capable of demanding
and filling positions, she is glad to
see them go out to other churches.
That she is, to use a quaint and
homely phrase, "afraid of biting

off more than she can chew."
That she cannot, or fears she can-
not, homogeneously assimilate the
great multitude of sable sons and
daughters who willingly flock to
her standard.

Be this as it may, and let all
think of it as they may, two things
I know.

First. That if the Methodist
Episcopal Church will, she can
double her membership in the
South by the close of the present
century.

Secondly. The teaching touch-
ing the matter of equal rights, fair
play and due recognition of true
piety and fitness, etc., so often in-
culcated by our Bishops and other
representative men, will hence-
forth be received as in good faith
only so far as the practical policy
of the church shall bear it out.

There is quite a difference be-
tween the case of the man who fell
among thieves and was by the
good Samaritan helped and sent
on his way, and that of the Israel-
ites who were admitted into the
promised land.

The colored man wants to know
which case is his. He waits as
"one who watches for the morn-
ing."

Having been often deceived and
ostracized on every hand—even at
the altars of the church—he ex-
pects it everywhere and in every
thing.

While he is clothed and in his
right mind, he is restless and an-
xious for the question concerning
himself to be settled. He waits
for it as outraged innocence waits
for decision at the bar of judgment.
Every word and act means some-
thing to him.

A colored man has been ap-
pointed field agent of the Freed-
men's Aid and Southern Educa-
tion Society. The colored man
wants to know: Is this a piece of
political church diplomacy prior to
the General Conference of 1892; or
is it a step toward recognition of
that merit and utility which we
have prayed for so long? The
sequel will prove. I will say how-
ever, that in my own mind there
is no doubt about the matter. The
history of the church proves that
she takes no backward steps.

She does not always step accord-
ing to other people's notions. But
when she does step, you must give
her foot room. Hence this is the
beginning, and there is more to
follow.

The election of a colored Bishop
at the General Conference of 1892
would be hailed by the colored
race of the South as an event next
in importance to that of the Emancipation proclamation.

It would for all time set at rest
the question of the recognition of
the colored man in the Methodist
Episcopal Church. Those colored
denominations that have received
such large returns by fighting us
would have to nimbly turn their
guns and pay the expense of the unholy
war. A mighty shaking—a com-
ing together of mighty armies—
would be witnessed all over this
South land. Thousands would
crowd the aisles and altars of the
churches already built and congre-
gations would be born in a day.
True, that old serpent—the dying
Southern Confederacy—would
wriggle his tail, the old South
would groan in the spirit and spit
fire, but holier beings would assist
our mighty joys and strike all
their harps of gold.

Men who have studied the situa-
tion have concluded that the col-
ored race is to be a power in the
South and that so far as human
foresight can discern they are here
to remain till the end of time.
Then who can estimate the be-
nign influence that a colored
Bishop would have on the religious
life of these multiplying millions a
hundred years hence! Such a man

touching the religious life of the
present generation would set
waves and cords in motion like
those touched by Bishop Asbury
a hundred years ago. I verily be-
lieve, with many of my brethren,
that this is the longest step that
can be taken toward the spread of
Methodism among our people.
Other things might be named, but
they are of lesser moment. When
this is done all else will follow.

But on the other hand, let the
Methodist Episcopal Church post-
pone this matter till Rome elects a
colored Bishop; then she would
be as the Southern Confederacy,
who, when driven to desperation,
proposed to free the slaves to se-
cure recognition abroad. Lee had
already surrendered to Grant and
she was answered: "You have
proposed a good thing but it is too
late."

But where is the man? Have
we the man? is often asked. The
time was when that question was
in good use, but it is now obsolete.
This gray-haired question has long
been gathered to its fathers. Let
it rest. The only proper question
now is, which one of the many
competent men will you agree upon
and put forward?

Perhaps it would not be wise to
name any single person or number
of persons as suitable for that im-
portant position. To do so would
possibly be to invite defeat. A
better plan we find in Acts 1, 15,
1-24.

"And they appointed two, Jo-
seph called Barsabas, who was
surnamed Justus, and Matthias,
and they prayed, and said, Thon
Lord which knowest the hearts of
all men, shew whether of these
two thou hast chosen, that he may
take part in this ministry."

At the fifteenth verse of this
same chapter it is said: "In those
days Peter stood up in the midst
of the disciples and said, 'Men,
brethren,' etc., down to the twenty-
third in his speech on this occa-
sion. But my point is, that it was
in the midst of the assembled dis-
ciples that the two, Barsabas and
Matthias were named.

By what process these two were
nominated we are not told directly,
yet the circumstances as herein set
forth will help us to picture the
scene. 1. They had just returned
from the Mount called Olivet where
they had witnessed the Lord's as-
cension.

2. They "all continued with one
accord in prayer and supplication."
Barsabas and Matthias were nom-
inated in a prayer-meeting, and
perhaps it was because of their
power in prayer that they were
judged to be fit persons to fill the
place from which Judas by trans-
gression fell.

So let the church pray in this
case. Let no unholy ambition be
tolerated.

Our colored Bishop ought to be
a man above thirty-five years of
age, of sound body and mind, en-
dured, noted for his piety and zeal
in the cause of the Lord, true to
every interest of the church, one
that has been proved, not a novice.
The rest you may read in Paul's
letter to Timothy.

Again, in order that the best
thing may be done, let our colored
conferences be careful as to the
character of the men they send to
the General Conference. Let men
be sent in whom the church can
have confidence. Men who can do
as well as talk—men who pray.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Notes From San Antonio and the
World's Fair City.

G. J. STARNES, M. D.

The writer left this city July
15th, to visit Chicago as delegate
to the National Grand Lodge,
triennial session, Grand United

Brothers of Friendship and Sisters
of the Mysterious Ten.

The session lasted six days and
was crowned with unprecedented
success, being made up of some of
the most progressive and intelli-
gent men of the race. The delega-
tion was conspicuous for the un-
usually large number of A. B.'s,
B. D.'s, D. D.'s, M. D.'s and LL.
D.'s that represented different
Lodges and Temples throughout
the country.

The reports from nearly every
quarter of the United States, and
petitions asking for new lodges in
unorganized States and Territories,
showed the growing popularity of
the order.

The interest manifested on the
part of the reception committee
and citizens generally was such
that every delegate was made to
feel at home and perfectly natural;
the most timid could find vent for
his most remote thoughts, so
genial was the manner of Chicago's
elite society.

Dr. W. D. Peyton, N. G. M., al-
though small in stature, performed
the functions of that high office
with such grace and dignity that
great and small alike were com-
pelled to admire and obey. The
institution displayed its apprecia-
tion for intelligence and fitness by
electing Dr. Peyton for a second
term by unanimous vote.

The writer took advantage of
the occasion during recesses to call
upon the president of the World's
Fair Commission, General Davis,
and found him to be in every re-
spect a most affable gentleman.
Called also upon Mr. Dickson, of
Texas, the World's Fair Secretary,
and was assured by him that grounds
sufficient to erect a build-
ing 150x500 feet for the Texas ex-
hibits had been secured. Mr.
Dickson urged the writer to use
his influence to have the colored
people of Texas make every effort
possible to make themselves felt
in the World's Fair by sending in
their very best productions. Mr.
Dickson advised that every county
go immediately into organization
and collect means to forward the
project.

In calling on Judge Gresham of
the Supreme Court, the writer had
no occasion whatever to feel him-
self anything but a full-fledged
American citizen with all the rights
and privileges accorded the most
exalted in all our liberty-loving
and free America, in spite of all
the charms and attractions of our
Southern "Jim Crow" cars, etc.

It is a settled question among
the most knowing politicians that
Judge Gresham will be a promi-
nent candidate for presidential
honors at the next National Re-
publican Convention.

The prospects for good crops all
along our route, with a few excep-
tions, are flattering.

Drs. Walton and Vosburg de-
serve great credit for faithful and
skillful services rendered our pa-
tients during our absence.

Negro Problem.

Some Things Settled.

BISHOP A. G. HATGOOD, D. D.

In some things we should now
be beyond theory.

1. It is settled that the Negro
must be educated—not at all be-
cause he is a Negro, but because
he is a man.

2. It is settled that he is capable
of education in books. How far he
can go I do not know—I have no
means of finding out. He has not
been going long enough. As far
as he has gone he has succeeded.
I have seen him learning his letters,
and I have seen him reading Greek
and Latin classics. In both he
did admirably well. I have seen
him keeping his accounts on his
"notch-stick." I have seen him

adding up simple sums. I have
seen him working out complicated
problems in algebra, and I have
seen him cross the *pons asinorum*
of geometry without dizziness or
disaster. I have heard him read-
ing in the simplest primers, and I
have heard him discuss "Conscien-
tiousness" in his mental philosophy
studies. The worst students among
them fail; the best succeed, just as
other people do. I am not afraid
that the Negro will learn too much.
I do not know any people who are
too well educated. Overeducation
is a very remote danger.

3. It is settled that there is slow
but sure progress in the common
schools, in which Negro children
learn the rudiments of an English
education. It is due to better work
in the training schools that pre-
pare the teachers. The better
work is due to wiser methods
learned by experience, and to the
gradual uplifting of the whole Negro
population.

4. It is settled that mere book-
learning is not enough for the
Negro race, because it is not enough
for any race. Head-training alone
may be dangerous. There must
be heart-training also.

Another thing is settled not so
clearly to all, but as surely in the
minds of those who have familiar
and general knowledge of the facts:
Head-training and heart-training
together are not enough for any
people. It is not enough to know
things, and be trained to think; it
is not enough to be good, and to be
trained in morals. People who are
to succeed, who are to be what
they can, and therefore ought to
be, must know how to do things
also. Hand-training must go along
with head and heart-training. In
the education of the Negro indus-
trial-training needs to be stressed,
because the Negro has at this time
great need of it.

All these people know how to do
plain, simple work. They must
learn also how to do higher work
and better-paying work. There
will always be enough people, in
every race, to do the simplest work,
knowing no other sort.

To me it seems almost silly to
ask, why should industrial-training
go along with other training for
these Negro pupils? For these same
reasons it should go along with
the training of other pupils, with
this difference: The need of the
Negro is now greater; also, because
at this time their progress in the
use of tools that belong to skilled
labor will find less to hinder it
than their progress in what are
called the professions. If you
imagine that this is suggested be-
cause I would bar his way in any
direction his capacity allows him
to go, then you do not understand
me. I only respect facts.

The Negro lawyer will not, for a
long time, have as good a chance
as the Negro who is master of
tools. The reasons do not now
concern the fact; the fact abides,
no matter what the reasons are.
Enough of them will try law to
make the experiment. A few will
do well; but every Negro man who
can do good work with tools will
find employment and be well paid.
The man who has skill commands
the field.—The Christian Educator.

Old Folks' Home.

At the regular meeting of the
Old Folks' Home Association, held
Monday September 7, we were the
recipients of the sum of \$50 from
the Teamsters and Loaders' Asso-
ciation to which we extend many
thanks, for their sympathy and be-
nevolence toward those old mothers
and fathers of our race. May Di-
vine blessings rest upon the asso-
ciation, and all others who are
willing to lend a helping hand.

J. W. HILTON, Pres.
ALICE GREEN, Sec'y.
E. J. ARBERSON, Asst Sec'y.

Letters from the Districts.

Austin District, West Texas.

MACK HENSON.

Dear Dr. Albert: I cannot begin this brief letter without first saying a word about the late Presiding Elders' Convention. It was my great pleasure to sit in the assembly of intelligent and representative men of the race at different times, but never have I met a more representative body composed so largely of colored men anywhere; not excepting the Colored Men's National Convention, which convened in Louisville, Ky., in 1882. I was a member of that body, and the whole country watched its proceedings with curious apprehension. And now the eyes of all Christendom are fastened upon the actions had at this convocation of Christian Methodist ministers. I rejoice that many approving expressions have been made with reference to what was done there.

The whole Church has reason to congratulate itself on the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason as Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. I believe that a long prayed for want has been supplied in this important appointment. I believe that if there had been no such convention there would have been no such appointment made. Not that the church was unwilling to grant any such request made by her large colored membership, but that the will of this ever-increasing membership was never concentrated upon a given object and so expressed before.

I believe most firmly that the Church will never express a doubt or fear of the men whom she has trained and educated. The difficulty of recognition rests more with ourselves than with the whole Church. Another great difficulty with which we have had to contend is, that whenever the question of promotion of a worthy man of African descent arises, it has been regarded by some as a signal to draw the color line. Whenever the question of selecting a man of African descent for the bishopric is brought forward, these enemies, in friendly disguise, ask great and long questions, some of which can never be answered.

A denomination that is educating thousands of Negroes, and conferring upon them degrees of scholarly titles, can and will find one who possesses ability and sufficient piety to occupy her episcopal office. And to elect one of this number will dispose of all speculations relative thereto.

I set out to say a word about the Austin District. To sum it all up in a nutshell; the district is in a healthy and growing condition, spiritually and temporally. There never was a time when money was scarcer, and the stewards, class leaders and pastors achieved more success. If half of the skill and energy had been displayed in by-gone days of plenty, no telling what would have been our success financially, leaving off all the low methods and ways resorted to to get money by many ministers and influential persons in the churches of to-day. If one-third of the common-sense, Holy Ghost preaching had been done when men's hearts were tender as is done now-a-days, more than two-thirds of our suffering and bleeding race in the South would have been gathered into the fold of Christ long since, and four-fifths, instead of less than one-third, of the children born and being reared in Christian families, would be in the Sunday schools, instead of running at large like stray horses in the streets of the towns and cities, and over the hills and valleys, with guns and hunting dogs, on the Lord's day. Thousands of the young people, who have spent most of their days at public and private schools, either spend their Sabbaths on excursions or on the baseball grounds. The Sunday schools and churches are deserted; and we firmly believe that God will forsake this heady, godless

race of pleasure-seekers and Sabbath breakers if a speedy halt is not called.

It has come to pass, also, that no more spring times of piety come; the camp meeting grounds are places of speculation now-a-days; even preachers and official members must erect a selling-stand almost alongside God's altar, and thus the power of the Gospel is neutralized. No true Christian minister cares to preach at such meetings any more. We said, at a meeting so surrounded, not long since, that any man who worked seven days a week for a living would fail in the end. Notwithstanding these gigantic evils, which stalk almost without rebuke through the land, the Lord has given us, up to August 6, the convening of the session of the Austin District Conference, 203 conversions. We have 32 Sunday schools and only 1506 scholars. We gave special attention to formulate plans for a Sunday School Institute on the district. We have, including local deacons and elders, 8 local preachers and 24 exhorters. But few of those striving to enter the ministry could pass the examination, though reduced to the lowest modified course. This, of course, has caused some to leave us and seek such honors among other denominations, where it seems that they are conferred without any regard to gifts, grace, or any other qualification of merit, etc., except unworthy ambition. One fellow whom we rejected told a white merchant in a neighboring town that his chief reason for wanting to enter the ministry was for women and money. But we are determined, by the help of God, that so far as we can prevent it, men cherishing such bellish thoughts shall have no place among us. And every preacher and Presiding Elder who permits such lecherous scoundrels to enter are inflicting a great injury upon the Christian community at large. That dastard spirit of unholy rivalry prompts to such proceedings.

West Texas Conference has raised between six and seven thousand dollars to get a school, but we have no school yet. Why the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society doesn't complete our building and operate this school, is indeed hard to understand. If there is to be found a spot where such a school is more needed, let the Society continue to pour out its thousands upon them. Our Church requires an educated ministry; we of the West Texas Conference occupy the extreme limit of American Methodism, and have no school to provide it. Our young men need the aid of such a school; our Methodism needs the stimulus which emanates from such an institution. The SOUTHWESTERN is powerful in her advocacy of education, therefore we plead for her all around.

The Houston (Tex.) District Sunday School Institute.

G. J. IZARD.

Met in its third session in St. James M. E. Church, Beaumont, Tex., August 13.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D.D., P. E., was elected president; V. M. Cole, vice-president; G. J. Izard, secretary, with Miss A. N. Benchley, assistant; W. S. Curtis, recording secretary; Mrs. A. L. Martin, librarian, and Mrs. E. C. Seymore, assistant.

Rev. H. R. Smith, delegate from the Navasota district, was introduced to the Institute. He made a good talk in behalf of having a State Sunday School Institute, which was readily agreed to.

T. Edwards, G. J. Izard, V. M. Cole, Wm. P. Brooks, W. B. Phillips, W. S. Curtis, W. W. Brown, all read grand papers, which were fully discussed.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D.D., Presiding Elder, comes fully up on every line of duty. He is wide-awake and fully equipped to do the work of the church.

Resolutions as follows were adopted:

1. Resolved, That the officers and teachers of our Sunday schools throughout the Houston district unite with the pastors in securing 500 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

2. Resolved, That the Institute extend a vote of thanks to the pastor and good people of Beaumont for their kind and hospitable entertainment, and to Miss A. N. Benchley for furnishing music, and to the secretaries.

Rev. T. Edwards, Miss A. N. Benchley, Wm. P. Brooks, W. S. Curtis, and Wm. Brown were elected a committee on address to Sunday school workers.

W. B. Phillips, T. Edwards and V. M. Cole, committee on Institute. There was preaching during the Institute by Rev. H. R. Smith, and lecturing by Revs. I. B. Scott, G. J. Izard and Tenola Edwards.

The Institute adjourned, to meet at Harrisburg, Texas.

St. John M. E. Church, Natchez, Miss.

The Lord is with us and we are having success. We have enlarged our membership greatly this year, erected a neat church edifice, and greatly strengthened our cause.

This church was completed a few weeks since, and entered with joy by our patient and faithful little flock.

"We are not entirely out of the woods." We need \$270 to pay off our contractor. The Mississippi Conference, at its last session at Moss Point, pledged \$300 for Natchez M. E. Church. At this writing only two or three have done anything. We need that money, and need it now. If all the brethren will send the money to me by October 15, we will be able to pay every cent and leave our work at Natchez with a bright future ahead.

Let me hear from the Mississippi Conference at once. "The strong must help to bear the infirmities of the weak."

S. A. COWAN, P. E.

Vicksburg, Miss.

Monroe (La.) District Conference.

M. H. HUNTER.

The second session of the Monroe District Conference convened at Mt. Olive M. E. Church, Bastrop, La., August 21.

There were 52 members present. Rev. S. Priestley, president; M. H. Hunter, secretary; H. H. Phillips, assistant; E. C. Goings, statistical secretary; H. B. Hart, assistant; C. W. Kershaw, treasurer. Welcome address by Miss Estelle Levy.

Opening sermon by Rev. F. M. Lashington.

The Presiding Elder's report was full of encouragement. Success had been had in all the departments of the old church. Conversion of souls and improvements are the encouraging results.

The reports of pastors, local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, district stewards, and class leaders, were read from nearly every charge on the district.

The district is now having a tidal wave of revival.

There is a great deal of unoccupied territory in this part of the State, where our Methodism ought to be established.

The conference was favored with the presence of Rev. S. Duncan, Presiding Elder of the Shreveport district, and Profs. J. E. L. Haskins of Winsted, and B. M. Hubbard, A. B., of Alexandria. These Brethren's visit to Bastrop was a benediction to the community.

H. H. Phillips was recommended for admission into the travelling connection.

The local preachers had their characters passed and their licenses renewed.

The case of J. W. L. Young was referred to the quarterly conference.

The following resolution touching local preachers was adopted: Be it Resolved, That every local preacher must get the books as laid down, or a part of them, and subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN, and attend the district conference

with a written report, unless they give satisfactory excuses.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That we request Drs. Hartzell and Albert to petition the Board of Bishops to ask the General Missionary Committee to make a special appropriation for the work in North Louisiana, as the field is ripening in this large territory.

Resolutions respecting our church institutions, the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN, and of thanks to the pastors of Bastrop, Washington and Mt. Nebo Chapels for their hospitable entertainment; and to Presiding Elder S. Priestley for his fatherly and Christian manner of conducting the work on the district, were unanimously adopted.

The following pastors read able essays on the subjects assigned to them: C. W. Kershaw, E. C. Goings, F. M. Lashington.

Our district conference union meeting, on Sunday, was an enjoyable time. Two persons joined the church. G. W. Washington, E. C. Goings, C. W. Kershaw, H. H. Phillips, F. M. Lashington, M. S. Goings, A. Gray and H. B. Hart preached effective sermons. Lake Providence was chosen as the seat of the district conference.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noted; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Names and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

J. Jones, Anderson, Tex.

My fourth quarterly conference was held Sept. 5, 6, by Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder.

The Presiding Elder preached a wonderful sermon to a crowded house. Paid Presiding Elder \$18.00, pastor \$49.50, benevolences \$7, total \$74.50. I have just closed my protracted meeting with 25 conversions, 8 reclaimed and 4 received on probation; a total of 36 added to the church. Four received in full membership. I am pushing to raise all of my benevolent money by October 27, and am doing all I can for the good old SOUTHWESTERN. I want to send in some new subscribers with the cash in a few days.

A. Butler, Waynesboro, Miss.

Our conference met with Rev. M. Shumppert, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The reports all showed the work prospering. One new church had been built, in which we held the conference. One subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN was sent in with the cash. On Sunday the Elder preached a very forcible sermon, which reached the hearts of all. Then came the dedication of our new church.

H. Matthews, Opelika, Ala.

My church and Sunday school are in a healthy condition. Our new church is now framed. Our protracted meeting has opened with excellent prospects. We have lost 3 members this year.

William Barly, Texarkana, Tex.

We have just closed a three weeks' meeting, which resulted in 19 conversions and 23 accessions. Our meeting closed with the third quarterly conference on the 30th of August. The Presiding Elder was not with us, so the pastor held the conference. Two joined the church. Collection for the day \$16.55. We are preparing to meet the Annual Conference this year with a full report on all lines, the Lord being willing. Pray for us.

Joseph Johnson, Bunkie, La.

Our third quarterly conference convened August 29, 30. Paid Presiding Elder \$8, pastor \$38. Received 11 in the church. We are moving along nicely. Total this quarter \$78.

D. Richardson, Howells Cross Roads, Ala.

My second quarterly conference was held August 24, 25, in the midst of our revival. The visiting pastors who labored with me in our revival were: Revs. I. Townsend, Presiding Elder, S. J. Robinson and A. Nichols. After two weeks our meeting closed with 14 converts and one accession. Paid Presiding Elder \$11.15.

E. Z. Goodman, Peltier, Tenn.

Rev. C. Boyd, Presiding Elder, held my fourth quarterly conference August 22. Paid Elder \$3.60, pastor \$3.40, raised for Church Extension \$1. The Elder preached a wonderful sermon. Received 3 into full membership. The writer held the conference at Jonesboro Mission, Rev. G. W. Jackson pastor, for the Presiding Elder. Reports showed they were moving right along. Paid Elder \$2.80, pastor \$75. The grand old SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. Our beloved Elder makes it a part of his work all over the district to press it upon the attention of everybody.

H. Dunlap, Atoka, Tenn.

I have just closed my protracted meeting, and we had a glorious time. Some of the worst gamblers were converted and are now holding family prayers. We had 18 converts and added 16 to the church.

S. McDonald, Marche, Ark.

Our revival meeting, just closed, resulted in 8 conversions, 2 reclaimed and 5 accessions to the church. The spiritual condition of this charge is good. I am trying to put the SOUTHWESTERN in every home, and hope to be able to send you 100 cash subscribers before conference.

C. W. Butler, Ingrams Mill, Miss.

Bright Prospect Circuit. My second quarterly conference was held August 22, 23. Our much beloved Elder, Dr. Revels, was not present. He was called to Greenwood to dedicate a church. Paid pastor \$51.20, Elder \$9. We are preparing to build a new church. The lumber is on the ground.

H. M. Renfro, Jacksonport, Ark.

Our week's revival meeting resulted in 12 conversions, 10 of whom joined our church.

A. J. McNair, Shubuta, Miss.

The third quarterly conference for Shubuta Charge was held at Liberty Hill M. E. Church Sept. 4. Presiding Elder J. M. Shumppert in the chair. Reports indicated progress. 71 souls had been happily converted to God and added to the church. Paid pastor \$105.45, Presiding Elder \$15.35. The Elder gave an impressive address to the conference for the SOUTHWESTERN. He preached to a crowded house with much acceptability, and administered the Lord's Supper to 92 persons.

C. P. Westbrook, Dennison and Pilot Point, Texas.

Our revival meeting at Dennison resulted in 5 conversions and 7 additions. At Pilot Point 7 conversions and 2 additions. Total thus far for the year 21. This is my third and, I guess, my last year on this work. I feel that I have done what I could for it. When I entered the work, February of '89, I found very poor churches. I set to work and improved them, and now I venture to say that they will compare favorably with any of our churches in ordinary towns. When I took the work our congregations were small, but they have considerably increased. I trust the brethren will bring every dollar of their benevolent collections on the Waco district. We must not be behind.

Wm. Perry, New Berne Circuit, Ala.

Our revival at New Berne resulted in 35 happily converted and 23 accessions. At Walthall Circuit 21 were converted and 13 joined our church. At Allen's Grove 7 were converted and 4 joined our church. Total converted 63, joined our church 40. We have 60 mourners on hand.

A. J. Fletcher, Loneok, Ark.

My church is now in the midst of a glorious revival. Several have been converted and many more are at the altar.

H. R. Smith, Hockley, Texas.

Our second and third quarterly was held recently with Rev. W. H. Logan presiding. Paid Presiding Elder \$35. Paid pastor \$70.85. Six joined the church.

H. I. Rich, Snow Hill, Md.

I have just closed a grand camp

meeting with 40 converts. White and colored shared in it. I baptized 30 children and 20 adults. The Lord is with us.

Elijah Knott, Oliver's Spring, Tenn., reports the close of his revival, which resulted in ten conversions, and several additions to the church. He was assisted by Revs. A. Merton and Scott.

W. W. Brown, Tabernacle M. E. Church, Galveston, Texas.

One night not long since I went to our East End Church to meeting, leaving my wife and children alone at the parsonage. During my absence a crowd of my members came there, loaded the table with groceries and other good things, put a new stove in the kitchen, sang and prayed and then left. I was sorry, very sorry; that is sorry I was not present. Tabernacle members praise God and take care of their pastor.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my husband and son. I left them or was sold from them in Shelby county, Kentucky, before the war. I belonged to a man named Josiah Reaser. My husband's name was William Roman. He belonged to a man named Reuben Dale. My son's name was William Thomas Roman, and was but 4 years old when I was taken from him. When I was sold from husband and son I was called Emeline Reaser, and my husband was called Will Dale. The last I heard of my child my master had given him to his daughter, Mrs. Mahoney. Any information concerning either will be gladly received. Address me, Emily Patterson, corner East Bluff and Pecan street, Fort Worth, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my people whom I left in Georgia. We came to Mississippi in 1866, with a man by the name of Dick Walton. My mother's name was Phillis Walton. She had two sisters, Frances and Esther, and one brother named Harrison Walton. My father's name was York Jenkins. He had three sisters, Creasy, Amanda and Eliza, and two brothers, Sam and Joe. Mother had four girls, Margaret, Susan, Emma and Rachael. Any one knowing these persons please address S. A. Laird, Sardis, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to inquire for my people. Bob, Dave, Sie, William, Daniel, Millie, Emma and Nancy Johnson. These are my brothers and sisters. Any information will be gladly received. Address Washington Jackson, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my husband, Charley Sims. We are both from Durham, N. C. We were married in North Carolina by Elder Long in the Baptist Church. My husband left me in Millville, Miss., Dec. 3, 1890, in time of high water and went to Greenwood, Miss. He wrote to me to come to Greenwood, but on account of high water I could not come at the time he wrote for me. When I went he was gone and I have not seen him since. We were married May 30, 1889. Any one finding him will oblige me by writing me, Clairro Sims, care of pastor M. E. Church, Greenwood, Miss.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know what to say; read what he says:

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Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Mississippi Conference, Meridian District.

Five Thousand Dollar Rally For the Building of Meridian Academy.

Dear Brethren: Below is the apportionment for each charge on the \$5,000 plan. I have arranged through the courtesy and assistance of Presiding Elder Shumpert, to visit your charges in the near future. Dates will be furnished you in due time. Don't wait however till I come. Begin the work at once. Let our people know how necessary it is to have a new building at Meridian, but tell them that the society can do nothing until this amount is raised. Get as much cash as possible and the balance in subscriptions to be paid no later than the second Sunday in November. Bro. Payne and his noble band at Meridian have started off with cash and subscriptions amounting to more than \$1,200. Let all others do as well and the new building for the seminary is safe.

Your Brother,
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Forest	P. R. Crump	300
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Heidelberg	Nelson Toole	150
Hickory	P. Blue	175
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Lake Como	R. Tate	100
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Quitman	A. Jordan	200
Shubuta	A. J. McNair	300
Shubuta Cir.	M. May	225
Stonewall	R. H. Patten	225
Waynesboro	A. Butler	225

Bishop Hurst to Chaplain McCabe.

My Dear Chaplain:—I congratulate you on the great increase in the missionary collections. No one could have dared prophesy this great advance. The Lord is leading our people in this marvelous movement. If, as now seems almost certain, when our Missionary Committee meets in November we are once more out of debt, we shall sing the Doxology as never before. God bless you and your associates in this great achievement!

Yours fraternally,
JOHN F. HURST.

General Church News.

Since Protestantism entered Mexico, about twenty-five years ago, sixty-six Protestants have given their lives for their faith.

The Baptist Missionary Society celebrates next year the centenary of its existence, when it is proposed to raise \$500,000 for the extension of the society's operations.

During its long period of existence the British and Foreign Bible Society has issued one hundred and twenty-four million copies of Scripture writings, translated into two hundred and ninety tongues.

The growth of Protestantism in Japan during the last three years has been remarkable. Three years ago there were only thirty-eight Protestant Churches in that country; now they have 151. Then they had 3,700 members, and now 11,600.

Before christianity entered India, lepers were treated with shocking inhumanity. Many of them were buried alive. The English rulers have put a stop to this custom, and for fourteen years there has been a special christian mission to the 135,000 lepers in India.

The progress made in the translation of the Bible during the last century has been marvelous. Now the Bible is translated into the languages of fully nine tenths of the earth, whereas in the beginning only one fifth were able to read it with their native tongue.

A missionary writes: "Evangelization among the South Sea Islands has been largely carried on by native converts. It is wonderful to see their devotion to the work. Hundreds have sacrificed their lives to carry the Gospel to the heathen. Sixty from one church in the Harvey group have been killed while acting as missionaries."

It is noble to minister to the body; to minister to the soul is nobler; but the noblest of all is to minister to both body and soul. Christ attended to both body and soul, and the missionaries in general are treading in his footsteps; but who has a greater or better opportunity of doing so than a medical missionary? Hence the work of a medical missionary is greatly valued. He is loved by all, because he is looked upon as a well-wisher, and hence his teaching is listened to with great attention. We have a few such medical missionaries; we want many more.

General News Items.

The Second Annual State Fair of the Louisiana State Fair Association, will take place at Baton Rouge, Oct. 6-10, 1891. The grounds will be open for the reception of exhibits Oct. 25. The indications are that the fair will be one of the grandest ever held in this State.

The colored people of Boston are making an effort to place Wm. H. Dupree (postmaster Station A) on the Republican ticket for State Auditor.

Joseph Lloyd, is a merchant at Haynesville, Ala., and an extensive land owner in Lowndes county, owning 400 acres, and otherwise worth \$250,000.

The first Afro-American chaplain to be appointed and commissioned was H. V. Plummer, chaplain of the ninth cavalry; the second was Allen Ailesworth, chaplain of the twenty-fourth infantry, and the third is T. G. Stewart, chaplain of the twenty fifth infantry.

The Pullman Palace Car Company has issued orders to its agents to sell tickets for berths to any one who is able to pay for the same, regardless of color and the laws of the States which provide for the separate cars.

Selma, Ala., is full of colored bookmen and others who are worth in stock and real estate from \$50 to \$1,000.

The unclaimed bounty fund for colored sailors and soldiers in the national treasury amounts to \$2,000,000.

The colored citizens of Birmingham, Ala., have organized a cemetery association whose capital stock is \$10,000.

Scott Brutley owns a four hundred acre farm and runs a grocery in Selma, Ala. He is worth \$12,000. Jeff Richardson owns a three hundred acre farm, runs a grocery, and is worth \$50,000. Ben Matthews owns a wholesale and retail liquor house, as large as is in the city. Miller Hardy is proprietor of the Madagascar House.

Rev. Dr. James M. Townsend should be made a bishop in his church. The great A. M. E. Church would honor itself by elevating the soldier, legislator, scholar, orator, christian gentleman. He would be a light in the bishopric that would shine for the race and humanity the world over.—Alexandria Leader.

Mr. Frederick Douglass maintains that the emancipated slaves of the South should be pensioned by the

government as payment for the unpaid labor which they performed while in slavery. This is an interesting offset to another claim once made, that the government should pay the slaveholders for the slaves whom they lost by the act of emancipation.—N. Y. Sun.

Books and Current Literature.

The Season for October is just out, and is full of beautiful autumn designs in dress and art work. All the articles shown from month to month can be depended on as originals—not simply copies from other periodicals—thus making it more valuable. Single copies 30 cents. Yearly subscription, \$3.50. The International News Company, 83 and 85 Duane street New York.

Choir singers have great difficulty in finding new and suitable anthems of a practical character. Books are expensive, and the few really good things in them are soon snatched to death. The Musical Visitor, a monthly magazine, which, after a thorough investigation of its merits, we can heartily endorse, furnishes each month sixteen pages of short anthems and voluntaries of an entirely practical character, which can be well prepared in one or two thorough rehearsals. Published by the John Church Co., Cincinnati.

The Clafin University Catalogue, Orangeburg, S. C., for 1890-91, a pamphlet of 88 pages, exhibits the marvelous development of that great centre of power and influence, which is doing so much for the elevation of our people in the South Atlantic States.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright will begin in the October Popular Science Monthly a series of papers under the title Lessons from the Census. In the first of these he sketches the changes in scope and methods which the United States census has undergone in the past hundred years, and shows that its immense growth has made it a somewhat clumsy machine. Prof. A. E. Dolbear will contribute to the October Popular Science Monthly an essay on Metamorphoses in Education. It is a thoughtful paper, and shows that, since education is a process of fitting men for their environment, a change in its character was necessitated by the change in the conditions of human life that has taken place in modern times. The Rivalry of the Higher Senses is the title of a paper by Prof. G. T. W. Patriok, to appear in the October Popular Science Monthly. It points out how greatly we differ from the ancients in receiving most of our information through the eye while they took in theirs more largely through the ear. Some of the consequences of this change are also noted. The second of Prof. Frederick Starr's articles on Dress and Adornment, in the Popular Science Monthly, will be published in the October number. The author maintains that dress arose from a desire for ornament rather than from a sense of shame. He describes a number of beautiful garments that are made by savages, and illustrates his descriptions with a large number of pictures.

Songs of Joy and Gladness No. 2 now ready. The success of Songs of Joy and Gladness No. 1 is unparalleled, having reached a circulation of nearly half a million copies in six years. All this has been accomplished without advertising the book in any paper. In issuing No. 2 the publishers are persuaded that in every particular it is the equal of No. 1. It contains the latest and best compositions of its compilers, while its reprints are among the most popular in use. It is replete with new pieces, which are destined to make the book a favorite in all christian circles. McDonald, Gill & Co., 36 Bromfield street, Boston, and 57 Washington street, Chicago.

Help Poor Africa!

Some weeks ago we published a very pathetic letter from Africa, appealing for papers for the reading room of our mission school at Cape Palmas, West Coast of Africa. In answer to this, the Rev. J. B. Middleton, of Sumpter, S. C., offered \$10 toward the establishment of the African Christian Advocate. To this we offered to add our subscription of \$10, and others have been solicited to join their contributions for the same purpose. To this we have thus far received no responses. In the absence of a printing press in Liberia, there remains but one thing for American christians to do, and that is, to see

that those poor people are supplied with the right kind of reading matter from the American press. We therefore appeal to our readers to supply the means whereby we may be able to furnish the SOUTHWESTERN to our Cape Palmas school reading room, and to worthy and needy ones in the Black Republic. For \$2 we will send the SOUTHWESTERN to such persons for a whole year, postage prepaid. Who will send us \$2 and thereby assist in the evangelization of Africa? If you can't go there yourself, send them the SOUTHWESTERN as a missionary agent to assist in their evangelization and salvation.

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Conferences, 1891.

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Conferences in the United States.

Conference. Place. Time. Bishop.

Cincinnati..... Urbana, O..... Sept. 2.... Foster

Iowa..... Muscatine, Ia..... 2.... Foss

N. W. Cor. 4th St. Minn. Seattle, Wash. 2.... McCreanahan

Chicago German Church, Chicago, Ill. 2.... Newman

West German, St. Joseph, Mo. 2.... Goodsell

St. Louis German, St. Louis, Mo. 9.... Bowman

Norwegian & Dan. Church, Ill. 9.... Merrill

California..... Pacific Grove, Cal. 9.... Mallon

El Paso..... Mesquite, Pa. 9.... Fowler

Northwest Swedish, Chicago, Ill. 9.... Vincent

Cent. Illinois..... Moline, Ill. 9.... Joyce

Michigan..... Grand Rapids, Mich. 9.... Newman

Central German, Covington, Ky. 9.... Foster

N. Pac. German, St. Paul, Minn. 16.... McCreanahan

Illinois..... Bloomington, Ill. 16.... Warren

Des Moines..... Des Moines, Ia. 16.... Foss

Cal. Germ. Miss. San Jose, Cal. 16.... Mallon

Northwest Iowa..... Ft. Dodge, Ia. 16.... Vincent

East Ohio..... Akron, O. 16.... Fowler

Wisconsin..... Chippewa Falls, Wis. 16.... Vincent

Columbia Ky. Jackson Falls, Wash. 16.... Newman

Detroit..... Washington, Ind. 16.... Joyce

Indiana..... Vincennes, Ind. 16.... Goodsell

North Nebraska..... Omaha, Neb. 16.... Goodsell

South Dakota..... Rapid City, S. D. 16.... Merrill

Minnesota..... Red Wing, Minn. 16.... Warren

S. Illinois..... Mt. Vernon, Ill. 16.... Foss

Northwest German, Charles City, Ia. 16.... Foss

North Nebraska..... Omaha, Neb. 16.... Goodsell

South California, Los Angeles, Cal. 16.... Mallon

Ohio..... Zanesville, O. 16.... Vincent

Wisconsin..... Oshkosh, Wis. 16.... Fowler

North Ohio..... Toledo, O. 16.... Newman

Nebraska..... Lincoln, Neb. 16.... Goodsell

Kentucky..... Newport, Ky. 16.... Foster

North Dakota..... Grand Forks, N. D. 16.... Merrill

Genesee..... Danville, N. Y. 16.... Andrews

West Virginia..... Wheeling, W. Va. 16.... Warren

W. Va. Indian South Bend, Ind. 16.... Vincent

Pittsburgh..... Uniontown, Pa. 16.... Fowler

Upper Iowa..... Davenport, Ia. 16.... Vincent

Central New York..... Cortland, N. Y. 16.... Joyce

West Nebraska..... North Platte, Neb. 16.... Goodsell

Arizona Miss. Flagstaff, Ariz. Oct. 8.... Mallon

North Carolina..... Winston, N. C. 15.... Warren

East Tennessee..... Morristown, Tenn. 15.... Nindo

New Mex. Spas. Miss. Pecos, N. M. 15.... Mallon

Dakota..... Sioux Falls, S. Dak. 21.... Warren

Blue Ridge..... Asheville, N. C. 21.... Warren

Holston..... Chattanooga, Tenn. 21.... Nindo

New Mex. Eng. Miss. Las Vegas, N. M. 21.... Vincent

Tennessee..... Murfreesboro, Tenn. 21.... Joyce

Central Tennessee..... Erin, Tenn. 21.... Foster

Austin..... Waco, Tex. 25.... Hurst

Texas..... Houston, Tex. 25.... Hurst

Southern German..... Seguin, Tex. 9.... Hurst

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THE next civil service examination for the customs service will be held at the customhouse, Oct. 6. Blank applications can be obtained from J. M. Holland, secretary.

THE second Sunday in October is Good Tidings Day. Let it be observed in every church. Send the collection to Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D.D., corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union, New York.

How is your Sunday school? Is it provided with every available Sunday school help? The pastor that fails to have his school thus supplied, may be prosperous now, but with a loose grip upon the young people, it will not flourish long.

WHY not organize the Epworth League on every charge in our territory. It is one of the best auxiliaries that we can put in operation in our charges. Write to the Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D.D., corresponding secretary, S. S. Union, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, for further information.

THE following changes take place in the presidency of Annual Conferences on account of Bishop Vincent's absence in Europe: Bishop Bowman will take the Wisconsin Conference; Bishop Newman the Upper Iowa, and Bishop Andrews the Northwest Swedish and the West Wisconsin Conferences.

I. E. STARNES, of Beeville, Texas, read a paper at the recent session of the San Antonio, (Texas), district Conference, entitled "Should Pastors do Manual Labor." It gave evidence of a perfect mastery of the subject, and is of such high merit that we would gladly publish it, as requested by that district conference, but for its length and our pressure for space.

HAVE you registered? You must bear in mind that all registration papers issued prior to January 1, 1891, are worthless. If you want to record your vote as a citizen against the infamous lottery inebrius, you must be sure and register. The registration office in this city is on Camp street, opposite Lafayette Square. Lose no time, but attend to this matter at once, before you are crowded out.

Will Colored Students Be Admitted?

The editor of the *Central Methodist* (M. E. Church South), being disturbed over the prospects of seeing all classes of Americans admitted into the great American University, which is being so vigorously pushed forward by Bishop Hurst, wrote the Bishop to find out whether Negroes would be admitted therein or not. To this the Bishop answered:

"The students to be received, when once we are ready, will be determined in a way satisfactory to the whole Christian constituency, I am very sure. So far we have not considered the question you ask. There are three representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church South on our Board—Bishop Wilson and two laymen. I am very sure they are excellent representatives and will advise wisely."

This evasive answer, Dr. Meeks construes to be "as good as a denial" that colored people are to be admitted. For their admission, Dr. Meeks declares, "would not be satisfactory to the whole Christian constituency."

We submit that from our knowledge of Bishop Hurst, we are satisfied that such is not the proper construction to be placed upon his answer to Dr. Meeks. But since such a construction has been placed thereon, there remains but one honest course to pursue, and that is to give an unequivocal expression touching the proposed attitude of the American University toward this omnipresent color question. To collect money for its erection and endowment upon any other grounds would not be fair to those occupying either side of the question. Let us know once for all whether this great institution is to be a great national institution, open to all Americans irrespective of race or color, or whether it is to be another national monument for the perpetuation of the hateful spirit of unchristian caste or proscription. Honesty is the best policy, every time.

The Better Way.

Our people spend entirely too much time in taking up their collections. In many of the churches nearly half the time spent at a service is spent in drumming up the people to the collection table. The thing is a nuisance. We all know our Christian duty. We know the minister cannot live on air, nor his family dress in fig leaves, neither can churches be built, lighted, cleaned, etc., for a song. It takes money to do those things. Now why not crowd each aisle as soon as the collection is called for and give in one trip to the table all you can possibly contribute? Why wait for a regular ding-dong of songs, clapping and a whole lot of wicked flatteries from stewards and preachers to rally you up to the table to give a nickel? Far better, too, it would be if our people would encourage by their liberality the basket collection system. As it is, unless invited to come to the table, to exhibit their bonnets and fine dresses, they give so little that pastors and stewards have had to return to the table system after adopting the basket system, and all its confusion. We have been free nearly thirty years, and it is high time that we leave such customs of slavery to the days that are past. Another thing, many will not give anything until somebody sings a shouting, "praise" that one can scarcely distinguish from a jig or a roudou dance song. Pastors, officers, people, the thing is outrageously repulsive to the growing intelligence around us. It tends to drive intelligent young people away from the church, to the club house, the saloon, the baseball grounds and other demoralizing places, to their ruin and the loss of the church. Let a general halt be called. We fear that our people are not sufficiently instructed on these lines from the pulpit. We are given to be too much satisfied

with a shout, a good time, in our churches. Man is a three fold being, and should be provided for by the church accordingly. The church should provide healthful and pleasant recreation of untainted moral character for her young people, lest they go to the world for such as will destroy their soul and body. Every possible effort should be exerted to provide for their intellectual wants, by means of good books, papers, organizations of a literary character, and the pastor's regular weekly lectures on various topics of interest. Brethren let us all give weekly lectures to our people regularly. Teach the people something. Take care of their intellect. For what enters the brains, drips down into the heart, and is diffused into all our lives and actions. Suppose the pastor preceded his weekly class meeting with a twenty or thirty minutes' lecture; one week on education; another on temperance; another on mission church extension, Methodism, wholesome reading, race interest, etc. What a tremendous uplift would be felt on all lines, throughout our church among our people! Try it.

Southern Education Day.

By the action of the Board of Directors of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society at its last meeting, July 14th, the time set apart as Southern Education Day was changed from the second Sunday in May to the fourth Sunday in November of each year. This was done to accommodate the Epworth Leagues, so that their celebration might come upon the anniversary of their organization. We call special attention to this change, and urge every pastor to observe the fourth Sunday in November as Southern Education Day.

A special Sunday Service will be prepared for this day. It will be full of interesting information.

The only charge will be sufficient to cover postage.

Write Dr. Hartzell, Cincinnati, for further information.

An Earnest Appeal.

Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder of Alexandria district, has lost his mind. His friends have decided to send him from Shreveport to this city for treatment. He will reach here this week. Having a large family of a wife and eleven dependent children, he has not the means for their support and his treatment. Will not every pastor in the Louisiana Conference take up a collection for him, and every one reading these lines send a dime or a dollar to help him. Please help him, and help at once. Send to this office, to Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., Secretary Louisiana Conference.

"IMMEDIATE help or death!" Such is the desperate appeal which Dr. T. C. Carter, of the *Methodist Advocate*, makes for his paper in the last issue. The paper is in the hands of the law for execution of judgment, and unless immediate relief comes its death is inevitable. We greatly sympathize with our dear brother, and hope he will be speedily helped out of the present stringency. It is indeed a great pity that after Dr. Carter has sunk \$5000 in keeping his paper alive it should perish, when, if what is due it were paid, it would be free to continue in its career of great usefulness. Brethren, pay up. Those of you who owe the SOUTHWESTERN, take this lesson of our confrere's to heart, and pay us what you owe us. Pay us, brethren, pay us.

THE Ecumenical Methodist Conference which meets in Washington, D. C., October 7-21, promises to be the grandest Protestant convocation the world ever witnessed. Let the church pray that it may be most powerfully visited with a pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost, such as will result in wonderful revival fires all over the world.

Political Review.

Massachusetts Republicans held their State Convention last week, and nominated a strong ticket, headed with Chas. H. Allen for Governor.

New York Democracy, weakened by the factional fights between Tammany, county Democracy, Cleveland, and Hill Democrats, nominated a ticket last week, headed with Rosewell P. Flower for Governor. Republicans are correspondingly jubilant and express the hope that Hon. J. S. Fessett, Republican candidate for Governor will be elected with a sweeping majority.

The campaigns in Ohio, Iowa, and Pennsylvania are fairly open now, with the most favorable indications for the success of the Republican party.

The Farmers' Alliance, like other movements favoring any class, is not assuming the proportions that was expected of it some time ago.

A call for a third party convention has been issued to meet at Alexandria, La., Sept. —, 1891. It calls upon all persons, regardless of political creed, who are in sympathy with the Ocala platform, to meet in convention for the purpose of devising the best means for advancing the general interest of the farming and laboring classes.

The secular press continues to laud the lottery, and to exaggerate the meetings which are held nightly in its behalf. The people are awakening however, and will not be misled by such "paid advertisement" matter. Let all our people register and prepare to record their vote against the monstrous and outrageous fraud.

THE proceedings of the Fifth State Sunday School Convention held in this city May 5-7, is on our table, for which we return thanks to Mr. John E. Rodd, corresponding secretary, 70 Gravier street, New Orleans. It is neatly gotten up, but very defective. Without stating the fact, it ignores the thousands of colored children that attend Sunday school in this State every Sunday. It reports for the Methodist Episcopal Church South, 265 schools, 1,528 officers and teachers and 13,846 scholars, and for the Methodist Episcopal, 16 schools, 87 officers and teachers and 922 scholars. These must be statistics of our white schools, because our conference minutes of the Methodist Episcopal Church shows: 249 schools, 1,163 officers and teachers, and 13,819 scholars. In like manner the colored children of all the other churches are not counted. To what kind of a heaven are those people going?

The General Missionary Committee will meet in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, O., on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m.

C. O. MCCABE,
J. O. PECK,
A. B. LEONARD,
Cor. Secretaries.

Personal.

Mrs. Pierre Landry who, with her two children and Miss Nellie Landry, had been spending part of the summer at Shreveport and Mansfield, is now home again.

President C. E. Libby, of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., has returned from his summer vacation, and is vigorously pushing forward the interests of that institution. His heart's in the work.

A note from Presiding Elder M. M. Alston, informs us that Rev. E. E. West, at Elberton, Ga., is sick and destitute, and needs the help of his brethren. Send him a dollar or whatever you can, in care of Rev. S. B. Beaufort, Elberton, Ga.

G. W. Thompson, trustee and leader of class sixteen in Wesley Chapel, residing at 142 Cypress street, this city, was agreeably surprised on the night of the 3rd inst by nearly a hundred of his friends, it being the first anniversary

of his marriage. Many useful and amusing presents were left, and ice cream and cake was served in abundance.

Just as we go to press the news comes to us that Mrs. Fredonia Courtney, wife of Rev. Joseph Courtney, died at Springfield, Ohio, September 12. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved ones. Particulars next week.

Rev. E. H. Clark, of Wilson, La., is visiting his family here, and called last Monday. He is doing a good work.

Rev. Frank Harvey, called last Monday and reported his work at Central, La., in splendid shape. He has just completed a fine steeple to his church, at a cost of \$175.

Among our visitors last Monday were Messrs. A. Edwards and A. J. Ford, and Revs. A. W. Page of the A. M. E. Church, and E. E. Rousseau of the Congregational Church, all of this city. Call again, brethren.

Prof. David Abner, Jr., of Marshall, Texas, takes to himself a handsome bride at 8 o'clock tonight, in the person of Miss Ella May, of Brenham, Texas. The nuptials take place at the Mt. Rose Baptist Church, in Brenham. Our best wishes are extended to the happy couple. Their future address is Guadalupe College, Seguin, Tex.

We were led into an error when we announced last week that Bro. Milo Hatcher was not in good standing in his church at Bunkie, La. Bro. Johnson, his pastor, simply meant to enquire of his whereabouts.

The *Standard Pelican* is to be congratulated upon the accession of so able a writer upon its editorial corps as Chas. B. Bourgeois, of St. Charles parish. Mr. Bourgeois supported the lottery in the last General Assembly. We hope his accession to his present position has no friendly reference to that infamous gambling institution. Has it?

We congratulate Rev. Dr. W. P. Stowe, of the Western Book Concern, upon the celebration of his sixtieth birthday, a few days ago.

Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon, the great London preacher, whose serious illness excited universal sympathy, is now said to be on the high road to recovery.

Dr. Homer Eaton, New York Book Concern Agent, is in California, giving attention to Book Concern affairs, and is having a generous welcome from all parties.

Rev. D. G. Pharris, pastor at Mtnson, called Saturday. His church is booming. The Sunday school has been supplied with helps and most of the apportionments raised.

BISHOP Vincent was pastor at Galena, Ill., in 1859-61, and in a letter expressing regret at his inability to be present at the recent unveiling of the Grant Monument in that city, he said: "I well remember Captain U. S. Grant as he occupied Sabbath after Sabbath, a pew in the Benoh Street Church, of which I was pastor. He was an attentive hearer of God's Word, and many personal statements of his to me, some of them in writing, bear testimony to the fact that the Word of God echoed in the Galena pulpit in those days of peril were not lost, but fell into the heart of our great leader."

Schools and Colleges.

Gilbert Academy and Agricultural College.

The fall term will begin Tuesday, October 6, 9 a. m. Professor L. D. Gilbert, from Ohio, is vice-president, and will be present at the opening. Mrs. Gilbert is preceptor. Professor H. A. Morton, formerly of Leland University, will also be present, in charge of the department of mathematics and of Smith Hall.

Dr. C. B. Anderson will have charge of the boarding hall, and Mrs. Anderson will be governess.

All the departments will be well filled. Miss M. A. Williams, of New Orleans, will also be at hand in charge of the same department as last year. Mr. H. A. Walsh, of Newburg, N. Y., will have charge

of the printing office, and Mr. G. A. Young, of Manchester, N. H., will have charge of carpentry. Mrs. G. J. West, Jr., of Winsted, will preside in the sewing department.

We desire students, as far as possible, to be present the first day. All old debts must be promptly paid at the beginning. Every student must show a receipt for all the monthly bills before admission to the boarding hall or the classes. There will be no dead heads. The bills of a limited number of orphans will be paid for them.

We request ministers and pastors to call the attention of their people to the points named in this communication.

Thanks to God for all his goodness. W. D. GODMAN, Pres.

The New President of Wiley University.

Rev. P. A. Cool, A.M., of the Central Illinois Conference, has been selected by Dr. Hartzell, as president of Wiley University, at Marshall, Texas, and will be at his post in a few days.

President Cool graduated at Hedding College, Illinois, in 1870. Has been a leading pastor and Presiding Elder in his conference. Was a member of the last General Conference, and has traveled extensively in this country and in Europe. He has for several years been greatly interested in our Southern educational work, and we predict for Wiley University a great success under his presidency.

The Central Alabama Conference Academy, Huntsville, Ala., opened September 7. A brighter day has never been seen in the history of this school. Prof. A. W. McKinney at the head of this noble institution is a man of education, and a Christian gentleman. Under the leadership of such a man, the school is bound to reach its desired end. We have the best school in North Alabama. It is the place for our young people. We are glad to know that Dr. Hartzell has placed Bro. McKinney in charge. A more worthy man could not be found. He has the confidence of all. We are not ashamed of our school. The doors are open to all.

W. G. ALLEN.

Important Notice.

A department for deaf mutes will be opened in New Orleans University at the time of the regular opening, October 5, if a sufficient number of pupils can be secured.

Let all friends interested in these afflicted ones among us, notify them or send names or addresses immediately to

PRESIDENT ADKINSON.

1423 St. Charles Avenue.

Bishop Mallalieu has taken upon himself the burden of raising the money to establish and endow the Medical College in New Orleans in connection with our New Orleans University. He bought that splendid property, located on Canal street, on faith. God has honored that faith so that the property is paid for. To do this, the bishop was compelled to borrow five thousand dollars in addition to raising over ten thousand. Will not a few generous souls send the bishop this money?

In addition to this, he is raising an endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars, and has made an excellent start.

Bishop Mallalieu has been in the South seven years. He knows the needs of the colored people. He is interested in their welfare, and ought to be aided in his efforts to build up the Medical College in New Orleans. Do not fail to write to him in regard to this enterprise, and cheer his heart by a liberal contribution.

This Medical College will be a boon and a blessing to millions of our colored people in the South.

The death-rate among the colored people in the South is much greater than among the whites. We must care for the bodies of our colored people as well as for their souls.

His address is 1423 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La.—Christian Educator.

DAILY BREAD.

God employs no hired help.

God loves people who walk straight.

Nothing that is done for Christ is little.

The best place for us is the one God picks out.

The truly great are those who conquer themselves.

"They that seek the Lord understand all things."

God's workers are never paid in the devil's money.

God is behind every man who leans against him.

To be a servant of sin is to be a servant of the devil.

The way to do hard things easy is to do them for Christ.

God's way of helping us is to help us to help ourselves.

The man who helps his brother is doing something that pleases God.

The young man who had great possessions kept them and lost Jesus.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Those who go upon errands of love for Christ must start with clean feet.

Jesus said: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

The devil is always there to listen when Christians get into a controversy.

To obtain salvation the sinner needs to take nothing to God but his sins.

There is no such thing as being a Christian without doing as a Christian does.

The man who does his best in the place he has now is on his way to a better place.

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

When some men pay their preacher they feel as though they were paying their gas bill.

The devil don't care how much praying we do against the saloon, if that is all we do.

The devil lives in the same house with the man who is always boasting about how moral he is.

Jesus praised two women for their liberal giving, but no man gave enough to attract his attention.

Mothers have it in their power to do as much toward lifting the world up to God as the preachers.

Never shake hands with the devil, no matter how nice and harmless his hands may look. There are claws under the skin.

You are doing one of two things, brother. You are either helping your neighbor out of the ditch, or helping to make a ditch for him to fall into. Which is it?

God loves to see a man take off his coat and roll up his sleeves as though he meant something. They are not building any mansions in heaven for people who are neither cold or hot.—*Ram's Horn.*

Homiletics.

Hymns—12: Jesus, thou everlasting King. 279: Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire. 272: I worship thee, O Holy Ghost.

Scripture Lesson—St. John xvi.

Text—St. John xvi. 14. He shall glorify me.

Subject—The Holy Spirit glorifying Christ.

Introduction—The Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus—this is the be-

ginning of his office in the world. He glorifies Jesus—that is the goal and the end of his office in believers. The Saviour is about to leave the world by the *via dolorosa* of the Garden and the Cross. To his sorrowing disciples he promises "another Comforter," who is to abide with them forever. It is therefore expedient—better for them that he, their Master, should go away. "For unless I go the Comforter will not come, but if I depart I will send him unto you." It will be his office to convict the world of sin, of righteousness, of judgment. He will guide believers into all the truth. There is no promise here of infallibility concerning general truth, but the reference is solely to that divine truth which saves. The promise is first of all to the Apostles in that which we call *inspiration*. It is a promise also to all believers, that in so far as they really submit themselves to the Holy Spirit they will be guided into all the truth essential to their salvation. And now, in the words of our text, we see another office of the Holy Spirit—to glorify Christ.

Let us to-day look upon:

I. Christ glorified through his Father.

II. Christ glorified through his Kingdom.

III. Christ glorified through the Holy Ghost.

I. The Father has glorified the Son by sharing with him his eternal throne and glory. By making him the author and agent of creation—"All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made." But especially has the Father glorified the Son by making him the author and agent of redemption. By sustaining him in his agony and passion against the gates of hell. By enabling him to triumph over his death in his glorious resurrection, and in his great ascension and exaltation to the right hand of the Majesty on high. So is Christ glorified through his Father.

II. Christ is glorified through his Kingdom. That wild but wonderful genius, Jean Jacques Rousseau—half sage, half savage—has said, "If the life and death of So crates be those of a philosopher, then the life and death of Jesus are those of a God." Bonaparte, on St. Helena, said, "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself founded our empires upon force, and to-day where are they? Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love, and to-day millions are ready to die for him." Ernest Renan, in his "Life of Jesus," a book which may be termed two-thirds French novel and one-third New Testament, says as he gazes upon the cross and its meek sufferer, "Repose now in thy glory, noble founder, thy work is done, thy divinity is established. At the price of a few hours of suffering thou hast purchased the most complete immortality. Hereafter beyond the reach of human frailty, thou shalt witness, from the heights of divine peace, the infinite consequences of thine acts,—a thousand times more beloved since thy death than during the days of thy sojourn here below. Thou hast become to such an extent the cornerstone of humanity that to tear thy name out of this world would be to rend it from its foundations. Complete conqueror of death take possession of thy kingdom. Whither shall we follow thee, by the royal road which thou hast traced ages of worshippers." Thus Christ is glorified in the words of those who are nevertheless really the worst enemies of his church and kingdom. But when we look at his real kingdom in the world, how he is glorified thereby.

He who wandered with the peasant Jew And ate with publicans the bread of shame, And drank with blessings in his Father's name, The water which Samaria's outcast drew, Hath now his temples upon every shore, Altar and shrine and priest— And income dimly evermore rising, With low prayer and hymn.

Before the age of printing the custom of *illuminating* the manuscripts of the Bible with gold and silver, and richly wrought colors and pictures, prevailed. Copies of the Gospels were written on a blue ground in silver, with the name of God in gold. So we might compare all of Christian history to a great illuminated manuscript or Missal, all glorifying the central figure—Jesus Christ the Son of God.

III. But Christ is above all glorified through the Holy Ghost. And through the Holy Ghost as a revealer and teacher, "He shall receive of men and show it unto you." He reveals Christ as he really is—the divine, eternal Son of God, the Redeemer of men. He shall teach, but his teaching begins and ends in Christ. These words are decisive against all additions or pretended revelations, subsequent to and besides Christ. He is to glorify Christ to us, and in us—as the Alpha and Omega, the author and finisher of our faith.

Marriages.

At First Street M. E. Church, New Orleans, La., Mr. Henry Johnson to Miss Jane Langston, August 31.

Mr. Wm. Johnson to Miss Lena Hastings, Sept. 16.

Rev. T. G. Montgomery officiating.

Obituary.

After much suffering, surrounded by relatives and kind friends, death came to the relief of Sister Isabella Reynaud, wife of Mr. John A. Reynaud, of Donaldsonville, La., Sept. 8, at 4 p. m. Sister Reynaud was converted at the early age of 10 years, in 1867, during the successful pastorate of St. Peter's first pastor, the sainted Thomas Kennedy. In the absence of the Rev. H. J. Wright, P. C., Presiding Elder Landry attended her on the last day of her life on earth. To him she expressed perfect resignation to the will of God. Just before her death she called her husband to her bedside and said, "I must go, John. I want you to be a good man and take good care of our children and those of our dear sister," and died. Her remains were taken charge of by the officers and members of the Ladies of Prompt Assistance, of which Society she was an honored member, and from the St. Peter M. E. Church, where the funeral services were conducted by Elder Landry, assisted by Bro. Wallace Long and the Rev. Mr. Allen of the A. M. E. Church, the Association, the members of St. Peter, and a host of other friends, followed her mortal remains to their last resting place in the Protestant Cemetery. The St. Joseph Brass Band furnished the solemn funeral march. P. L.

Forest, Miss.—Sister Mary Gresham, wife of our district steward, Jessie Gresham, departed this life Sept. 7. She lived a faithful Christian 22 years. Age, 55. She leaves a husband, one son and a host of friends to mourn her loss. P. R. Crump, P. C.

Sturges, Miss.—Sister Mattie Smith departed this life August 25, aged 39 years. She lived a faithful member of the church 20 years, and died in full triumph of faith. She was well on the evening of the 25th. Her husband and older children went to church that night and left her well, and came back and found her dead. They have our prayers and sympathy. The funeral was preached to a large congregation. J. M. Walton, P. C.

Sister Payton Smith died in full triumph of faith Sept. 6. She was a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church.

Bro. M. Comings died in full triumph of faith, Sept. 1, after an illness of three years.

Sister Lulu Scott died in full triumph of faith Sept. 1. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss.

Brother Charley Colman, a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church, was killed by his wife while he was asleep, Sept. 6. She then drowned herself and child. She had lost her mind. J. I. Garrett, P. C.

Vidalia, La.—Bro. Washington Williams had been a member of the C. M. E. Church and a class leader for 30 years. I came to Vidalia last February, and he then joined the M. E. Church. He departed this life Sept. 9. Before he died he called his wife and said, "Anna, heaven, heaven, sweet heaven is my home." He then sang, "Shall we know each other there?" and he said, "Yes, we shall know each other there." He leaves a wife, six children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Age, 46 yrs. He was our best member. His funeral was attended by the writer, assisted by Rev. Matthew, of the Baptist Church. H. B. Hart, P. C.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—Maranda Carmichael, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, departed this life Sept. 11. It was sick three weeks, and then it took the wings of the morning and soared to worlds on high. R. Threlkeld, P. C.

Sturges, Miss.—Mr. Andrew Jackson Gordain, aged 21, departed this life Aug. 4. He was not a church member, but four days before he died he professed a hope in Christ. He leaves a father, mother, two sisters and five brothers to mourn his loss. His funeral was preached by Rev. T. L. Inghram and pastor. J. M. Walton, P. C.

Ayer's Agree Cure is warranted to cure all cases of malaria. Sold by druggists. Price, \$1.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

Old Folks' Home.

In accordance with an agreement made in the Louisiana Conference, that each church should pay an assessment monthly for the benefit of the Old Folks' Home; wishing to give honor to whom honor is due, we desire to place before the public and thank those churches that have kept the pledge, viz: St. Paul, Mt. Zion, First Street, Thompson's, Simpson's and William's Chapel. The following are the delinquents: Union, Haven and Cushman's Chapel, Boynton, St. Matthew, LaHarpe, Pleasant Plains and Camp Parapet. We are very much in need of all assistance to enable us to carry on this well begun work.

J. W. HILTON, Pres.
ALICE GREEN, Sec'y.

Mrs. Christiana Brown, District Manager of the W. H. M. Society for the North New Orleans district, sent us a notice for publication requesting all members and friends of the society to meet at Union Chapel last Monday at 11 a. m. We regret that it came too late for publication in last week's paper.

First Street Church, Rev. T. G. Montgomery pastor; and William's Chapel, Rev. Henry Taylor pastor, held their quarterly love feasts last Thursday night. They had each a glorious time.

Members and friends of First Street Church very agreeably surprised their pastor Rev. T. G. Montgomery, and wife, on the night of September 16. They came with songs in their hearts and voices, and with many choice presents in their hands. They left the gifts on Bro. and Sister Montgomery's table, and songs in their hearts; for which they return thanks, and an invitation to call again. Their latch strings is kept on the outside night and day; especially for such visitors.

Conference Notices.

District Conferences and Special Meetings.

Paris Dist. Conf., Clarksville, Tex., Oct. 20

Navasota Dist. Conf., Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 21

Houston Dist. Conf., Houston, Tex., Sept. 23-28

The Editor or Business Manager will attend as many of these district conferences and special meetings as possible, but whether they are able to be there or not, we will send sample copies of the "Southwestern" to each of them, when we hope a general and united rally will be made to double our present circulation. It can be done. Will you do it?

Gainesville District, Savannah Conference.

Fourth Round.

Oxford and Covington.....Sept. 26-27

Union Grove....." 26-27

Lithonia.....Oct. 3-4

Decatur....." 10-11

East Atlanta....." 8-11

North Atlanta....." 16-18

Roswell....." 17-18

Duluth....." 24-25

Savannah.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1

Harmony Grove....." 14-15

Gillsville....." 21-22

Lavonia....." 28-29

Elberton.....Dec. 5-6

White....." 12-13

Gainesville....." 18-20

Hoschton....." 19-20

Dear Brothers: The fall is now upon us. Let us go to work to-day and raise our entire benevolent assessment for the year. The world shall know us by our work. Local preachers must have the "Southwestern" before the fourth quarter in order to get their licenses renewed. M. M. ALSTON, P. E.

The travelling preachers of the Paris District, Texas Conference, are hereby called to meet in St. Paul M. E. Church, Clarksville, Tex., Monday, October 19, to

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J. W. H. MOORE, Secretary.
AARON TAYLOR.

Houston District, Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

Sloan Street.....Sept. 27-28

Liberty.....Oct. 3-4

Richmond air....." 10-11

St. James....." 10-11

Richmond....." 17-18

Boynton....." 25-26

Mt. Vernon....." 25-26

Trinity.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1

Harrisburg.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1

Wallisville.....Nov. 7-8

Brazoria....." 7-8

Columbia....." 6-8

Tabernacle....." 14-15

Oyster Creek....." 14-15

Beaumont....." 20-22

Orange....." 21-22

Be sure to have all nominations for officers and committees ready. Trustees must make annual report. District conference at Sloan Street, Houston, September 23.

I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

San Antonio District, West Texas Conference.

Fourth Round.

Fredericksburg.....Oct. 3-4

Floresville....." 10-11

Pleasanton....." 17-18

San Antonio....." 24-25

Hondo.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1

Chero.....Nov. 7-8

Gokad....." 15-16

Walder....." 21-22

Gonzales....." 27-29

Gonzales air....." 28-29

Belmont.....Dec. 2-3

Lockhart....." 5-6

Sevin....." 9-10

Luling....." 12-13

Dear Brethren: Do your best to collect all of your apportionments, so as to report the same this quarter. Let us visit the Annual Conference at Victoria, Tex., December 16, with full reports.

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The Second Palestine District, Texas, Conference, is set for November 25-30, at Hearn, Texas. Let the brethren come with full reports, especially the pastors. W. WESLEY, P. E.

To the Pastors of the Nashville District, Tennessee Conference.

Prepare and hold a week of prayer for missions, commencing Sept. 27 and closing Oct. 4. Have missionary prayer meetings, preach sermons, and missionary concerts, etc. Try and let us raise our assessments. Our Second Theological Institute will be held Oct. 14, 15, at Tallahassee, Tenn. All the undergraduates will please be present.

JESSE P. PRICE, P. E.

Corner Stone.

The corner stone of St. Peter M. E. Church will be laid on the second Sunday in October. Presiding Elder Morant and all neighboring pastors and their congregations are most cordially invited.

J. A. VINCENT, P. C.

Church Polity.

Q. 1. We have some people here that were baptized in infancy by sprinkling, but now they have been converted, and they want to be baptized by immersion, what is the law in such cases?

Q. 2. There are others that joined the church several years ago, that want to be baptized by immersion and were denied the right on the same grounds. They are now begging me to baptize them by immersion, and say they never will be satisfied until they are baptized by immersion. Some have quit our church, and they say that that is their reason for quitting. What is the law in this second case. Please give me your answer at once.

H. R. S.

A. Both cases may be considered as one question. We know of no law forbidding a converted man or woman from being baptized by whatever mode he prefers, provided he has not been baptized before. The rebaptism of persons who have been baptized in infancy is inconsistent; unless as in the cases here represented. That is, the parties renounce the mode chosen for them by their parents, when they could not choose for themselves. In the absence of any positive law in the premises, we would readily let every one be persuaded by their own opinions as to the mode they prefer.

Now that they are of age and able to choose for themselves, we would not think of repeating the rite however upon one who had been previously baptized by sprinkling or any other mode, by his own choice, on a previous occasion. If any special mode was forced upon them on a previous occasion, they are, in our opinion, free to the administration of baptism as they now prefer it.

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I saw a little lad
Whose face was just the kind of face
To make a person glad.
It was so plump and rosy-cheeked,
So cheerful and so bright,
It made me think of apple-time,
And filled me with delight.

I saw him busily at work,
While blithe as blackbird's song
His merry, mellow whistle rang
The pleasant street along.
"O, that's the kind of lad I like!"
I thought, as I passed by;
These busy, cheery, whistling boys
Make grand men by and by."

Just then a playmate came along,
And leaned across the gate—
A plan that promised lots of fun
And frolic to relate.

"The boys are waiting for us now,
So hurry up!" he cried;
My little whistler shook his head,
And "Can't come," he replied.

"Can't come! Why not, I'd like to know?
What hinders?" asked the other.
"Why don't you see," came the reply,
"I'm busy helping mother.
She's lots to do, and so I like
To help her all I can;
So I've no time for fun just now,"
Said this dear little man.

"I like to hear you talk like that,"
I told the little lad;
"Help mother all you can, and make
Her kind heart light and glad."
It does me good to think of him,
And know that there are others
Who, like this "nearly little boy,"
Take hold and help their mothers.

—Golden Days.

The Household.

For caulked sore throat, sore
month, etc., use borax and honey,
drink sage or slippery elm tea.

A pound of sulphur burnt in a
tightly closed room will destroy
every living thing in it, from moths
and bedbugs to possible disease
germs.

To destroy the odor of paint in
a newly painted room, put a hand-
ful of fresh hay in a bucket of
water and let it stand in the room
over night.

Hot water taken freely half an
hour before bedtime is helpful in
the case of constipation, and has
a most soothing effect upon the
stomach.

It is claimed that oil of sassafras
will keep little red ants out of
sugar and cake boxes, ice boxes,
safes, cupboards and other places
where food is kept.

For simple hoarseness take a
fresh egg, beat it and thicken with
pulverized sugar. Eat freely of it
and the hoarseness will soon be
greatly relieved.

Any one can add strength and
weight to his body by rubbing well
with olive oil after a warm bath.
Oil baths are particularly benefi-
cial to weak children.

Salicylic suet is used in the Ger-
man army as a remedy for foot
sores, etc., instead of the salicylic
powder formerly used. It is com-
posed of two parts of pure salicylic
acid and ninety-eight parts of the
best mutton suet.

Lime water may be made cheaply
by taking a fresh piece of lime as
large as an egg, pouring two quarts
of soft water on it and allowing it
to stand two or three hours, shak-
ing it occasionally. Bottle and
keep for use.

The Ladies' Home Journal says
butter-milk is good for removing
tan, freckles or other spots. It is
an excellent corrective for dyspep-
sia and so much better than "Jer-
emiah's figs" that it should not be
wasted on pigs.

If a tablespoon of kerosene is
put into four quarts of tepid water,
and is used for washing windows
and mirrors, instead of pure water,
there will remain upon the cleansed
surface a polish that no amount of
friction can give.

Plenty of boiling water should
be used in cooking vegetables, as
the greater the quantity of water
the greater the heat. If only a
little water is used the whole soon
cools, the vegetables become tough
and no length of time will render
them tender.

To allay itching in some enta-
neous affections a very pleasant
application consists of the freshly

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plans. He was then supporting
his family on \$1,000 a year, and
before the third anniversary of his
departure from your city he was
spending \$4,000,000 a day for the
preservation of the Union.—Chau-
ncey M. Depew, at the unveiling of
the Grant Statue.

The Church Sociable.

The author of "The American
Commonwealth," in referring to the
"informal evening party, called a
sociable," given by some congrega-
tions, says: "Even dances may be
given, but not by all denominations.
When, some years ago, a Presby-
terian congregation in a great
Western city was giving a 'recep-
tion' in honor of its new church
building—prosperous churches al-
ways have a building with a set of
rooms for meetings—the sexton (as
he is called in America), who had
come from a Protestant Episcopal
Church in the East observed, as he
surveyed the spacious hall:
"What a pity you are not Episco-
palian; you might have given a
ball in this room." We suspect
that the sexton's remark would
not apply to very many Episco-
palian congregations. But while so-
ciables, picnics, and similar gath-
erings are quite proper, and are a
valuable means of young people
becoming acquainted with each
other, those who have them in
charge ought to be very careful
not to admit worldly amusements
and exercises of doubtful propriety,
particularly such as are condemned
by many good Christian people in
any circumstances. "Whether,
therefore, ye eat or drink, or what-
soever ye do, do all to the glory of
God."—United Presbyterian.

IT PAYS

To be cautious in the choice of medi-
cines. Many are injured by trying
experiments with compounds purporting
to be blood-purifiers, the principal
recommendation of which would seem
to be their "cheapness." Being made
up of worthless, though not always
harmless, ingredients, they may well
be "cheap;" but, in the end, they are
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Letters from the Laity.

S. S. Jones, Oneonta City, La.
The lumber is on the ground for
our new church. Our pastor Rev.
F. M. Lashington is doing a good
work.

James A. Burns, Pearlington, Miss.
On Sunday August 30, the church
at Bay St. Louis had a grand rally.
O. H. Flowers, T. C., and M. M.
Peters, assisted by Revs. H. May
and Raphael of Pass Christian with
their local preachers, the pastor in
charge at Wolf River, the Rev.
Moseley of Bay St. Louis, together
with their congregations united in
the rally. Result \$11.72. Rev. O.
H. Flowers is doing much good.

Fannie C. Moore, Monro, Miss.
Our third quarterly conference
of the Trenton circuit, was held at
Shady Grove M. E. Church, Aug.
29, 30, Rev. J. Campbell Presiding
Elder was present. We are always
glad to see the elder. Reports
showed the circuit in better condi-
tion than ever before; 19 souls
added to the church, and we hope
to report 2 new churches by the
fourth quarterly conference. We
have a working pastor in the per-
son of Rev. M. A. Hobson. He is
loved by all. Paid Elder \$8.00;
pastor \$17.15; SOUTHWESTERN
taken by thirteen families.

W. H. Simpson, Fort Smith, Ark.
Rev. B. J. Griffin is doing a good
work here for the church and Sun-
day school. I will do I can for the
SOUTHWESTERN here.

Anna Wallace, Friendship, Tenn.
I am glad to know I am connect-
ed with the Methodist Episcopal
Church. Whenever I get one of the
church papers I always see what
the old church is doing for our
people. I am not a subscriber for
the SOUTHWESTERN, but I love to
read it. Our pastor tried to get
some subscribers but they seemed
to not understand what good news
was in it. We had a revival which
resulted in seven converts, among
them my husband, after twenty-
eight years a sinner. Our pastor
is Rev. F. L. Yeargin. He is loved
by all the people. I am going to
subscribe soon for the paper. Our
pastor's wife has been very sick,
but is up again.

(Subscribe at once and be an ex-
ample for others.—Ed.)

S. H. Carman, Enola, Miss.
Thank God we have our church
organized on this island. Rev. S.
J. Wood our pastor, broke the ice
for Christ and Methodism. This
is the richest place in Yazoo county.
Our pastor is a noble preacher, and
everybody loves him. We have 9
members, and I think if we can
get 20 subscribers for our paper,
we will have the best country
church in this country. Every one
that reads the SOUTHWESTERN
joins our church. The SOUTH-
WESTERN is the best preacher I
have ever heard in my life. I have
been taking it ever since I belonged
to the church. Rev. F. G. Milburn
was with us on the first Sunday
in August, and preached a splendid
sermon.

L. C. Edwards, Millen, Ga.
Our third quarterly conference
convened at Trinity M. E. Church,
August 22, 23, Rev. J. Watts Pre-
siding Elder in the chair. The
charge is progressing rapidly. On
Sunday Elder Watts preached an
earnest and reviving sermon.

P. Hirth, Browns Wells, Miss.
Our protracted meeting has just
closed with a grand success at St.
Morace M. E. Church. Our beloved
pastor Rev. J. H. Cook has done
wonderful work here, 21 souls were
converted and added to the church.
Our ex-pastor, H. Clay, was with
us and preached one of his soul-
stirring sermons. His visits will
be long remembered among the
people. Brother Cook is the right
man in the right place. May God
bless him and crown him with suc-
cess. Our Presiding Elder, B. L.
Crumpp was with us on the 15th and
16th of August, and held his quar-
terly conference on Saturday and
preached at 11 o'clock on Sunday
and administered the sacrament.

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Sunday-School and Children.

SECOND QUARTER.—Temperance Lesson. Prov. 4. 13-19. Commit to memory verses 13-15. Sept 27, 1891.

HOME READINGS.
M. Prov. 4. 13-19. Tu. Prov. 3. 13-24. W. Prov. 8. 1-13. Th. Prov. 23. 29-34. F. Prov. 20. 1-12. S. Prov. 26. 1-10. S. Gal. 5. 22-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.
Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. (Prov. 4. 26)

Connecting Links—The first portion of the Proverbs of Solomon is highly poetical; it has beautiful descriptions of Wisdom represented as a lady of rare attractiveness, who spreads a hospitable feast, and invites the youth of the city to partake of it. After this and similar scenes comes our lesson.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Path of the Wicked, v. 13-17.

How should we treat good advice?

Why?

Into whose way should we not go?

If urged to do wrong, what should we do? (Prov. 1. 10.)

What four things are we advised to do?

What reason is given for this advice?

What is the food and drink of wicked men?

2. The Path of the Just, v. 18, 19.

To what is the path of the just likened?

What is the way of the wicked like?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. To heed good counsel?

2. To shun wicked ways?

3. To imitate good examples?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Who wrote the Book of Proverbs?

Find a place in the Proverbs in which Solomon tells of the evils of wine drinking?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Into whose path must we not enter? The path of the wicked.

2. What are we to do? Avoid it, pass not by it.

3. What is the path of the wicked like? It is as darkness.

4. What becomes of them? They stumble.

5. What is the path of the just like? The shining light of the sun.

6. What is in waiting for them? The perfect day.

Doctrinal suggestion.—Growth in grace.

It's sometimes said patent medicines are for the ignorant. The doctors foster this idea. "The people," we're told, "are mostly ignorant when it comes to medical science." Suppose they are! What a sick man needs is not knowledge, but a cure, and the medicine that cures is the medicine for the sick. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures the "do believes" and the "don't believe." There's no hesitance about it, no "if" nor "possibly." It says—"I can cure you, only do as I direct." Perhaps it fails occasionally. The makers hear of it when it does, because they never keep the money when the medicine fails to do good. Suppose the doctors went on that principle. (We beg the doctors' pardon. It wouldn't do!)

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Ordinary..... 5 1-16
Good ordinary..... 5 1-16
Low middling..... 5 1-16
Middling..... 5 1-16
Good middling..... 5 1-16
Widening fair..... 5 1-16
Fair..... 5 1-16

SUGAR.

Open Kettle..... 34
Good Common..... 34
Common..... 34
Good fair..... 4 9-16
Central..... 2 8-16 3/4
Choice yellow..... 4 9-16

MOLASSES.

Prime..... 14 2/18
Good fair..... 14 2/18
Syrup..... 14 2/18
Good syrup..... 14 2/18

RICE.

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Corn meal..... 3 15
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Hominy..... 4 00

GRAIN, ETC.

CORN—
White..... 2 7/8
Yellow..... 2 7/8
Mixed No. 2..... 2 7/8

Oats—
Western..... 41
Texas rust proof..... 41

Barley—
Choice..... 2 1/2 5/4
Prime..... 2 1/2 5/4
Common..... 2 1/2 5/4

PROVISIONS.

Pork—
Mess (standard)..... 12 5/8
Prime mess..... 11 1/2 11 5/8
Rump..... 11 1/2 11 5/8

Bacon—
Sugar cured breakfast..... 11 1/2 11 5/8
Shoulders..... 11 1/2 11 5/8

Hams—
Sugar cured..... 11 1/2 11 5/8

Dry Salt Meat—
Shoulders..... 11 1/2 11 5/8
Sides, long clear..... 11 1/2 11 5/8

Lard—
Refined..... 6 1/2

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Coffee—
Prime..... 10 1/2
Fair..... 10 1/2
Common..... 10 1/2

Tea—
Choice..... 45 2/18
Fair..... 45 2/18

Butter—
Western creamery..... 27
Western dairy..... 17 1/2 18

Cheese—
N. Y. cream..... 11
Wes. chd..... 10 1/2

OILS.

Coal, cases..... 13 1/2 14
Coal, bbls..... 13 1/2 14
Cotton seed..... 29 2/4
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VEGETABLES.

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Bananas, per bunch..... 1 75 2/50
Lemons..... 4 00 25 50

Oranges—
Louisiana, per bbl..... 1 50 2
Florida, per box..... 1 50 2

Cabbages—
Western..... 1 75
Louisiana, per crate..... 1 75

Potatoes—
Louisiana, per bbl..... 1 50 2
Sweet..... 3 50
Onions..... 2 70

SUNDRIES.

Poultry—
Old hens, Western..... 3 00 2 50
Young chickens..... 3 00 2 50
Turkeys, Southern..... 3 00 2 50
Ducks..... 3 00 2 50
Geese..... 3 00 2 50

Eggs—
Western, per doz..... 21 2/22
Southern..... 21 2/22

Wool—
Lake & S..... 21 2/21
Lock..... 21 2/21
Barry..... 21 2/21

BALING STUFFS.

Bagging—
1 1/2 yd..... 64
2 yd..... 74

Baling Twine—
1..... 7 1/2 12 1/2
2..... 7 1/2 12 1/2

Ties—
bundle..... 1 3/4

MOSS, ETC.

Black..... 3 2/4
Mixed..... 3 2/4
Gray..... 3 2/4

Ox Hides—
Prime..... 4 1/2 5/4
Cow..... 4 1/2 5/4

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Editorial Notes.

And if sometimes the way be rough
And steep,

Be heavy for the grief He sends to me,

Or at my waking I would only weep,

Let me be mindful that these things must be,

To work His blessed will until He come

And take my hand and lead me safely home.

—Selected.

HELP the Citizens' Committee of this city in its efforts to raise money to test the "Jim Crow" car law.

THE detailed program of the great Ecumenical Conference, which opens in Washington, D. C., Oct. 7-20, came too late for this issue. It spreads out a real feast of good things.

THE presidents of all the Republican clubs in this city have issued an address calling upon their followers to register, so as to be prepared to take part in the party's primaries and in the next general election.

IN a personal note, the Rev. C. C. Scott, Spartanburg, S. C., who has just returned from Europe, says: "I am proud of the SOUTHWESTERN, and I admire the manliness of your character, as I see it evidenced in your editorial utterances. I am with you 'tooth and toenail' on the colored bishop question."

HIS friends will be glad to learn that on or about October 1, Dr. G. T. A. Walker will open a strictly private office, well arranged and suitably situated, for treating all cases in the most private manner, at 133 S. Boulevard street, opposite his residence, in Baton Rouge, La.

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John W. Johnson, a colored man, was violently set upon by three white men in this city last Saturday night. He was attacked with knife and pistol. He fatally stabbed Emanuel DeRosa, one of his antagonists, who died within five minutes. Notwithstanding the fact that it was a clear case of self-defense, wherein a lone Negro was attacked by several white men "because he was a nigger," some of the more excitable young men of the vicinity threatened to "lynch the nigger." Better judgment, however, prevailed.

Quarto-Centennial Address.

In Honor of the Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

[Delivered by Rev. A. G. Townsend, A. M., at Bethel M. E. Church, Charleston, S. C., April 3, 1891.]

The address was an interesting and masterly effort. In the course of his able address he said:

To my conception our work is of a comprehensive nature, embracing directly the moral, or spiritual, intellectual, and material elevation of a race cursed by the degenerating vices of two centuries and a half of abject slavery in America, and remotely the evangelization and civilization of our unfortunate brethren in benighted Africa and the priest ridden islands of the sea.

Our work is to exalt Christ and lift humanity Godward; to lift man from the deepest and most revolting defilements to the summit of moral excellence; to give dexterous cunning to his daft hands, stimulate the latent energies of his proud but dormant mind, to overthrow the antagonisms growing out of a deep, active and malignant prejudice and arrest effectually the insidious encroachments of that mother of harlots, the Roman Catholic Church.

At this point we may very fittingly enquire, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

For twenty-five years we have assiduously applied ourselves to this stupendous work with the vigor and diligence of heroes and have enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing the most marvelous progress made by any people since the beginning of history.

What work presents more magnificent possibilities than that we have to do? What work calls for the exercise of greater wisdom and adaptability and more unselfish consecration than that to which we have been called and set apart?

Truly, may it be said:

"Tis what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Savior's hand."

Much has been accomplished during the past twenty-five years, but immeasurably more remains to be done.

Our hope for the work lies in the church, the school house, the workshop, and the graveyard.

Our church, true to her birth-right, has next to the witness of the Holy Spirit attached chief importance to knowledge, insisting that "to know God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent is eternal life" and constantly exhorting its adherents to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

As a distinct branch of the Christian Catholic Brotherhood, the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in a prominent institution of learning by the century sainted John Wesley, a man who easily occupies the chief place for consecrated piety and refined intellect among the most illustrious men of the eighteenth century.

Methodism from its incipency has advocated and insisted on the intelligent worship of the Supreme Being.

That ignorance is the mother of devotion is an exploded theory that belongs to the class of shocking and effete superstitions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

The belief of our church is that the more cultured the human being becomes the more comprehensive is his knowledge of things human and Divine. On this very account the General Conference, our chief legislative body, has prescribed a full course of required studies for entrance into the ministry of our church in addition to the gifts and graces evidencing the Divine call. She believes and insists that the pastor's lips should keep knowledge. And further, that the people may become more intelligent wor-

shippers of the Divine Being she establishes and maintains at enormous cost, wherever practicable, institutions of learning for her numerous followers.

The pulpit is a throne of great power. Its influence over the masses for good is incalculable. It is therefore of highest importance that those who occupy the pulpit be not only devoted to God as blind zealots, but that they be also devoted to those studies and practices that will best acquaint the few with a saving knowledge of God.

The minister of the Gospel must not only proclaim the truth as it is in Jesus; but in its defense must combat and by its irrefragable power confute the gross errors of the unfeeling materialist, the blatant infidel, the scoffing atheist, and the unscrupulous, officious, and insinuating Roman Catholic priest.

A complete education is indispensable to the thorough equipment of the Gospel minister for his exalted station.

It will scarcely be denied by any thoughtful reader of history (whatsoever may be claimed for the so-called ignorant Gaililee fisherman selected by Christ for the promulgation of his glorious Gospel), or for the heroic pioneers of Methodism that the most effective and ameliorating christian work resulting in permanent good to men and the ever increasing propagation of the christian religion, has been accomplished by entirely consecrated men of the highest intellectual culture.

In confirmation of this proposition I need but mention the Apostle Paul, Martin Luther, and John Wesley.

Education dissipates darkness and vitalizes dead powers and means indeed as is repeatedly claimed more power and a larger life.

It must be in touch with divinity and confirm the claim of St. John's saying; "In him (Christ) was life; and the light was the light of men." That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world; and further, the saying of the Master himself, who said: "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

So impressed was our church with the need of christian education for the accomplishment of the work already outlined, that its thoughts materialized in the organization of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, which, under the wise and energetic management of Bishop Walden and the zealous and indefatigable secretary Rust, has wrought a marvelous work in the South.

I would not minify and I can not exaggerate howsoever greatly I may magnify the magnificent work already done, that which is now being carried forward, and that which is being projected by the wise and beneficent management of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

At strategic points in many parts of this sunny Southland, flourishing literary and industrial institutions of high grade have been founded and run by this society during its now rapidly closing first quarter-centennial period of its history.

It was of almost simultaneous organization with our own conference.

Its influence for good during its brief historic period is simply inestimable.

To say that we appreciate the work accomplished very feebly expresses our profound gratitude therefor. In saying this I express, I think, the sentiments of all the worthy recipients of its munificence. The noble men under whose

guidance the society has operated have been wise in planning and energetic in executing their work.

We look with widely increasing interest and constantly deepening gratitude upon the marvelous and magnificent work that is being done by this society for the christian training of the hearts, heads, and hands of the youth of this caste cursed Southland.

The society aims at the symmetrical development of the whole man, in order that he may be thoroughly fitted for the practical duties of life.

Notwithstanding its past glorious achievements, there are increasing and imperative demands upon it for the occupancy and development of much outlying and unoccupied territory.

The funds received yearly are wholly inadequate to meet the present pressing demands upon the society; how much more so, to undertake new work.

It greatly needs and asks our ready and generous help.

Why should we hesitate to accept the apportionment requested of our conference and give our most liberal assistance in raising every dollar of it?

Be it said to our shame that our contributions to this society in the past have been very meager.

Graduates from its schools are winning laurels for themselves in the learned professions and in industrial pursuits in many parts of the South in spite of the prevalent intense, but slowly abating color prejudice of this section.

The christian and industrial education idea of this society has done, is doing, and will do more towards solving the much talked of race problem than anything else under the sun.

This society has the key to the solution and the Lord has commissioned the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to solve the problem fully and satisfactorily.

It has had twenty-five years of glorious success and now we gladly hear and heed the clarion call for a grateful jubilee.

God grant unto this chief benevolent society of the grand old church of heroic achievements, a millennium of ever-increasing success in lifting humanity Godward.

The Baker Theological Institute and Claflin University have done more for Methodism in South Carolina than can be estimated by human power.

Boys and girls that without these might have grown to physical maturity with dwarfed intellects and obtuse moral sensibilities, have, because of them, developed into beautiful and symmetrical manhood and womanhood and are the joy and admiration of the communities blessed with their presence and labors.

We can not too highly appreciate our church schools or do too much for their prosperity.

I only refrain from a more extended reference to our own Claflin, because one of her worthy and honored alumni, Elder Minns, has this day in your presence been so lavish of praise. Permit me, with a hearty amen, to what he has so well said, to omit further allusions to that excellent school.

Who can measure the influence of the Gammon Theological Seminary under its present consecrated, cultured, zealous, and energetic faculty? Who can tell the good that is being done there for the development of our work in this country?

Grandison and O'Connell at Greensboro, N. C., Emory at Hot Springs, Ark., Hibbler in Miss., Mason, Lindsay, Wragg and others in Georgia, Brown in Alabama, and our own Coit, are admirable ex-

ponents of this excellent school of the prophets.

May God's choicest blessings continually rest on this school.

Look at the unique work that is going on at Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C., under the excellent and commendable control of a Negro president and faculty.

By a seemingly magic power the record of the present year exceeds that of all the previous years of its history.

With the grasp of a master, President Grandison has taken hold and infused new life into every department of the school, and has inspired the numerous patrons and friends thereof with hopeful and restful confidence.

Rev. C. N. Grandison, (whose name by interpretation is: "Come Negroes Grand-enr is on us at Bennett"), occupies a place of singular prominence in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being the first and only Negro president of one of her prominent schools. May he be long spared to carry forward the good work, and may God grant unto Bennett a millennium of prosperity.

I fail to see how we can in any way eliminate education from our work.

As so much has been recently said about the moral and intellectual fitness of Methodist ministers for their high and holy calling, because of what Prof. Washington and Bishop Payne have published to the world, you naturally expect some reference to that controversy in my address, I suppose.

What shall I say? Shall I, as some, deny outright that there is a particle of truth in the allegation, on the ground that Prof. Washington has no acquaintance with two-thirds of the Methodist ministers, and that Bishop Payne criminated himself for allowing such a state of thing to continue so long, when he could have used his influence against it?

Shall I admit the truth of their allegation or shall I express no opinion?

To deny outright might be to palliate a palpable but shocking condition of things. To admit that their allegation is true, would bring on my devoted head a flood of condemnation. To express no opinion would be unmanly.

Had Prof. Washington no endorsement by Bishop Payne, I would dismiss the subject without consideration, because Prof. Washington's knowledge of the men and their fitness is very limited; but can we say this of the venerable Bishop Payne? By no means. He is eminent for piety, veracity and scholarship and has had large experience among the men whom he has denounced.

Shall we believe him or not?

Nobody denies that he is a competent judge of those among whom he has had experience; and it may be he spoke only of those.

Eliminating other branches of the Methodist fraternity and permitting him to speak *ex cathedra* concerning his own, why should we feel umbrage?

He represents a painful and deplorable condition of things and we can only question his discretion in giving publicity thereto. How dare we, not knowing the facts in the case deny or confirm?

We do, however, know that there is room for great improvement in our own fraternity, and it does not help us to claim that a similar condition of things may be found in other churches and other races. It is no mitigation of our moral faults and intellectual defects that others are alike guilty. It is not sufficient before our righteous Judge that we be as others; but that we be found blameless, "without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;"

that we be holy and without blemish.

Is this our condition? If not, our duty is plain.

Judged by the highest standards of morality and scholarship, are we what we ought to be? Judge ye.

Do we live blameless the husband of one wife, forsaking all others, cleaving only and lovingly unto her constantly till death? Do we pay our just debts without baffling and embarrassing our indulgent and trustful creditors?

Do we walk uprightly, work righteousness, speak the truth in our hearts, backbite not with our tongues, or pens, do no evil to our neighbors, take up no reproach against our neighbors, despise the vile, honor them that fear the Lord, swear to our own hurt and change not, put not out our money to usury, take no reward against the innocent?

Do we abstain wholly from intoxicating drinks and tobacco even after taking our solemn ministerial vows, and observe scrupulously the ethical code throughout?

Are we as diligent students even of the Holy Scriptures as we ought to be? Judge ye.

I will neither incenpate nor exonerate any. Let him who is without fault rebut the accusers.

Let us put more of our children into the workshop, and in time we shall be able to control strong corporations that will furnish employment for them.

The graveyard will help our work by receiving as soon as possible the old white and black fogies, who Rip van Winkle like have been in comatose sleep the past twenty-five years and have no apparent knowledge of the wonderful transitions through which the races have passed, and who seem to think and act as though things were in statu quo ante-bellum.

The educative influence of the christian press can not be measured.

Let me exhort my readers to a more liberal patronage of our church papers.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.
The Spread of Methodism Among the Colored People of the South.

VERITAS.

What are the fundamental reasons for the Methodist Episcopal Church re-entering those States whence she has been excluded? No one either witnessing the thrilling facts or studying them now without bias, will fail to agree that it was for the moral, spiritual and economic welfare of the Freedman.

Furthermore, since sympathy and principle were such large factors in this movement it was not strange that white racial affinities and christian conscience should lead these devoted men to help the loyal whites of the South. These two elements have been "scattered and peeled" by the terrible cross fires of the surging battle lines as they zizzaged over their once prosperous fields and peaceful homes.

It would have been criminal to have failed to aid the one or to neglect the other, if the latter could be aided without crippling the agencies designed for the former. But the most needy and greatest wronged surely has the first and strongest claim, while both called for our fostering care, and churchly aid. These efforts should never have fortified the latter in the prejudices against the former; much less to oppose the original purpose of our denominational activities.

Yet when supporters were needed to overthrow the pronounced policy of our church these new accessions were at once available

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Letters from the Districts.

South New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference.

PIERRE LANDRY, P. E.

My Dear Brethren: Our financial showing at the late session of our district conference, at Thibodaux, August 28, was good, but if we would reach the point in view, there must be no relaxation. Let us set out for another mighty pull, a pull altogether; and let the rally cry be, "Settlement in full at our Fourth Quarterly Conference."

For the purpose of an accurate report at the fourth quarterly conference, by the boards of trustees and Sunday schools, preachers in charge and other proper officers will please have their meetings before the session of the fourth quarterly conference. To avoid mistakes and delays at the approaching session of our Annual Conference, preachers in charge will be provided with their statistical blanks at the fourth quarterly conference, when same can be filled out with care.

Members of all church benevolent committees are requested to be present at the fourth quarterly conference.

Nashville District, Tennessee Conference

JESSE P. PRICE.

The good Lord has enabled me and my brethren, with their people, thus far, to have one of the most successful year's labor we have ever experienced. We have held two district conferences and two Sunday school institutes. The Epworth League is organized on nearly every charge and is doing well. None of the preachers have died this year.

Farmington—W. Ellison pastor. Has done good work this year. He has three very flourishing Sunday schools and has improved his churches somewhat.

Flat Rock—J. R. F. Summerhill pastor. Labored faithfully here for three quarters, and on account of suffering had to leave his work, after which I appointed Rev. D. C. Ransom, local preacher, who is doing well.

Fox Camp—S. Knight, pastor. At first Bro. Knight seemed not to have much fruits from his labor, but now he is doing a good work. He has had a splendid revival. His people are following him. This circuit is now doing well.

Hillsboro Circuit—J. R. Reasonover pastor. He is doing a good work. Is teaching day school and has organized the Epworth League.

McMinnville—J. W. Richmond pastor. Has proven to be a good pastor. This is his first year here. When he came here his church had just burned down, and people scattered, but by the help of God and his pleasant and calm management, he has brought his work up and is building his church again. He had a good revival, which resulted in 25 conversions and many added to the church. His people all love him. We held our district conference here with grand results. I have held four quarters here with grand results.

McMinnville Circuit—J. C. Wade pastor. He has done hard work. Murfreesboro Station—C. B. Wilson pastor. This is his third year here, and has proven his best. Bro. Wilson is much loved. They have paid their assessments. He has organized the Epworth League. The Sunday school is doing well.

Murfreesboro Circuit—J. Pickett pastor. He is one of our old heroes, is true, and is still doing good work. He has organized the Epworth League. They have paid their Elder's assessment, and came up with other collections.

Linsden Hill Mission—James Price pastor. He has done good work. This is Bro. Price's first year here, and he has paid some of the debts and improved his church. He has added 29 members and has had 20 conversions.

Seay's Chapel—W. H. Vangh Pastor. Is a splendid preacher and hard worker. This is his first

year at this place. He is building a parsonage, had 80 conversions, and added 90 to the church.

Thompson Chapel—J. Braden pastor. This charge is in connection with the Central Tennessee College, which has had its best success this year. He has had good revivals and good meetings, and added several to the church this year.

Nolensville Circuit—G. C. Harden pastor. He has been much embarrassed with sickness in his family, yet he trusted in the Lord and took courage. He has greatly brought up this circuit. Conversions this year 45, and several additions. He has two Epworth Leagues organized and two Sunday schools.

Sparta Sta.—A. D. Scott pastor. He has improved his church and dedicated the same in connection with the fourth quarterly conference. Bro. Scott has done good work this year.

Sparta Circuit—T. Allen pastor. Everybody loves to hear him preach. He has done a good work on his circuit this year.

Stone River Circuit—W. Dillard pastor. He knows how to lead his people. Is building a church and has done a good year's work. He has organized an Epworth League.

Shelbyville—A. P. Blakemore pastor. He has improved his church nicely. This has been his best year of church work.

Spencer Circuit—P. R. Woodson pastor. He has done a good work, is loved by all his people, and is one of our future young men.

Tullahoma—J. W. Kensch pastor. He has done a great work here this year. Conversions 22, and 30 odd added to the church. Bro. Kensch bought a new church and had it moved on the church ground. It is valued at about \$2000.

Beach Grove, Dillard's Mill and Manchester—J. D. Davidson pastor. He has built one church and improved others. He has taken in nearly 100 members and had 40 conversions. We have had about 450 conversions this year on my district. My preachers have worked like beavers, although only about half paid. Their wives and children, with mine, have staid by their husbands and fathers in every need of the church work.

Proceedings of the Greenville (S. C.) District Epworth League Convention.

REV. E. B. BURROUGHS.

Pursuant to call, twenty-five delegates, representing the various stations and circuits of the Greenville district, met in the John Wesley M. E. Church, Greenville, S. C., on the 14th and 15th inst., for the purpose of organizing a District Epworth League Convention.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Presiding Elder, the Rev. I. E. Lowery, A. M., after which an address of welcome was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. E. B. Burroughs, to which a reply was made by the Rev. L. Arthur.

A temporary organization was effected with the Rev. I. E. Lowery, A. M., president, and the Rev. E. B. Burroughs secretary.

A committee on credentials, consisting of Revs. L. Arthur, W. S. Thompson and B. Robertson, was appointed.

While awaiting the report of the committee, the Rev. O. C. Scott, A. M., delivered a forcible, eloquent and highly instructive address on "The Rise, Progress and Future Prospects of the Epworth League."

The committee on credentials reported the following as being regularly elected delegates: Rev. I. E. Lowery, E. B. Burroughs, Mrs. Maria C. Davis, L. Arthur, O. C. Scott, F. W. Vance, E. D. Littlejohn, B. F. Millan, B. Robertson, C. L. Lindsay, W. H. Greer, G. P. Miller, C. E. Cherry, W. S. Thompson, Mrs. R. L. Morris, Miss O. J. Pickinpack, S. A. King, W. H. Jones, J. C. Martin, Fred Johnson, J. H. Priestly, and J. R. Rosemond.

The following permanent officers were elected: president, I. E.

Lowery, first vice-president, C. O. Scott; second vice-president, L. Arthur; secretary, E. B. Burroughs; assistant secretary, W. S. Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. Maria C. Davis; directors, F. W. Vance, Benj. Robertson, B. F. Millan.

The committee on constitution and by-laws, consisting of E. B. Burroughs, E. D. Littlejohn and F. W. Vance, submitted their report, which was adopted without division.

The election of six delegates to attend the Sixth General Conference District Epworth League Convention, to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., in November next, resulted in the selection of I. E. Lowery, E. B. Burroughs, O. C. Scott, W. H. Jones, C. L. Lindsay, Miss C. J. Pickinpack. Reserves: Mrs. Maria C. Davis, F. W. Vance, Mrs. R. L. Morris.

In order to meet the expenses of the delegates to Chattanooga, the following assessments were made: Gaffney \$1.50, Spartanburg \$4, Willford \$1.50, Greenville \$5, Greenville Circuit \$2, Greenville Mission \$1, Williamston \$2.50, Belton \$2, Greenwood \$2, Anderson Circuit \$3, Anderson \$4, Deep Creek \$2, Seneca \$1.50, Pendleton \$1.50, Walhalla \$1, Liberty \$1.50, Easley \$3, Marietta \$2, Green \$5, Reidville \$1, Spartanburg Circuit \$3, Coopers \$2, Mulberry \$3, Blacksburg \$1, Yorkville \$4, Yorkville Circuit \$1.50, Clover \$5, Rock Hill \$2.50, Newberry \$3.

The convention was full of enthusiasm and evinced a determination to not rest satisfied until every charge on the district has been regularly organized into a chapter.

At night Revs. L. Arthur and F. W. Vance delivered strong and telling addresses to a large, intelligent and appreciative audience.

The convention adjourned, to meet at the call of the president.

Cumberland River District Conference.

A. PHILLIPS, P. E.

The second district conference met in Gordonsville, Tenn., Aug. 25, with Rev. A. Phillips, Presiding Elder in the chair.

M. Williams was chosen secretary, with B. F. Whitley and A. L. Nelson assistants.

All the pastors, with one or two exceptions, were present the first day.

Rev. C. L. Seward is pastor at this place. The members of the conference found the pastor and his people with their doors and hearts open for their reception.

It was the first district conference ever held in that part of the district.

The people crowded the house day and night to see the business of the conference carried on.

Many came forward for prayer and two or three were converted every night.

They have a new church, which when finished will be a credit to the pastor and congregation.

The reports of the pastors showed that the salvation of souls and the benevolent causes of the church were well looked after.

The work of the Sunday schools is being carefully looked after.

Dr. J. W. Brown, of the (white) Missionary Baptist Church; Bro. White, of the Central Alabama Conference; and Elder A. F. Whitley, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the conference. They made encouraging addresses.

The usual vote of thanks was tendered the good people of Gordonsville for their hospitality; also to the Presiding Elder and pastor for their faithful work.

The next district conference is to be held in Cherry Valley, Tenn.

Tennessee River District.

J. N. STEPHENSON.

The second session of the Tennessee River district conference met at Dickson, Tenn., Sept. 2.

There having been some mistake as to the date of the conference, the attendance was small the first day, but on the second day the attendance was exceedingly large.

Presiding Elder J. B. Bradford was in the chair.

J. W. Stephenson and Dr. J. F. K. Moreland were elected secretaries.

The morning session was devoted to a theological institute.

Rev. S. W. Walker, of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced.

The Presiding Elder made his report and it showed a marked increase along his line of work. He spoke well of the pastors in their different fields of labor.

The pastors also made good reports.

Rev. G. C. Harden, the fraternal delegate from the Nashville district, was introduced and addressed the conference in an impressive Dr. Moreland responded in an able and pointed address.

The Sunday school superintendents, local preachers, district stewards and class leaders made good reports.

The reports from the pastors showed the material, numerical and spiritual growth of the district.

The following had their licenses renewed: M. Mardie, S. Jenkins, J. L. Wilson, P. Hughes, W. B. Boyd, W. Vanleer, H. Hollingsworth, W. T. Jordan, Wm. Hutton, P. R. Perkins, D. Hampton, Osborne Aden, W. D. Wells, S. B. Danley.

Resolutions were passed thanking the pastor, members and citizens for their hospitality; the railroads for reduced rates, and to the Presiding Elder for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the conference.

The conference chose Lawrenceburg as its next seat.

In case of sudden colds; and for coughs of long standing, take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, that all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

G. W. Rieves, Oncocta, Ala.

My second quarterly conference was held by Rev. W. Prettyman, Presiding Elder. We have built a new church 30x30 feet. This makes my second year on the work and I have built three churches. The one that I built last is the best of all. Paid Presiding Elder Prettyman \$11.25. This is one of the strongest charges on the district. Rev. W. Prettyman is the best Elder that has ever been on this part of the district.

T. S. Brown, Centerville, Ga.

Our camp meeting at Rock Spring Church was a glorious time. We had several conversions. Our third quarterly meeting was held by Presiding Elder M. M. Alston. Rev. J. A. Holiday of Atlanta, O. J. Samples, B. Boston of Athens, I. A. Hinesman of Swannee, Ga., were with us in the camp meeting. Elder Alston preached a soul-stirring sermon on Sunday. Collection \$31.15.

H. B. Gladney, Tampico Circuit, Trim-cane, Miss.

Our second quarterly conference was held August 6, by Presiding Elder Sewell. We had good reports, which showed that the work is in a better condition than ever before. We are about to close our protracted meeting with 60 souls added to the church. Paid Presiding Elder \$12, pastor \$65.

N. Toole, Heidelberg, Miss.

My third quarter was held at Ellisville, Sept. 12, 13. Rev. J. M. Shumpert, Presiding Elder, was present. The reports showed the circuit spiritually and financially alive. 24 precious souls had been converted, and 6 had been received into full connection. Amount of money raised in the quarterly conference \$32.10, for Presiding Elder \$13.20, missions \$7, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society \$6, Church Extension \$1, episcopal fund 60c., tracts 25c., Sunday School Union 25c. The following persons presented the Willing Workers' Cards and money: Hnly Oleg \$3.15, Mary Thigpen \$2.25, Maggie Keller \$1.20, Fanny Dace \$2.80. Ed-

neational cards: Lena Coleman \$2, Lanra Toole \$15, S. Terrel \$1, A. Terrel \$1, W. S. Jones \$1, Elaney McCarty \$1.

W. J. Holland, Gibson, Texas.

Elder Morgan has held our third quarterly conference. He preached three sermons that never will be forgotten. Raised for the Elder this quarter \$13.45, pastor \$5. Accessions this quarter 55, conversions 35, 15 children. Look out, for the Paris district is in the lead yet. If the good Lord lets me live until the 20th of October I intend to bring up all of my benevolent money.

A. S. Williams, Tuscaloosa, Ala., reports the close of his recent series of meetings, which resulted in 24 conversions and a general revival in every church interest. He was ably assisted by Rev. H. N. Brown, Presiding Elder, and Bros. Hurd, Washington and Potts. This much he has accomplished amid the severest opposition. Now the church is alive.

D. P. Shaw, Vaiden, Miss.

My third quarterly conference convened at Martin Grove M. E. Church, Sept. 12, 13, Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D., in the chair. The work is in a prosperous condition. The Elder preached on Sunday to a crowded house. Paid Elder \$14.70. We will soon have our new church completed.

Thomas Wadkins, Gonzales, Texas.

This is my first year on the Gonzales charge. The Lord has blessed us with 35 converts this year, and 10 backsliders reclaimed. Rev. A. Brown held my third quarterly conference Sept. 12, 13, and preached two soul-reviving sermons. 77 persons partook of the Lord's Supper. Collection for the Presiding Elder \$13, pastor \$67.10; total raised during the quarter \$92.60. We all love our Presiding Elder, Rev. H. Swann. Every thing is moving on nicely.

S. J. Wood, Green Hill, Miss.

I have been suffering much the last three weeks with malarial fever, and may have to leave my work. Malaria is quite bad here. Our picnic was a success. We were able to pay \$139 on the debt that was standing against St. Paul M. E. Church.

B. J. Reddix, Campti, La.

Thursday evening, Sept. 10, a hail storm passed over Grand Ecure, just about 500 yards wide, and swept Mt. Zion M. E. Church to the ground. The hail was as large as plums. It ruined cotton, corn and potatoes. There are now several bales of cotton on the ground.

V. D. Jenkins, Greenville, Ga.

A glorious revival is in progress at our church here. The writer preached four times on Sunday, Sept. 13, with great success, spiritually and financially. Scores of people were turned away through the whole day, because they could not gain admittance.

Wm. Josey, Bellville Circuit, Texas.

Our third quarter was held Aug. 29, 30. Collection \$15.75. Paid Presiding Elder \$12.75. Our protracted meeting closed with 25 converts and 22 accessions. We have made improvements on the parsonage amounting to \$59.

Washington Brooks, Wabbaseka, Ark.

The Lord has blessed me to build the M. E. Church here. The church is 28x46, and 17 feet to the ceiling. There are 4 churches here, but the M. E. Church is the best.

J. C. Allen, Valdosta, Ga.

Our third quarterly conference was held by Elder A. P. Melton, Aug. 29, 30. The writer preached at 11 a. m., and the Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon at 3 p. m. and at night. In spite of all opposition we had a full church on Sunday, and raised \$5 for the Elder.

J. K. Comfort, Brandon, Miss.

We have finished our new church and will dedicate it on the first Sunday in October, and we want you to dedicate it if you can come. We have added 74 young converts

to the church during the last four weeks. Our third quarterly conference was a success. 223 partook of the Lord's Supper. \$65 worth of improvements have been done on the work this year.

Dr. Albert regrets that he will not be able to attend your dedication. He will be in Washington, D. C., at that time, to attend the Ecumenical Methodist Conference, which opens Oct. 7.—Ed.

G. W. Staples, Greenville, Tenn.

Our church and Sunday school was never so good as now. Attendance very good. Many of the very old people are regular attendants. We have a large young men's class. We have five classes and faithful teachers. On the fifth Sunday in August, Sunday school rally day, it was agreed that the teacher who raised the most money should be styled the Banner Teacher. Miss Addie Cannon having raised \$2.63, the largest sum, she was declared the Banner Teacher, and her class the Banner Class. The entire church is getting along as never before.

James A. Arthur, Oakland and Brown's Chapel, Weimar, Tex.

A grand missionary sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Stevens assisted by Rev. G. W. Brothers of the San Antonio district, at Brown's Chapel, Aug. 23. The pastor Rev. A. M. Mason and Rev. E. E. Cooper were also present.

After the sermon a collection of \$14.80 in cash and \$13.35 in subscription was taken for the cause. From thence the brethren proceeded to Oakland where they again officiated in the services at 3 p. m., and took a collection of \$2.80 in cash and \$5 on subscription. At 8:30 p. m., Rev. A. M. Mason delivered quite an interesting lecture on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, at Independent. His talk was full of practical argument. A collection of \$5.40 was taken. Finishing the day's work with the round of the circuit the sum of \$42.35 was received in subscription and cash as benevolences. Our quarterly convened on the 29th. The meeting was largely attended and the session very pleasant. Receipts showed \$110 paid to pastor and \$133 raised for all purposes. On Sunday the Independent Church was crowded to overflowing. During the day Presiding Elder C. L. Madison delivered two noble sermons.

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Conference.	Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Arizona Miss.	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Oct. 8.	Mallalieu
North Carolina.	Winston, N. C.	" 15.	Warren
East Tennessee	Morrisville, Tenn.	" 15.	Ninde
New Mex. Span.	Miss Peralta, N. M.	" 15.	Mallalieu
Dakota.	Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	" 21.	Foss
Blue Ridge.	Asheville, N. C.	" 21.	Warren
Holston.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	" 21.	Ninde
New Mex. Eng.	Las Vegas, N. M.	" 21.	Mallalieu
Tennessee.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	" 21.	Vincent
Central Tennessee.	Erin, Tenn.	" 21.	Joyce
Austin.	Waco, Tex.	Nov. 25.	Hurst
Texas.	Houston, Tex.	Dec. 2.	Hurst
Southern German.	Seguin, Tex.	" 6.	Hurst
West Texas.	Victoria, Tex.	" 10.	Hurst

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

South America Miss. Montevideo, Arg., Oct. 7.

Pochochew. Nov. 18.

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THE stewards of our church at Grenada, Miss., advocate the appointment of their pastor, Rev. J. W. Parks, as an evangelist or general agent, to travel over the Mississippi Conference, in the interest of East University and of our connectional interests generally. They think he is calculated to do so much good in a work of such general character.

A Word to Our Agents.

The next session of your conference comes just before the next General Conference, wherein we have to give a quadrennial account of our stewardship. During the past four years the General Conference has contributed \$8,000 toward the support of the SOUTHWESTERN. This it gave upon the assurance that our people would rally to the support of this paper and bring it up to the point of local self-support. It is true we have greatly increased our circulation, and made some advances toward the cash system, but we are yet far behind what could have been accomplished if every pastor had done his full duty in pushing the circulation, and in paying for the papers he has ordered. We now make this special appeal to every pastor in our territory to push the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN, and to settle in full every cent due this office, either before or at the next session of the annual conference. These accounts must be settled by your next conference. We do not desire to resort to extreme measures, but we cannot, if we would, give the Book Concern accounts away, and if brethren will not pay us, there is nothing left to us but to arrest their character in open conference. It is not our fault if the people failed to pay you. You ordered the papers, and we sent them on your orders and we look to you for the pay. Now, brethren, we pray you, do not drive us to the necessity of resorting to extreme measures. Some kind of a settlement must be reached in every case. Send for your bills and settle now, so you can show our collector at conference that you have already settled your account. This is the honest and honorable course. God help every one to pursue it. If every cent due us were paid at once, instead of asking the General Conference for eight thousand dollars the next quadrennium we would be able to contribute a handsome sum to the conference in dividends. Brethren the eyes of the whole church are upon us. Let us do our whole duty by our paper in circulating and paying for it, and the next General Conference and the whole church will applaud us, and say, "Well done; come up higher."

That Colored Convention.

Bishop Halsey, of the C. M. E. Church, is decidedly opposed to the Colored Methodist Convention to be held during the Ecumenical Conference. While he claims that the call does not clearly specify any definite object in view, he reads between the lines such meanings as to bring him to reflections as follows:

"All initiatory steps looking to the unification of our Methodisms, should begin and end with undoubted and established authority. Without this, none of such movements, no matter how desirable they may be, or however necessary for the promotion of the cause of Christianity, cannot be expected to produce the best results, and may prove the defeat of the very ends aimed at, and leave nothing but chaos and ruin in its dreadful wake. Instead of union, whether organic or otherwise, we may have divisions, schisms and misrepresentations, and pandemonium may rise and usurp the fair plains where once operated great unities in perfect harmony, and the last end infinitely worse than the first."

If Bishop Halsey reads aright the inner meaning of this call, it is certain that we should have absolutely nothing to do with it. We don't believe in "a great big black Methodism" as do some people; and if the call means anything looking in that direction we can have nothing to do with it. Another thing, nobody was elected and authorized to initiate any movement looking to the consolidation of Negro Methodism in a body, and it would be presumption for the colored delegates appointed to the Ecumenical Conference,

to take any steps whatever in that direction. If Bishop Halsey is right in his interpretation of what this call means, we are with him heartily, and pronounce against the convention.

Rev. S. E. H. Morant and Caste Proscription.

The cruelty of the caste system, under which the colored people in this country live, is scarcely imaginable to those who know nothing about it. It meets him everywhere. In the courts of justice it presumes him guilty before a trial, hence the universal application of mob or lynch law in every case wherein he is a party with a white person; in the church it presumes that he should be satisfied with a back seat, or in a pigeonhole in a gallery. It denies him a meal at the restaurant, a glass of soda at the confectionary, a place for his living body at the hotel, and for his dead body in a white cemetery. It denies him a book out of the public library, and of a place in the public schools where there may not be two in the neighborhood. The hateful oriel monster meets him everywhere. This fact was most painfully emphasized to us the other day when we went to the Louisiana Retreat, an institution wherein insane people are treated in this city. It is a private institution controlled by the Sisters of Charity and the Roman Catholic Church.

We knew it was private, but we did not know it was a Roman Catholic Institution until last week. We went there to engage expert treatment for our unfortunate Bro. Morant, Presiding Elder of the Alexandria district, who had lost his mind. We were told by the Sister in charge, "we regret that having only one building we cannot take colored patients. The whites do not like to have colored people thrown in among them, and we deem it best not to attempt it. We make occasional exceptions in the case of some of our own colored people, but we do not like to do so." The institution being Roman Catholic and averse to colored patients, and Bro. Morant being a prominent Methodist minister, and of the proscribed race, we made no special plea for his admission.

Their charges are from a dollar to five dollars a day according to the comfort and attention given. To send him to the State Asylum at Jackson, is to shut him in an institution upon whose doors are inscribed "whoever enters here leaves hope behind." Under the circumstances we deem it best to let him stay in Shreveport, where he will, at least, be surrounded by friends, and receive such treatment from the hospital there as can be afforded from the contribution of all our churches in the Louisiana Conference.

A Chance to Endow the Medical Department of the New Orleans University.

D. P. Bliss, M. D., of Sparta, Ohio, offers to give all the profits from the sale of his celebrated Missionary Medicine to this medical college, therefore if the preachers or friends of the cause will act as agents a large amount will be sold—probably enough to equal the income of a handsome endowment. The medicine is designed for the blood, liver and kidneys, and is recommended by Bishop Joyce and others. Dr. Bliss has already sent Bishop Mallalien a handsome donation for the college and is anxious to help it in the manner set forth, which we regard as an opportunity that should not be neglected.

A Louisiana layman of our church complains that his pastor has not preached in his church since July. He says his pastor employs all his time in making speeches and getting others, white and colored, to speak at the lottery. He says his pastor should preach the Gospel of repentance and salvation to the hearts of all men, and then they would know that God did not approve of any

gambling institutions. That pastor is doing a grand work in making speeches and in getting others to speak against the lottery iniquity. We applaud his holy efforts in that direction. He ought not to work less against the lottery, but should double his efforts and preach the Gospel of repentance and salvation oftener.

Help for Bro. Morant.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 23, '91.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D.

My Dear Sir:—I noticed in your paper an appeal for Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder. I am not acquainted with Rev. Morant, but have many friends in the M. E. Church, and a man in his unfortunate condition, that has a wife and eleven children to depend on his salary as a minister, certainly needs help. Let every man give a dollar. Please find enclosed \$1 for their benefit, and welcome.

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Wesley Chapel, by Rev. F. T. Chinn.....	3.30
Rev. J. F. Marshall.....	1.00

Political Review.

The campaign in Ohio is growing especially interesting. Sixty-five thousand people crowded to hear the venerable John Sherman discuss the superior advantages of Republican protection, as exhibited in the McKinley law, over Democratic free trade, a few days ago. Old time Democrats are coming to the support of the author of this law, Gen. McKinley, for Governor of Ohio.

Gov. Patterson, of Pennsylvania, has called the Senate in extra session to investigate charges against the official integrity of the State Treasurer and Auditor. The Democrats are hoping to gain some party advantages from the expected disclosures.

The party leaders in this State are terribly divided in both parties. The Democratic Lottery folks are crying in favor of "white supremacy, McEnery (for Governor) and the Lottery," while the Democratic Antis declare that they are the original, unadulterated white-liners. Both are courting the Negro vote, but how to do it without losing some of their white following is the problem. The National Republican administration having adopted an anti-lottery law, the party down here is morally bound to oppose the lottery, but many wily politicians of Republican faith are not as pronounced in the premises as might be expected. Many of them, doubtless, are waiting for an offer to trade.

Already men are talking of probable delegates to the National Nominating Convention. The New Orleans Republican is evidently opposed to ex-Gov. Kellogg, and tries to minify him as a political factor in this State. The facts are that Gov. Kellogg has more influence to day with the colored voters of this State, which makes up 95 per cent of the Republicans here, than any other white man in it. And this notwithstanding the corrupting influence of the Custom-house, Mint and all the other federal patronage, at the command of Mr. Warmoth and his henchmen to make it otherwise. It goes without saying, that it is quite evident that Gov. Kellogg will be an influential member of the Louisiana delegation to the next Republican Nominating Convention. If reports are true, the people who owe no allegiance to the bosses will have something to say in the premises, which will no doubt greatly surprise our confreres, and the aborted white Republico-Democratic party for which it speaks.

SUBSCRIBE for the SOUTHWESTERN, and get official proceedings of the great Ecumenical Conference, and of the annual conferences soon to be held all over our territory.

Personal.

—Bro. A. J. Hall, of Franklin,

called last Monday on his way to Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

—Rev. J. J. Billingsley, formerly of this city, is now in charge of our church at Toronto, Ohio.

—Sunday School Agent Ernest Lyon, A.M., is pushing forward his work on the Shreveport district. When last heard from he was in Shreveport, where he gave valuable help in caring for our dear departed Bro. Morant.

—Bishop Fitzgerald took "by storm" the hearts of preachers and people on the Pacific Coast.

—"The busiest bishop in America" is the way the Review of Reviews designates Bishop John H. Vincent.

—The Ocean Grove Record mentions Bishop Joyce's sermon at the camp meeting as "one of the grandest specimens of pulpit oratory and sweeping power remembered at Ocean Grove."

—Bishop Thoburn, by his physician's instructions, is resting at Almorab, Kumaon.

—Dr. Joseph Longking, the veteran of our New York Book Concern, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday September 2.

—Bishop and Mrs. Walden expected to sail from Europe for home on the 30th of last month.

—John W. Vrooman, the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor of New York, is a member of the Methodist Church.

—Rev. E. H. Rust, recently called to the presidency of the Cincinnati Wesleyan Female Seminary, has gone to Europe to give special attention to the prevailing systems in England and the Continent.

—Rev. Dr. Stowe, of our Western Book Concern, has just passed his sixtieth birthday. It found him enjoying his work in a vigorous manhood, with the promise of many happy returns.

—Mr. Andrew Dright and wife, of Thomson Chapel, who have been visiting relatives in Donaldsonville, have returned home.

—Bishop Mallalien, and his brother and son visited the Yosemite, while in California a few days ago. They enjoyed it hugely. The bishop is holding conferences in that section, and is giving general inspiration to the work. Our cause never suffers whenever he gets a chance to say a word for us.

—His many friends will rejoice to learn that Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder of Alexandria, (La.) district, who lost his mind some weeks ago, is now under treatment in Shreveport, and "is improving rapidly." We hope for his speedy recovery. He is in need of financial aid however, and friends are urgently requested to respond thereto. Address Dr. Albert, this office.

—If it is the intention of President Harrison to appoint a colored man from the South as minister to Liberia, we know of no one that he could appoint that would give so much satisfaction to the people of this section as Rev. James W. Hudson, the able and popular pastor of Union Chapel M. E. Church, in this city. Bro. Hudson we learn

is a candidate for the place and is backed up by very strong influences.

—Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph.D., pastor of Asbury Church, Washington, D. C., was given an ovation on his recent return from his summer vacation. The Sage of Anacostia, the venerable Fred Douglass, delivered the address of welcome. It was an effort worthy of his great fame and of the occasion. Dr. Bowen, claimed to be too full for utterance, but he nevertheless added greatly to his well-earned reputation as an orator, by his timely and able address in reply. Ex-Senator Bruce, Auditor Lynch and many of the most prominent people in the best Washington society participated in the reception and banquet. Dr. Bowen is deservedly popular in his church, and with the people of Washington generally, and this occasion was a fair manifestation of the fact.

WHY not organize the Epworth League on every charge in our territory. It is one of the best auxiliaries that we can put in operation in our charges. Write to the Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D.D., corresponding secretary, S. S. Union, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, for further information.

Important Notice.

A department for deaf mutes will be opened in New Orleans University at the time of the regular opening, October 5, if a sufficient number of pupils can be secured.

Let all friends interested in these afflicted ones among us, notify them or send names or addresses immediately to

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The General Missionary Committee will meet in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, O., on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m.

C. O. McOABE,

J. O. PECK,

A. B. LEONARD,

Cor. Secretaries.

An Earnest Appeal.

Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder of Alexandria district, has lost his mind. His friends have decided to send him from Shreveport to this city for treatment. He will reach here this week. Having a large family of a wife and eleven dependent children, he has not the means for their support and his treatment. Will not every pastor in the Louisiana Conference take up a collection for him, and every one reading these lines send a dime or a dollar to help him. Please help him, and help at once. Send to this office, to Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., Secretary Louisiana Conference.

It is said that two-thirds of the clerks in the Customhouse in this city and in the Mint are Democrats, and when the Whitelegions laid the corner-stone to their statue of Liberty, the other day, in honor of the revolution in which they engaged seventeen years ago, nearly all of those clerks were in the procession.

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Schools and Colleges.

New Orleans University opens Monday, Oct. 5. To provide for new applications for admission a new building, 78x34 feet, containing eight recitation rooms, has been erected at a cost of \$2,800, which will accommodate 350 students.

Plans have been prepared for a machine shop. The machinery for iron and wood including a new steam engine, costing \$600 and \$500 cash, have been donated and work will begin at once. The \$500 is a donation from a liberal spirited colored citizen of New Orleans. Work in carpentry, printing and tin-smithing will go under the same superintendents as last year.

The medical building, 302 Canal street, is being refitted. A large number of students have arranged to attend the third session. A fine class will graduate this year and it is intended to make the work as thorough and complete as in any medical college in the South. This school was established through the efforts of Bishop W. F. Mallien, and the eligible building aforesaid purchased for its use with funds raised by the good bishop. Eleven thousand dollars have been paid on account, leaving a balance of \$5,000 which must be paid shortly, and for which purpose the bishop makes an earnest appeal to the charitable public.

The musical department will be greatly strengthened this year. Miss A. M. Roberts of De Pauw University, Indiana, has been elected principal. Prof. A. R. Adkinson will be assistant in instrumental music and Prof. J. W. Collett, B. S., in vocal music. A pipe organ made by the Pilcher Brothers, has been placed in the chapel and two additional cabinet organs have been provided. It is the intention to make this department at an early day a conservatory of music, where the very best facilities will be afforded all lovers of the art.

Mrs. Adkinson will teach sewing and dress-making by the McDowell system.

President Adkinson has been absent from the city but two weeks during the summer, giving all his time and energy to the building up of this great institution and has the pleasure of seeing his work appreciated by the people. Following are the faculties:

College of Liberal Arts: L. G. Adkinson, A. M., D. D., president and professor of mental and moral philosophy; Harvey J. Clements, M. S., professor of natural science; Alexander P. Camphor, A. B., professor of mathematics; William P. Winter, A. M., professor of Greek and principal normal department; Miss Fane Adkinson, professor of belles lettres, stenography, penmanship; Miss M. Attilla Farr, professor of elocution and English branches; John W. Collett, B. S., professor in college preparatory; Miss Olivia M. Anderson, A. B., professor of Latin; Mrs. W. P. Winter, principal fourth grade; Miss E. M. Williamson, principal third grade; Mrs. Cora L. Armstead, principal first and second grades.

Medical Faculty, 1891-92: Rev. L. G. Adkinson, A. M., D. D., president; G. W. Hubbard, M. D., acting dean and professor of hygiene and medical ethics; I. E. Mullon, A. M., M. D., professor of anatomy and theory; H. J. Clements, M. S., professor of physiology and chemistry; G. H. Felton, A. M., M. D., professor of materia medica; J. T. Newman, M. D., professor of surgery; T. A. Walker, A. M., M. D., professor of diseases of women; G. L. Curtis, A. M., M. D., lecturer on nervous diseases; M. S. Hopper, M. D., lecturer on diseases of the respiratory organs; C. G. Merritt, A. M., M. D., demonstrator of anatomy and instructor on toxicology and electro-therapeutics; F. B. Earhart, LL. D., professor of medical jurisprudence.

Drs. Sneed of Nashville and Mitchell of Cincinnati are members of the faculty, but their chairs have not been designated.

Prof. and Mrs. Frank O. Blundon, keep their Live Oak Preparatory School, at Baton Rouge, La.,

open fifty weeks in a year. It is kept open night and day. Bro. Blundon and his wife are members of our church in Baton Rouge, and their tireless efforts in the education of our people deserve their appreciation and support; and they have it.

Gammon Theological Seminary opens to-day. It is very desirable that students enter at the beginning of the term. Advertisement in another column.

The New Orleans Medical School ought to open with a hundred students Oct. 5. Here is your chance brother. Don't throw away a golden opportunity. Write Dr. L. G. Adkinson, 1428 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, for catalogue and general information.

The abolition of the Ware High School, Augusta, Ga., due to the contentions among the colored people, is a calamity to our people in that State.

Morristown, (Tenn.) Normal Academy, Rev. J. S. Hill, A. M., B. D., president, opened Sept. 16, with the largest enrollment for the first day of any year in its history. Students from Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kansas, Alabama and Mississippi are in attendance.

Work on the beautiful new building is progressing. The Woman's Home Missionary Society have given the contract for their model home. Miss Mary Blancher, the worthy matron of that institution for the past three years, was married Sept. 10, to Rev. J. S. Petty, Presiding Elder of Chattanooga district, Holston Conference. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

A DELEGATION from different States, called together by the American Sabbath Union, met the National Commissioners of the World's Fair in Chicago, Sept. 3, to urge the closing of the exposition on Sundays. One hour and a half were given by the commissioners for a hearing. The various aspects of the question were ably discussed by President Scoville, of Ohio; President Patton, of Princeton; O. O. Howard, Dr. Feruley, of Philadelphia, and Henson, of Chicago; Col. Bacon, of Brooklyn, and Hon. L. S. Coffin, of Iowa; Col. Shepard, of New York, President of the Union, and Secretaries Knowles and Taylor were present and assisted in giving directions to the proceedings. These friends of the Sabbath are hopeful that their request will be granted. If it is not granted christian people of this country might clothe themselves in sackcloth and ashes, bury their faces in their hands and plead with Almighty God for the salvation of our free constitution.

THE colored citizens of Texas held a great convention in Houston a week or two ago, in which they gave much valuable advice to the colored citizens of that State. There were over three hundred delegates in attendance, made up of some of the most intelligent and substantial representative men of the race in the State. They entered a vigorous and emphatic protest against the "Jim Crow law." Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., presiding elder of the Houston district, was president. Dr. Scott was continued in the presidency of the executive committee which holds over till the next session of the convention.

WILL our preachers call attention next Sabbath to the Medical College of New Orleans University. Bishop Mallien has labored day and night for more than two years to build up a medical school, and now that it is in its third year of successful work, well equipped, with a strong faculty, shall we not fill it with first class young men?

Opinion, a Washington, D. C., magazine, showed its appreciation of Dr. J. W. E. Bowen's able article in the *Methodist Review*, by republishing a good portion of it in its columns.

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and potent to disintegrate the conference forces and destroy the only tenable principles which gave good reasons for our presence on this hotly contested field.

The doctrine underlying this action of the church, and demonstrated by its praiseworthy efforts was the universal brotherhood of man. This well became the sons and followers of Mr. Wesley in the latter half of the nineteenth century, especially in view of what had transpired in the first sixty years of it.

Now had she maintained in practice what she held and still holds in theory, in this hour of her great opportunity, the high vantage ground gained would have given her a vision of the coming century from which she would have received an inspiration to conquer this continent not unlike that she had a hundred years ago. In the imperious demands and the wily ways to secure separate conference organizations, and the defiant attitude towards co-education of the mixed and Negro blood, we can read the true cause of failure to advance in the last decade as she did in the preceding one. How serious the effects have been upon our church work we can only speak prospectively, what we might have been had these tornadoes of agitation and ruptures of peaceful relations never occurred. Since these divisions were consummated neither phase of our work has received any marked accessions, while each has rendered itself vulnerable; and at places received mortal wounds from their ever present and not too scrupulous competing and opposing church organizations.

What growth there has been is mainly esoteric—a necessary feature of churchly life—but this should be attended by a vigorous aggressive spirit.

The church of Christ must accrete as well as concrete her elements, and, unless she gathers from without, her decline is sure; her death is only a question of a date.

In estimating the growth we have not included the territory occupied before the civil strife, but on that newly acquired ecclesiastical possession the last ten years show very little aggressive spirit, save in a few rare and exceptional localities.

If the future shall happily disappoint these views, no one will hail the triumph with more gratitude than the writer; but the wrong steps taken will be difficult to retrace and the widening breach almost impossible to span.

What the great Head of the Church militant may achieve through these conflicting agencies the future alone can demonstrate.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.)

Last Sunday week was a high day at Union Chapel. At 3 o'clock in the morning the altar was crowded with mourners, and during the week they had many converts. At 11 o'clock a Sunday School Union Meeting was held, with the old Baptist Church Sunday School under the superintendence of Messrs. Frank Davis and Geo. K. Johnson, and Wesley Chapel Sunday school with Joseph Bailey as superintendent. Central Church was represented by Mr. Chauncey M. Crawford, and La Harpe Sunday School by Miss J. Grant. Much credit is due Mr. and Miss Ogilvie, the faithful superintendents of Union Chapel Sunday School, for the success of the occasion.

A Joint Class Bazaar was given at Pleasant Plain, under the auspices of the Willing Classes, the last week in August, for the purpose of seating the church. By the management of Alex. Ready, A. Wilson, Mrs. Ready, and A. Thomas, it was a grand success. The following also faithfully helped: Mrs. L. Price, W. King,

M. Mason, C. Leary, E. Leonard, N. Johnson, C. Brown, G. Davis, J. Butler, R. Bolden, L. Brown, A. Brown, M. Jackson, P. Henderson, G. Henry, M. Bryant, Misses Lewis, R. and H. Dutch, Revs. H. C. Green, A. J. Pickett, Bro. B. G. Ankrum, Columbus, Messrs. J. Johnson, G. Henry, W. King, H. Henderson, Mason. The church is now being nicely seated.

Mrs. Mary A. Kenner and Mrs. Nellie Johnson have been appointed a committee for Pleasant Plains, on the Old Folks' Home Fund.

President J. W. Hudson requests all the members of the New Orleans Preachers' Meeting to meet at New Orleans University, Oct. 5, 12 m.

Union Chapel, Rev. J. W. Hudson pastor, is enjoying one of the most sweeping revivals that she has enjoyed for a long time. The large church is crowded every night; the altar full of penitent souls, and many happy conversions are recorded every night. The whole church feels the holy impulse.

Reports of the third quarterly conference held at First Street M. E. Church, Sept. 15, show that the church is marching grandly forward spiritually and financially. Paid the Rev. T. G. Montgomery, pastor, \$232.60. Raised \$534.40 this quarter. Raised for missions up to date \$1, paid Presiding Elder \$60.

Marriages.

Eola, La.—Sept. 12, Mr. V. Sellwen to Miss Eliza Harris.

Opelousas, La.—Sept. 17, Mr. William Newman to Miss Louisa Butler.

Sandersville, Miss.—August 17, Mr. John Carneger and Miss Fanny Bonds.

Abbeville, Miss.—Sept. 13, Mr. Sylvester Hamilton to Miss Bettie Lockridge.

Quitman, Texas.—Mr. Lewis Reinhardt to Miss May Jane Barnes, Sept. 9.

Greenhill, Miss.—August 22, Mr. J. R. Woolfolk to Miss A. M. Martin.

Mr. A. W. Jones to Miss Jennie White.

Mr. Nelson Sims to Miss Betsey Alexander.

Rev. S. J. Wood officiating.

Pineville, La.—Mr. Hayes Hall to Miss Lizzie Robertson, Sept. 10.

Rev. J. L. Augustus officiating.

Obituary.

Mrs. Fredonia Courtney, beloved wife of the Rev. Joseph Courtney, of the Lexington Conference, departed this life Saturday, Sept. 12, aged 47 years. For several years she had been a constant sufferer, but she bore her affliction with that Christian heroism which could only characterize the true Christian. Her last illness was brief, but the Spirit of the Master whom she so faithfully served was a constant inspiration to cheer and support her during the trying ordeal. Her last moments were spent in singing and prayer, and in giving words of cheer and hope to her husband.

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and friends. Her's was indeed the victory of faith, and she departed to the glory land shouting, "Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord!" By her own request, the funeral took place at Wiley M. E. Church, Springfield, O., Monday, September 14. A very large number of the people, representing nearly all the churches in the city, joined in the tribute of respect to the memory of this godly woman. There were present: Revs. Ransom, Gazaway, Ross and Davis of the A. M. E., Revs. Robinson, Williams and Cressey (white) of the Baptist churches, and E. W. S. Hammond, Presiding Elder of the Ohio district, who delivered the funeral sermon, assisted by the brethren named, after which a large number of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their last resting place in the beautiful Fern Cliff Cemetery. Bro. Courtney has the prayerful sympathy of the entire community in his great bereavement.

Tuesday, September 8, Sister Martha Damsler, a faithful member of Sandersville M. E. Church for 18 years, departed this life in full triumph of faith. The church has lost a member, but heaven has gained a jewel. She leaves a husband and three or four children to mourn her loss.

Monroe, La.—Sister Eby Brownfield, after an illness of 7 months, died Sept. 4. She lived and died a faithful member of Mt. Nebo M. E. Church. She leaves 2 sons and 4 daughters to mourn her loss.

Abbeville, Miss.—Sister Betsy Mathias, a faithful member of Providence Church, fell asleep in Jesus, August 18. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss.

Bro. Samuel Gilliam, a well-known citizen, departed this life August 29, aged 68 years. Eight days before he died he professed a hope in Christ. He leaves a wife, 5 children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Philadelphia, Miss.—Sister Jane Seals, a member of Hopewell M. E. Church, died August 30, in triumph of faith. She told all her friends and relatives to meet her in heaven. She leaves a husband and 8 children to mourn her loss.

Fayette, Miss.—Sister Martha Poppa, a member of Harrison M. E. Chapel, departed this life July 20, aged 47 years. She lived a consistent Christian and died as she had lived. She leaves a husband, six children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Clarksville, Texas.—Sister Martha Latimer, departed this life August 1, in full triumph of faith. She was a member of the M. E. Church 1 year and 4 months. Age, about 18 years. She leaves a mother, two sisters, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

F. Gilmore, P. C. [Rec'd Sept. 17.—Ed.]

THE next civil service examination for the customs service will be held at the customhouse, Oct. 6. Blank applications can be obtained from J. M. Holland, secretary.

Conference Notices.

Important Notice.—East Tennessee Conference.

The next session of the above conference will be held at Morristown, Tenn., Oct. 15. Arrangements for reduced rates have been made with the railroads, as follows: One and one-third fare for the round trip on the East Tenn. Va. & Ga. R. R., and Cincinnati Southern, from Bristol, Chattanooga, Paint Rock, Jellico, Harriman Junction and all intermediate points on E. T. Va. & G. R. R., from Harriman, Chattanooga and intermediate points on the C. S. All persons attending the conference will purchase tickets at the regular one way rate, securing a certificate from the agent, which certificate must be filled up and signed by the secretary of the conference. Presented to the agent at Morristown, it will secure a return ticket at one-third the regular rate. The Norfolk & Western R. R. will sell round trip tickets to Bristol from all stations west of Salem, Va., at regular excursion rates. Tickets are to be on sale Oct. 13, 15 good for return on or before Oct. 22. By resolution of the conference, the Examining Committee and the members of the various classes together with those recommended for admission on trial and orders, are requested to meet October 14. Statistical blanks will be sent to each pastor.

J. S. HILL, Sec'y.

Marion District, Central Alabama Conference. Fourth Round.

Marion	Oct. 24-25
New Bern	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Old Town	Nov. 7-8
Oak Grove	" 14-15
Salma	" 21-22
Mt. Sinal	" 28-29
Union	Dec. 5-6
Gainesville	" 12-13
Clinton	" 19-20
Tuscaloosa	Jan. 2-3
Entaw	" 9-10
Mt. Sterling	" 16-17

Dear Brethren: Push every interest of the church and see that every dollar of benevolent money is collected on or before the time of holding your conference. Marion district must not be behind. We can do. Let us do.

H. N. BROWN, P. E.

Gainesville District, Savannah Conference.

Lithonia	Oct. 3-4
Decatur	" 10-11
East Atlanta	" 9-11
North Atlanta	" 16-18
Roswell	" 17-18
Duluth	" 24-25
Swansea	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Buford	Nov. 7-8
Harmony Grove	" 14-15
Gillville	" 21-22
Lavonia	" 28-29
Elberton	Dec. 5-6
" hite	" 12-13
Gainesville	" 18-20
Hoschton	" 19-20

Dear Brethren: The fall is now upon us. Let us go to work to-day and raise our entire benevolent assessment for the year. The world shall know us by our work. Local preachers must have the "Southwestern" before the fourth quarter in order to get their licenses renewed.

M. M. ALSTON, P. E.

The travelling preachers of the Paris District, Texas Conference, are hereby called to meet in St. Paul M. E. Church, Clarksville, Tex., Monday, October 19, to consider a matter of importance to them. Meet at 3 p. m., and fail not.

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My friends, do you know I was one of those 'boys,'
'Twas long, long ago, but the boys of this age,
Are treated the very same way.

They say that our glasses were filled with pure wine,
In mine was a serpent of fire,
That knows at my vitals, and crazes my brain,
With appetite's craving desire.
It robs me of peace and the comforts of home,
It robs me of manhood and pride,
The love of my children, my money and health,
And God only knows all beside!

You see I was treated for true friendship's sake,
But oh, 'twas the curse of my life;
I'd rather he'd struck through my innocent heart
A murderer's death-dealing knife.
They said 'twas a costly and generous treat
They praised as they passed round the bowl,
Who'll reckon the cost? what's the worth of a life?
Who'll tell me the price of a soul?

I wouldn't have gone to the bar-room alone
And called for my first glass of wine;
But, urged by companions, for friendship I took
The treat that I could not decline.
There're thousands who never to drink would have learned
If treating had never been known.
So if you drink what kills body and soul,
I pray you to drink it alone.
Away with this treating, you see what it does.
My life is a failure complete,
Show friendship in some other way, my boys,
There's danger in treating; don't treat.

The Household.

ROLLS.—One pint of boiling milk, one tablespoon butter, one tablespoon sugar, one-half cup liquid yeast, flour to make a stiff sponge. Let it rise over night. In the morning knead it well, let it rise again, roll it out and cut it with a biscuit cutter.

GRAHAM MUFFINS.—Two table spoons sugar, one tablespoon butter, one egg, one cup sweet milk, three teaspoons baking powder; flour for stiff batter.

OATMEAL ROLLS.—To a vegetable dish of cold, cooked oatmeal, add, one teaspoon melted butter, one egg, one pint hot milk, flour to make quite stiff, two teaspoons baking powder, bake in gem irons.

PICKLE FOR BEEF.—One half pound saleratus, one-fourth pound saltpetre, two pounds sugar, eight pounds salt. This is sufficient for one hundred pounds of beef.

COFFEE CAKE.—One cup molasses, one-half cup sugar, two eggs, one half cup butter, one cup cold coffee, one cup raisins, one teaspoon cinnamon, one tablespoon soda, three cups flour.

YEAST.—Peel and grate four good sized potatoes. Boil a handful of hops in a pint of water until strength is extracted, then strain the water over the grated potatoes. Set all over the fire and stir it constantly until the mixture becomes like stiff starch, then add one cupful of sugar, and half a cupful of salt, and set it away to cool in a dark place. When it is luke-warm stir it into one pint of old yeast, then let it rise, after which, it must be kept in a coll place.

APPLE CAKE.—Seven eggs, one-half cup butter, two cups white sugar, two cups flour, two table spoons baking powder, two table spoons water, one half teaspoon salt. Bake it in layers, between which put the following filling: One egg, one cup sugar, three grated apples, one lemon.

I HAVE had catarrh for twenty years, and used all kinds of remedies without relief. Mr. Smith, druggist, of Little Falls, recommended Ely's Cream Balm. The effect of the first application was magical, it allayed the inflammation and the next morning my head was as clear as a bell. I am convinced its use will effect a permanent cure. It is soothing and pleasant, and I strongly urge its use by all sufferers.—Geo. Terry, Little Falls, N. Y.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my father. His name was Matthew Loudeu. My mother's name was Mary Page before she married him. My brothers' names are Peter and James Louden. My uncle Wm. Page, and my name is Hannah Louden. The last time I saw him was at Donaldsonville, seven years ago. Any one knowing of his whereabouts will do me a great favor by informing me. My address is Hannah Louden, care of Wm. Page, Rosedale, La.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my mother and father who left me in Mississippi when a boy. They went to Ohio and I was carried to Georgia in the Martin estate, where I now live. Father's name was Moses Lynch. Mother's name was Mary Lynch. She carried four children with her. My oldest brother was Henry and next Richard. My oldest sister was Elizabeth, youngest Minerva. My oldest sister married a man named Albert Bethel, in Ohio. Any one knowing their whereabouts will please write to Robert Lynch, care of Rev. D. H. Martin, Alexandria, Ga.

Mr. Editor: I will make one more enquiry through the SOUTHWESTERN for my sister. She was taken to Atlanta, Ga., in 1862, by W. M. Simpson. At that time I was a boy 7 years old, and I have not seen her since. Her name was Sarah Ann Simpson. Mother's name was Matilda Simpson, and my name is Andrew Jackson Simpson. We were raised in White county, Tennessee, four miles south of Sparta, at Simpson's Mills. Any information will be thankfully received. Address A. J. Simpson, Doyle Station, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for Jane Swan, daughter of Violet and Godfrey Swan. The last time I heard from her she was living with Dr. Bradley Tyler of Frederick City. She belonged to Richard Johnson, Frederick county, Md. She had a daughter named Josephine. Brothers David, William and Elley Swan. Sisters Dockey, Harriet Ann and Mary Ellen Swan. Any one knowing her whereabouts will please address Mrs. Harriet A. Ayer, Avery College, corner of North and Avery streets, Allegheny City, Pa.

From Father DeSmet, the Great Indian Missionary.
St. Louis, Jan. 8, 1872.—Messrs. J. & C. Maguire: No remedy can be more effective for complaints of the bowels, such as Cholera, Diarrhea, Dysentery, etc., than Maguire's Beane Plant. I have always found it such. P. J. DESMET, St. Louis.

General News Items.

Mr. Gladstone, the great English leader, is waning in physical strength, and is thought to be nearing the end of his wonderful political career. Such is life.

Negro Tax Payers in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana.

The *Appeal* has been furnished the following information by the accommodating sheriff of Morehouse. There are some interesting facts contained in this stick of information. There are in the parish 185 Negroes who pay taxes on real estate. They are: In ward 1, 14; ward 2, 20; ward 3, 26; ward 4, 53; ward 5, 1; ward 6, 20; ward 7, 6; ward 8, 11; ward 10, 18. Thirteen colored people own real estate in the corporation of Bastrop and three in Oak Ridge.

The aggregate assessment of all the property belonging to the Negroes of the parish foots up the magnificent sum of \$201,930. These figures speak eloquently for a people who have had many difficulties to contend with, and they show that any Negro who wishes to be independent in his own home can reach that ambition in this great parish. The colored people who own land are all good and useful and respected citizens. They possess the confidence of their white neighbors, and are, as a rule, happy, content and good livers.—Bastrop Appeal.

Our Symposium.

Some of the Southern Methodists just now are enjoying an opportunity to say: "I told you so." The Northern Methodists are arranging to have a great university, so far as money goes, in Washington City. They asked the Southern Methodists to unite with them. If they could not unite in other things, surely "education" was common ground. Some demurred, others agreed, and at least one Southern bishop is on the board. Now it is announced that the university is to be mixed, as regards color, which was to be expected in view of the well-known position of Northern Methodists. Whereupon there is consternation among those who advocated "union" in education and quiet enjoyment of that consternation among those who opposed it.—Western Recorder.

Bishop Haygood, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, is reported to have made a most important declaration in a recent speech. He was speaking of the Federal Elections Bill which was before Congress during its late session, and said: "The Southern white people, whose money maintains the public schools, would have abolished the whole system before they would have paid for the education of the Negroes under the conditions which they believed to be involved in that measure." The "conditions" of that bill, as we understand, were that every legally qualified voter in the United States should have the right to cast a free ballot, and have it honestly counted and returned. It applied equally to all parts of the country. The end aimed at is the fundamental principle of free institutions. Then, according to Bishop Haygood, it was the deliberate purpose of the South to abolish the whole free school system, of which the colored people receive a part of the benefits, rather than suffer the colored man to exercise elective franchise; or in revenge, if they were compelled to submit to this result! Well, we have seen a good many severe things said of the Southern people on this point by political papers, but this Southern bishop clearly discomfited them all. He affirms a spirit of desperation which politicians have not uttered.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

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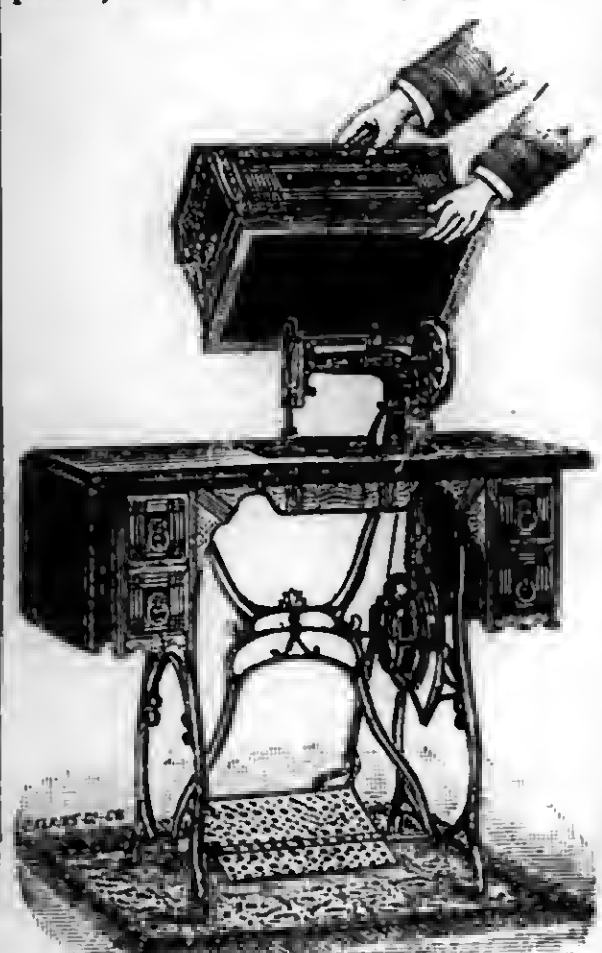
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HOME READINGS.

M. John 11. 21-32. Th. John 11. 33-44. W. John 11. 1-10. Th. John 11. 11-20. F. Job. 19. 23-27. S. Mark 5. 35-43. S. Sohn 12. 1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life. (John 11. 25.)

LESSON HYMN, S. 7. 7.

Jesus wept! those tears are over, But his heart is still the same; Kinsman, Friend, and elder Brother, Is his everlasting name. Saviour, who can love like thee, Gracious One of Bethany?

When the pangs of trial seize us, When the waves of sorrow roll, I will lay my head on Jesus, Pillow of the troubled soul. Surely, none can feel like thee, Weeping One of Bethany!

Jesus wept, and still in glory, He can mark each mourner's tear; Living to retrace the story Of the hearts he solaced here. Lord, when I am called to die, Let me think of Bethany.

Time—Probably March, A. D. 30. Place—Bethany. Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Jesus and Martha, v. 21-27. What words of Martha show her faith in Jesus's power on earth? How did she declare her faith in his power in heaven? What promise did Jesus give her? To what time did Martha think he referred? What did Jesus say about the resurrection?

2. Jesus and Mary, v. 28-38. How did Mary know of Jesus's coming? What did she at once do? Where was Jesus at this time? What did the people think when Mary went out? What did Mary say and do when she met Jesus? How was Jesus affected by her grief?

3. Jesus and Lazarus, v. 34-44. What question did Jesus ask about Lazarus? What shows to us his love for Lazarus? What question did some of the Jews ask? Where was the tomb, and how secured?

What did Jesus command? What objection was made? What question did he ask Martha? What was Jesus's thanksgiving to the Father? What did he then say? What was the result of his words? When before had Jesus raised the dead? (Luke 7. 15; 8. 54, 55.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. That Jesus has sympathy with us in our sorrow?

2. That Jesus can comfort us in our sorrow?

3. That Jesus can give us triumph over our sorrow?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Write down the names of the persons of whom it is said Jesus loved them?

Find other cases where Jesus raised dead persons to life?

Find cases recorded in the Old Testament of dead persons raised to life.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Name the two sisters who mourned the death of their brother Lazarus, whom Jesus loved?

2. What did the Lord do when they led him to the grave? Jesus wept.

3. What did he call aloud after praying to God? "Lazarus, come forth."

4. What then happened? He that was dead came forth.

5. What had Jesus said to Martha? "I am the resurrection, and the life."

Doctrinal Suggestion—The resurrection of the dead.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

92. What is the fifth commandment? Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

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Shady Grove ct. " 24-25
Sumnerville ct. Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Adairsville ct. Nov. 7-8
Cartersville ct. " 14-15
Marietta ct. " 15-16
Plymouth ct. " 21-22
Chickamauga Park ct. " 22-23
Cave Spring ct. " 23-24
Rome ct. Dec. 5-6
Rome—First Church ct. " 13-14
Rome—Second Church ct. " 11-13
Tallapoosa ct. " 19-20
Cedartown ct. " 26-27

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Jesup ct. " 17-18
Montgomery ct. " 24-25
Savannah ct. Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2
Blackshear ct. " 7-8
Waycross ct. " 8-9
Wareboro ct. " 14-15
Berrien ct. " 21-22
Valdosta ct. " 22-23
Humphrey ct. " 26-29
Homerville ct. " 29-30
Camden ct. Dec. 5-6
St. Marys ct. " 12-13
Brunswick ct. " 19-20
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Brethren: A little vigilance will secure every dollar of benevolent money apportioned to your charges, therefore do yourselves the credit of raising the full amount. Let us make a clean sweep this time. From the reports at district conference, we have faith in your ability. The Lord bless you each and all.

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Editorial Notes.

Then brother man, fold to thy heart
thy brother,
Where love dwelleth, the peace of
God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each
other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed
a prayer.

Follow with reverent step the great
example,
Of him whose holy life was doing
good;
So shall the wide earth be our Father's
temple.
Each loving life a song of gratitude.
—Whittier.

WESLEY Chapel, New Orleans,
contributed \$6.50 to Bro. Morant,
and Willows Chapel \$3.50. This
corrects the figures of last week.
Franklin, La., Rev. Reese Thompson
contributed \$5.70.

THE Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home and Bible College for Missionaries, Washington, D. D., will be formally opened October 15. A fine class of ladies are ready to enter with the Deaconesses from the Home, which has been in operation for two years, and which is merged in the Memorial Institution. Application for admission should be made at an early date to the President, Rev. I. N. Dalby, North Capital and Pierce streets, Washington, D. C.

Next Sunday, October 11, has been denominated Discovery Day by the Pan Republic Congress Executive Committee, in honor of the discovery of America by Columbus. The committee have requested preachers and teachers everywhere to take as a special subject of that day the words from Leviticus xxv, 10: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, to all the inhabitants thereof." The words are cast in the bell of Independence Hall, Pa., that was rung on July 4, 1786, on the adoption by the Constitutional Congress of the Declaration of Independence.

THE vigorous antagonism of the SOUTHWESTERN, to the lottery infamy, has brought to the editor several pressing invitations to address the people, in various parts of this State, in opposition thereto. The editor regrets his inability to enter into such a canvass, at this time, as his time is wholly taken by other business that he cannot neglect. In the meantime he advises every friend of morality to assist in the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN, as the best antidote to the lottery virus. Put it in the hand of every voter in this State, and it will do valiant and successful missionary service for the cause.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Spread of Methodism Among the Colored People of the South.

BY REV. J. B. L. WILLIAMS.

The manifest need for the more extended spread of Methodism among the colored people of the South cannot be any longer a matter of doubt. In this assertion the Methodism of the M. E. Church is distinctively referred to. Not that other forms and branches of Methodism are not good, but because ours is the best, in the sense that more than any other Methodism it meets, provides for and supplies the moral and intellectual needs of the colored people in the South. The highest standard of moral training, the most elaborate and complete provision for a thorough intellectual equipment are nowhere more abundant and abundant than in the M. E. Church. Therefore its spread among the colored people of the South is necessary and should be furthered by every honorable and Christian means within our grasp. One hindrance—and perhaps the most fatal—to our more rapid spread and development among and larger ingathering of the colored people in the South is, that we are confronted and taunted with the arguments used by other Methodism which "are around and about us as the mountains are around and about Jerusalem," that we have no colored bishops. This statement well as the indisputable fact of the statement, "no matter with what indifference some of our brethren may be disposed to regard it" has, does now and will influence many minds and greatly impede and retard our compassing the length and breadth of this Southland. That this is true will not be disputed or denied by any man of candor and frankness who has prudently, thoughtfully, patiently and honestly studied this question.

The other Methodisms have their bishops who travel through their episcopal districts and are frequently among their people outside of their official relation of holding Annual Conferences, and thus they are brought into a more intimate Christian relation as they meet them in their social and religious gatherings as well as in their homes. If our approaching General Conference can be impressed with the utility of and necessity for the election of a colored man to the episcopacy, and shall elect one, it will certainly remove what to my mind occurs to be the prime obstacle in the way of the spread of our Methodism. If this is done it will, in a manner hardly conceived of, so enhance our power for growth and influence as to overleap our most sanguine expectation.

As to whether the time for such an election has come I answer for myself and from convictions founded on what seems palpably clear and urgently necessary. "I think the time is at hand." Many have been expecting it. The thoughtful and progressive element of the laity are quietly but positively anticipating it. The ministry with a few "singularly phenomenal" exceptions are anxiously hopeful of it. The larger and more extended spread of our Methodism among the colored people of the South certainly demands it.

As to whether we have the material the answer comes in the affirmative. Men of moral, intellectual and religious character and fitness are not difficult to be found. Men who would do no dishonor to any position within the gift and confidence of the church are within at least calling distance.

How the desired end may be consummated is the most difficult part of this important question.

Unity and concert among

ourselves might be a wise and helpful step in that direction. All selfish and unholy ambitions should be crucified and when the chief shepherd and bishop of the church invisible shall through his visible church present the man, let the General Conference "arise and anoint him."

Jacksonville, Fla.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Preacher's Wife.

[A paper read by Rev. A. Brown, before the District Conference, at Cuero, Tex., August 8, 1891.]

When God made man he made for him a helpmate. Therefore it is lawful for ministers to marry as other men. But they should be careful as to who they should marry. A preacher's wife should be a model in the strictest sense of the word before the people. Not a model of self-conceit. Not a model of fancy dressing, but a model of meekness, patience, godliness, temperance and cleanliness. She should be neat and clean but never gorgeous or fancy apparelled. She should be agreeable and sociable and above all she should be a religious woman. She should be free from tale-bearing. This has proven injurious to many of our charges. She should believe evil of no one, without good evidence. And never speak slightly of her and her husband's affairs. People will not thank her for it. I have known preachers whose good name has been destroyed among their people by the natty tongue of their wives. The wife can prove a blessing or a curse to her husband. Many of our preachers have been unequally yoked together, and I must say they are unequally living together. Many preachers would do better work if they were not thus tied down hand and feet. Yet the Discipline offers no redress except for adultery.

Our Discipline says "too many of our members (of course preachers too) have married unwakened persons. This has produced bad effect. They have been either hindered for life or have turned back to perdition." There may be no direct teaching in the holy writ to vindicate the argument for people to be divorced in any case except adultery, but it seems to teach that if they cannot agree; separation without remarriage, in some extreme cases may be allowed.

Read II Cor. 7th chapter, 10-17 verse. In Prov. 21 and 9th verse it says, "It is better to dwell in the corner of a house-top than with a brawling woman." Amos 3rd Ch. and 3rd verse says: "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Let me ask you the subjects of my discourse, are you contentions towards your husband? Do you try to make it hard for him because he is well spoken of by the females? This is a wrong. Jealousy has ruined many a poor preacher from the field, fostered and matured by his wife.

I am speaking of preacher's wives, but this is applicable to all women who have an ax of this character to grind. Remember you should be his nearest friend. If all assail his character and abuse him you should not. He has enough burdens to bear without carrying yours; because you promised to share his burdens however grievous to nature, and if you turn against him you may completely break him down. One of the greatest blunders John Wesley ever made was when he married Vazel. Her fiery temper, her superstition and jealousy unfitted her for such a character. She traveled a while with her husband over his work, and not being honored by the people whom she mingled with, went home and nursed her madness and from that day she began to lay snares

for her husband. He would try to amuse her, he would try to comfort her. He tried to pull the seed of jealousy up by the root. He went so far as to tell her that he was as free from any woman as the day he was born. But she did not believe him. She was to him, an adder by the way. And finally the result was an entire separation. Although our Discipline does not favor separation except for adultery.

Here was a man whose equal could not be found in his day, and even now, yet he was forced to flee from his wife because she sought to slay him by abuse. Don't any one conceive the idea that I am trying to teach divorcement unconditionally, but I do say fearlessly and with great stress and emphasis that many of our preachers have been unequally yoked together to such characters, and the consequence is they have almost made shipwreck of their faith and ministry, and such wives have put their husbands and themselves to an open shame. I would say to young men who are single (preachers especially), be careful whom you select as your better-half for life.

Put this down on your book that your success as ministers depends a great deal upon your wife. Therefore, dear preachers' wives, be kind to all, be true, be honest, be sociable, be grateful. Study your people, as your husband studies them. Consider that they are your people as well as your husband's. After you have done your best, some will speak slightly of you, but let your deportment be such that none will have cause to suspect that you are jealous or anything that a preacher's wife ought not to be. Be a standard-bearer for your husband. If you have no book-learning and are not able to be a Sunday school teacher you can be kind to young people and to your husband.

But I would do injustice were I to close this article without saying a word to the preachers about their wives. Do you do your duty towards them? Do you ever give them grounds to suspect that any woman's company suits you better than theirs? You must remember that our wives have rights that we must respect, as well as ourselves. Therefore be kind and loving to them, and then after you have done your duty, have walked circumspectly before them and they still seek to ruin you or assail your character, I can only give this advice, namely: bear it as you would any other temporal affliction for Christ's kingdom, or retire from the regular itinerancy with them and your sinful examples.

General Conference Delegates.

WEST GERMAN.—Ministerial: Chas. Ott, J. G. Leist. Alternates: Chas. Harnes, J. H. Asling. Lay: C. Frick, S. Kleinschmidt.

CHICAGO GERMAN.—Ministerial: C. Hedder, C. F. Morf. Alternates: C. F. Paulus, B. Lampert. Lay: G. A. C. Seefeldt, C. G. Gamer.

IOWA.—Ministerial: C. L. Stafford, Ira O. Kemble, T. J. Meyer. Alternates: I. P. Teter, J. W. McDonald. Lay: H. B. Williams, Centerville; Marcus Simpson, Burlington. Alternates: C. P. Axtell, Newton, Frank Bacon, Wilton.

CINCINNATI.—Ministerial: A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, John Pearson, T. H. Pearne. Alternates: Wm. Runyan, H. O. Weakley. Lay: James N. Gamble, W. W. Wilson. Alternates: B. R. Cowen, P. H. Mast.

PUGET SOUND.—Ministerial: A. J. Hanson, T. J. Massey. Alternates: Lay: Hon. D. T. Denny, Dr. Williams. Alternates: W. H. Fife, G. H. Randall.

OREGON.—Ministerial: S. P. Wilson, C. C. Stratton. Alternates: M. C. Wire, A. Kummer. Lay: C. W. Staver, J. O. Booth. Alternates: James Abraham, A. F. Miller.

CENTRAL GERMAN.—Ministerial: H. Liebhart, J. Rothweiler, J. G. Schaal. Alternates: H. Herzer, A. J. Nast. Lay: G. Golder, H. Schroetter. Alternates: Ernst Schnppam, F. Schneider.

SWITZERLAND.—Ministerial: H. J. Brieter. Reserve: A. Rodemeyer. Lay: Professor W. Ritter.

GERMANY.—Ministerial: E. Gebhardt.

IDAHO.—Ministerial: H. K. Hines. Reserve: J. H. Wood. Lay: Judge Saunders. Reserve: G. D. Ellis.

MONTANA.—Ministerial: F. A. Riggis. Lay: Hon. J. E. Rickards.

JAPAN.—Ministerial: J. Soper. Reserve: S. Ogata. Lay: Y. Niunomiya. Reserve: T. Tamura.

COLORADO.—Ministerial: Earl Cranston, N. A. Chamberlin, S. W. Thornton. Reserves: J. H. Merritt, T. C. Cliff. Lay: Hon. John Evans, Denver; Horace T. De Long, Grand Junction. Reserves: J. A. Clough, Denver; J. E. Downey, Pueblo.

ITALY.—Ministerial: Wm. Burt. Reserve: Paolo Gay. Lay: Mareo Luigi. Reserve: Caporri Gaetano.

ST. LOUIS GERMAN.—Ministerial: Koenke, J. L. J. Barth, Charled Heidel. Alternates: P. W. Jacoby, H. Nanman. Lay: H. Jacoby, G. Kress.

NORTHWEST SWEDISH.—Ministerial: A. Anderson. Alternate: C. G. Nelson. Lay: John R. Lindgren. Alternate: John Israelson.

NORWEGIAN AND DANISH.—Ministerial: J. H. Johnson. Alternate: A. Hagensen.

ERIE.—Ministerial: F. H. Beck, J. T. Edwards, M. P. Bagnell, A. Wheeler. Alternates: A. R. Rich, A. J. Merchant. Lay: T. D. Collins, G. B. Chase. Alternates: Geo. P. Hnkill, H. J. Gildley.

MICHIGAN.—Ministerial: J. H. Potts, Levi Master, W. I. Cogshall, G. S. Hickey, D. W. Parsons, M. M. Callen, N. L. Bray. Alternates: A. P. Moors, D. F. Barnes. Lay: Samuel Dickie, H. E. Staples.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.—Ministerial: C. O. McCulloch, Thomas Doney, M. A. Head, J. D. Evans, E. F. Tallman. Lay: Milton Hicks, T. J. Robinson. Alternate: W. B. Rickey, W. H. Logan.

The Colored Convention.

BY REV. L. M. HAGOOD, M. D.

That which can in no way be beneficial is most likely to be useless or injurious.

And so to express a doubt as to the wisdom of calling a colored convention immediately before or after the Ecumenical Conference, is the object of this paper.

Its deliberations would be unavailing for fraternity, race advancement intellectually, financially, morally or spiritually.

For it would have no authority to act for the General Conferences or the Annual Conferences in any manner whatever.

Because there is no manifested disposition, exhibited by General Conference action, to bring about closer union between the now distinctively colored churches and our church.

Because the colored element in our church does not manifest any desire whatever to change its present happy relation to the body ecclesiastical. Because such a convention would not be a concession that there is not nor can there be any success for colored people outside of distinctively colored conventions, etc., which thing we emphatically deny.

It would be but a stick in the hands of colorphobists to belabor

all colored people who are trying to make a breach in the Chinese wall of caste by keeping close to the wall.

Wherever the question of mixed schools is brought up, designing white men fight it by referring to the predilection of our people for separate and distinctively colored organizations. Now it is true that the intelligent colored people of this country are fighting shy of any such charge, and unless they do, their children will rise up in the future and doubt the ability of their fathers in ecclesiastical matters. If distinctively colored church organizations persist in trying to keep up the color line in this country, the educated young colored people will turn away in disgust and Congregationalism, Episcopalianism and Roman Catholicism will gather all those of our young people that do not from sheer despair plunge into fanaticism and infidelity. This may be wrong. Is it?

Publishers' Department.

[Pastors are requested to read this department each week.]

Rev. E. D. Giddings, of Adairsville, Ga., is to have a grand church rally for benevolences, and offers our paper with the Sewing Machine as a premium. A good idea; any church might adopt the plan with profit. Let there be no scheme of chance or lottery about it, but a reward for honest endeavor, then the divine approbation will attend it.

A TEXAS correspondent writes us of two colored men who were in Houston recently, organizing a society among the colored people, which would "secure them work in whatever State that work is found." They claimed to have had assurances from Jay Gould and Mr. Huntington, railroad kings, that the members of this society "can have work wherever found; and that it would not be long before the colored man would be first and foremost in this country." The society, they said, had agents in all the railroad companies. This is all we could learn from our correspondent, but the very face of the thing is branded with fraud. The thing is absurd and unreasonable and we hope our people will not allow themselves to be gulled by such sharpers. Mr. Gould, nor Mr. Huntington either, are not such disinterested philanthropists and lovers of the Negro to extend any such extraordinary offers for them to become "the first and foremost in this country." Why don't our people get some sense. It seems as if every slick, scheming scoundrel can dazzle their eyes, and make them believe "the moon is made out of green cheese." Don't believe any such nonsense, and have them put behind iron bars, that tries to steal your money from you upon the pretense that they are the bona fide bearers of any such absurd messages from men that have't the Negro to think about.

THE Down Town Herald is for the down town people and the improvement of that section of the city, and is doing a good work and meeting with much success.—Standard Pelican.

The Herald is the organ of the Lottery, whatever else it may be, and our hyphenated neighbor should have said so. It should have told its readers, too, that the Down Town Herald is, according to its own confession, "a straight out Democratic paper, that cares very little for the good graces of the colored people." Is the S. P. trying to help the Lottery by "whipping the devil round the bush?" Put your foot down, brother, and let us know where you are.

Letters from the Districts.

D. J. Price and Geo. W. Simms, statistical secretaries of the North New Orleans District, have furnished us with the following figures: Receipts for ministerial support, including house rent or rental value of parsonages \$6498.33, for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society \$210.50, other benevolent money \$230, building and improvements \$1210.65; total \$7149.48. Probationers 250, converts 410, accessions 230, full members 2435, local preachers 91, deaths 50, infants baptized 175, adults 180, marriages 50, churches 16, parsonages 4, Sunday schools 17, scholars of all ages 1898.

J. M. Shumpert, Columbus, Miss.

The great educational meeting held at Meridian in the interest of our Academy was a grand success.

The presence of Dr. Hartzell, Secretary, and Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was very encouraging to our people, and their earnest and eloquent speeches and sermons upon Christian education greatly stimulated our people to do more to help themselves than ever before. This great effort is to be followed up on the district by a ten day's visit by Dr. Mason, who will visit the principal circuits and stations, and lecture and preach and assist us in raising money for the Academy.

A new building is an absolute necessity, and we trust that the day when work shall commence on the new building is not far in the distant future.

Savannah District Conference.

The conference convened at Mt. Vernon, Ga., Rev. A. P. Melton presiding.

Geo. W. Lewis was elected secretary; Geo. W. Arnold, B. D., and J. C. Wilson, assistant secretaries.

The reports of the various pastors were generally good.

The benevolent collections reported were as follows: Savannah, G. W. Arnold, \$53.71; Reidville, G. W. Lewis, \$40; Brunswick, A. Sammel, \$36; Blackshear, L. W. Coats, \$19; Camden, Henry Williams, \$19; Brunswick Circuit, William Walker, \$17.50; Montgomery, R. S. Stacy, \$17; Jessup, J. H. Wilson, \$13.71; Wareboro, McD. Spencer, \$5; St. Mary's, F. M. Jones, \$4; Berrien, J. H. Sanders, \$4; Savannah Circuit, A. Armstrong, \$3; Humphrey, E. R. Reid, \$2; Valdosta, J. C. Allen, \$1.80; Appling, S. C. Crandall, \$1; Waycross, J. H. Smith, \$—.

The seat of the next district conference is Savannah.

Atlanta (Ga.) District Conference.

E. S. MELTON.

The conference assembled at Palmetto, Ga., August 9, 1891, at 8:30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Wilson presided.

Reports from the different charges were commendable, showing an increasing interest in the spiritual and financial condition of the church.

Prominent among the members present were: Drs. C. K. Wright and O. O. Fisher, Profs. T. A. Fortson and W. H. Crogman, Revs. M. C. B. Mason and M. M. Alston.

A resolution recognizing the philanthropy of the deceased Dr. Gammon, and tendering sympathy to the bereaved family, was adopted; also, a resolution to petition the Board of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society to retain Prof. T. A. Fortson in Clark University.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason lectured in behalf of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, for which \$15.11 was raised. The addresses by Profs. Crogman and Fortson, scholarly, enthusiastic and interesting, added much to the pleasantness of the session.

The total amount raised during the conference was \$48.

Literary Exercises for the Navasota District (Texas) Conference.

To be held at Brenham, October 21-25.

To preach the introductory sermon, H. C. Watson, J. A. Tillory.

To preach the missionary sermon, T. S. McMorris, S. E. Ewing.

To preach the baptismal sermon, Enoch Jefferson, M. Reddick.

God revealed in nature, W. McKinsie, T. S. McMorris.

Why do so few of our members subscribe for our church papers, especially the SOUTHWESTERN? H. W. Wilson, E. D. Blackwell.

Inspiration and miracles, J. A. Featherstone, H. R. Smith.

Essentials to a pastor's success, W. H. Logan, I. Snell.

Christian ethics, O. C. Minnegan, M. Reddick.

The holy communion, its chief design, J. E. Bryant, R. M. Thomas.

How can we best keep our Sunday schools alive in the winter, especially in the country? J. Jones.

Is it necessary to convene the leaders and stewards' meeting to grant a certificate of membership to a member moving to another charge? J. A. Tillory.

Topics for general discussion: "Funerals," "Mothers of the Church," "Their Origin."

Mrs. Brown, district president of the W. H. M. Society, will be present. W. H. LOGAN, P. E. and THE COMMITTEE.

Jackson District, Mississippi Conference.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL, P. E.

The Jackson District never was in a more prosperous condition, and a bright future is before us. Happy revivals are going on now, and the pastors report many conversions. All are jubilant over their great success. Many new churches have been and are being built. Our banner is high, and our motto: "Less resolutions and more faithful acts." Pray for us, that we may continue to prosper.

[This is a model communication, from a model Presiding Elder; and we commend it for its comprehensiveness and compactness, to our brethren who occupy so much unnecessary space to say so little in our columns.—Ed.]

The Gainesville District, Savannah Annual Conference, unanimously passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The SOUTHWESTERN is the official organ of our conference, and is edited by an eminent and able colored man, and it contains in its rich columns weekly the information which is indispensable and absolutely necessary for the intelligence and correct information of all of our people in this Southland, and especially for all of our local preachers, and no local preacher can be prepared to speak intelligently to the people who does not read the SOUTHWESTERN; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That every local preacher in the bounds of this district be most urgently requested to subscribe and pay for the SOUTHWESTERN, and in the future, commencing from the adoption of this resolution, the license of no local preacher shall be renewed who does not subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Signed: W. B. Brown, R. T. Adams, William Upshaw, committee; M. M. Alston, Presiding Elder; P. H. Travis, secretary.

Greenville District, Upper Mississippi Conference.

N. H. WILLIAMS.

Convened in Greenville, Aug. 5-9. Rev. J. W. Davis presided.

N. H. Williams was elected secretary, and W. H. H. Gallion assistant.

The reports from the Presiding Elder and pastors showed a wonderful progress on the district this year.

The district is still in its infancy, but the present development of the work shows strongly that it will soon be one of the best in the Upper Mississippi Conference. The statistics will show that there are 651 members, 50 probationers, and \$79.10 for benevolent purposes; also about 50 SOUTHWESTERNS taken.

No doubt the district will soon double its work in membership, church building and collections.

The conference proved to be the best that has ever been held on

this district, and leaves a lasting impression.

There were many visitors, among them Rev. J. L. Wilson, President of the Columbus, Miss., Academy, who preached an able sermon in his eloquent style.

W. H. Higgins, Oak Forest, Ark.

Our district conference was held at this place July 30th to August 2d.

There were several interesting papers read by the members of the conference. We had a grand time.

Reports from the pastors and Presiding Elder, W. R. R. Duncan, showed improvement all along the line.

This was the best district conference ever held on our district. Our revival resulted in 33 conversions and 34 accessions. We are moving on very well spiritually, but are not doing so much financially.

We are trying to build a church. We have laid the foundation of the church, and have 3520 feet of lumber on the ground. We want to be able to go into our new church by the second Sunday in October.

Huntsville District, Texas Conference.

F. PARKER, P. E.

The first annual session of the Sunday School Institute of the Huntsville District, Texas Conference, convened in St. James M. E. Church, Huntsville, August 5-9.

The following pastors were present: Revs. W. L. Duncan, O. G. Curtis, L. J. Hogan, H. Dickson, Dr. Morris, T. Scott, S. H. Grant, and Prof. R. B. Smith of Hempstead.

The subject, "The Sunday School Missionary Societies," was discussed in a very impressive and pleasing manner by Bro. Smith.

The following delegates were in attendance: W. L. Burr, J. C. Pitts, Bnd Cavil, B. F. Carter and J. W. Justice, William Burrell, J. H. Butcher, W. M. Thomas, Misses M. O. Mann, H. E. Palmer, Sylvia Woodson, Octavia Dairy, Snie Duncan, Mrs. H. Parker and S. M. Crawford.

They were all assigned subjects, and treated them with much care and ability.

The Epworth Hymnals were used. They are very popular among the Sunday schools of this district.

The Institute was a blessing to its members. Pastors and Sunday school officers left for home quickened to do more and better things for their schools.

The Institute was thoroughly organized.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted, to the pastor, W. L. Duncan, and the people of Huntsville for their hospitable entertainment.

Leaving the exercises in town, Monday, August 10, we took camps about six miles out of Huntsville, on our camp ground of ten acres, for two weeks, where the following pastors rendered invaluable services: Revs. S. H. Grant, W. L. Duncan, L. J. Hogan, Dr. Morris, H. Dickson, L. Felder, C. G. Curtis, T. Scott, S. Kelly, E. Holliday, R. B. Smith, M. Gny, C. C. Adair.

Presiding Elder Hamilton, of the Marshall District, spent several days with us and preached four powerful and instructive sermons.

Rev. A. Alexander was with us two or three days.

Revs. Tobias Ward, Henry Gillespie, and Wiley Peterson remained at home.

All pastors should attend all their district occasions, as there are such subjects discussed which their members should know. In other words, pastors serve as mediums to reach the people.

The camp meeting was attended by large crowds of people from several neighboring counties. The altars kept thronged with anxious seekers of religion during the meeting. Some thirty-odd were added to the church, most of whom were happily converted.

Glorious revivals have attended

every charge, with one or two exceptions.

The members and friends contributed \$140 in money and provisions to defray the expenses at the camp grounds and to care for the ministers. The property is beautiful.

Wednesday, the 19th, at 11 a. m., an arousing meeting was held in the interest of the Home Missionary Society, when Mrs. Solan Smith, of Willis, Texas, was unanimously elected district president for the Huntsville District. Sister Smith is worthy of the position. The Society is also properly organized in each pastoral charge.

Sunday, August 24, I represented the SOUTHWESTERN and took seven three-months cash subscribers.

I could not possibly attend the Presiding Elders' Convention, but its sentiments are mine all the same.

The Sunday School Institute, camp meeting and Home Mission meeting were pronounced successes by the people.

"Golden Medical Discovery" cures those diseases which come from blood impurities—scrofula and skin diseases, sores and swellings.

But does it? It's put up by the thousands of gallons, and sold to hundreds of thousands. Can it cure as well as though it had been compounded just for you?

Its makers say that thousands of people who have had Tetters and Salt-rheum, Eczema and Erysipelas, Carbuncles and Sore Eyes, Thick Neck and Enlarged Glands, are well to-day because they used it.

Suppose that this is so. Suppose that a quick-witted man was far-seeing enough to know that to cleanse the blood was to cleanse the life. Suppose that by many experiments, and after many failures, he discovered this golden key to health, and that his faith in it for you is so strong that you can go to your druggist, buy a bottle, and if it doesn't help you, you can get your money returned—cheerfully. Will you try it?

The remedy to have faith in, is the remedy the makers themselves have faith in.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

G. H. Hamilton, Ashland, Ala.

On the first Sunday in August we began a glorious revival at the Lineville Church, and the church is spiritually revived. The meeting lasted one week, during which time 36 members were added to the church. We will soon have our new church at Lineville completed, at a cost of about \$500 or \$600. This church is situated about half a mile north of the town. We have a good Sabbath school here, with a membership of about 40. On a recent Sunday Dr. R. D. Evans preached us a grand sermon on "Baptism," and many went away feeling that they had experienced new inspiration.

J. B. Combs, Corinth, Miss.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. R. Sewell, was with us August 21, and held his third quarterly conference here. On the Sunday following he preached a soul-reviving sermon on "Christian Courage." A collection of \$12.80 was raised for the Elder, and 93 communicants partook of the Lord's Supper. Our new pastor, Rev. O. Gillespie, is a great worker for the Master, and we all love him. He conducted a successful revival and built a new parsonage, both within three weeks. As a result of his labor there were 18 added to the church, and a handsome residence graces the adjoining lot to the church. Messrs. J. Orford, Zack White, Alfred Paden and Sebron Carr, Sr., deserve special mention for the noble assistance rendered by them in the building of the parsonage. Our white friends did handsomely. Rev. Washington's meeting at Conroe, of Corinth Circuit, resulted in 24 conversions and 19 new members added to the church. The SOUTHWESTERN is a welcome visitor in our midst.

Disgusted With the A. M. E. Church.

J. ROGERS.

Talk about Union Springs, Ala., withdrawing from the A. M. E. Church, with hundreds of members,

Bladen Springs can beat that, because if she had the opportunity there would not be one left to be prejudiced against the old church. There is not a more thoroughly disgusted people to be found anywhere. The people have been robbed year after year, till to day we have no church fit to worship in and no future prospects. Such preachers as have been sent here, of course, cannot stay but one year on account of their characters, or two at the most, before they must be sent to where they are not known. Such preachers cannot measure up with the Baptists, whose preachers stay with a people till their interest calls for a change. To-day the African Methodists are objects of pity. Some are trying to get up some other kind of wool hat Methodism, some are joining the Baptists, while some of the more intelligent are standing still and waiting. The name Methodist is trailing in the dust in this place. The people need the old unmodified Methodist church, or none at all. This would be a good field for a first-class Methodist preacher. The old SOUTHWESTERN has been read here of late, so the people can see themselves just as they are. Pray for us.

A. McLees, Clio, S. C.

We have just closed a grand revival with 378 conversions and 100 accessions. New Holly, 204 converts; Clio, 103; Ashbury, 55; Chapelle's preaching place, 16; total this year, 413. This is my second year on this charge. The first year I built one church at a cost of \$1000, put \$600 improvements on the Clio Church and \$500 on New Holly Church, and \$150 on the parsonage. We have bought an organ, clock, bell and other things to ornament our churches.

J. C. Crawley, New Gascony, Ark.

Our magnificent church building, worth \$700, was burned to the ground Sept. 9. Our Presiding Elder, G. W. Lacey, came and held his third quarter Sept. 12, 13, in front of the burned church in the road, and laid plans for the rebuilding. He preached a grand sermon and raised \$211.55. On the 15th he was at Altheimer, under the pastorate of Rev. John Qualls, and raised \$75 for another church. Nineteen churches have been built in two years. Long live Lacy and Qualls. Pray for the rebuilding of our church.

R. Hays, Kosciusko, Miss.

We are moving along slowly. We have four churches and twelve acres of land. We have three splendid Sunday schools.

S. Knight, Fox Camp, Tenn.

The Nashville district conference at McMinnville, was a grand success. Rev. J. W. Richmond, pastor, and his good people, entertained the conference in good style. Presiding Elder J. P. Price was as a wise father among his children. His daughter, Miss Josie Price, presided very satisfactorily at the organ. Dr. Braden cheered every heart with his sermons and lectures. A genuine boom was given the SOUTHWESTERN and Dr. Albert, its able and fearless editor. Our people at McMinnville have commenced building their new brick church. It will be a credit to our cause.

Aaron Layton, Bonham, Tex.

I am closing one of the hardest years at one of the hardest appointments in the Texas Conference I've ever had. Yet in the midst of all, the Lord has blessed me. I found a good church and comfortable parsonage with two rooms, without any furniture, only a heater; and we found six members and they were weak. We have had strong opposition from three denominations, but yet we have pulled through all of this and entertained a nice district conference without any trouble. Among the visitors was the Rev. W. Hamilton, Presiding Elder, who preached us a sermon which will never be forgotten by our people. We have now 18 members. We have raised \$11 for benevolent purposes, which was never before done in

the history of the church at this place. Our church is behind now, but in a few years she will take the lead. Now we have some subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, and this paper has done a wonderful work in this town for our church. We commenced a series of meetings on the first of September, and expect to continue four weeks. Brother pastors, come over into Macedonia and help us.

A. B. Logan, Enterprise, Miss.

Our third quarterly conference convened August 29. Rev. J. M. Shumpert, Presiding Elder, preached three able sermons. Raised for pastor during quarter, \$43.95, Presiding Elder \$15, Meridian Academy \$10.25. Our Sunday schools will almost equal any on the district.

A. Butler, Waynesboro, Miss.

We have built a beautiful new church, 30x45, with a 12 ft. wall, which is quite a treat to the community.

Y. K. Meeks, Key West, Fla.

Our church was organized here about four years ago. I found 157 members and probationers. I have had two revivals, with 27 converts and about 60 accessions. Our church will soon be ceiled and painted. There were wonderful demonstrations of divine power in many of our meetings, and the conversion of many souls. Our church is a model Methodist church.

Jas. H. Saunders, Sparks, Ga.

Our third quarterly conference was held August 29, 30, with Rev. E. R. Reid in the chair. Reports showed the work in a prosperous condition. Two conversions and 10 accessions during the quarter. Paid pastor \$40.60, Presiding Elder \$5, benevolences \$4. Elder Reid preached and many hearts were made glad.

A. W. Randolph, Jasper, Tenn.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held at South Pittsburg, Aug. 29, 30, by Rev. D. W. Hays, D.D., of the Chattanooga district. The Elder preached two soul stirring sermons. Our revival closed with 28 conversions. Raised for Elder \$12, paid pastor \$44.25, benevolences \$8.62.

L. H. Grant, Adairsville, Ga.

Rev. M. O. B. Mason addressed 500 people here in a Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society anniversary. Everybody was carried away with his representation of the cause. All our people will do more for the Society, and for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Owen Hyppsher, Bristol, Tenn.

I see in the SOUTHWESTERN of August 13 a false statement about the Bristol District Conference electing a delegate to the next General Conference by a formal vote. We never thought of such a thing. The writer was mistaken. As for Rev. C. Boyd, Presiding Elder, Bishop Walden made no mistake when he put him on the Bristol district. He is the right man in the right place.

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ARE you preparing for the celebration of Emancipation day, January 1?

THE first anniversary celebration and parade of the Citizens' Protective Union of the State of Louisiana, organized October 8, 1890, incorporated January 31, 1891, takes place to-day. Anniversary services at the Old Baptist Church, corner of Howard and Cypress streets. Sermon by the pastor Rev. L. L. Burrell.

The Christian Recorder on the Colored Bishop.

Our A. M. E. Church brethren, like those of the M. E. Church South, seem to enjoy any discussion in our church which they suspect would lead to a disturbance of the fraternal relations existing between the white and colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The present discussion in the SOUTHWESTERN relative to the election of a colored bishop, which is being carried on in a friendly and dispassionate spirit, leads the Rev. Dr. Lee, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, official organ of the A. M. E. Church, to express great doubt that such a consummation will ever take place. He says: "Bishop Haven, the only man whom the church has elevated could fellowship all men, has gone to heaven and his seed seems to have died with him. Revs. Middleton and Marshall will spoil their chances of election to the coming General Conference if they continue to speak out on this line."

Dr. Lee remarks rightly when he says that Bishop Haven "could fellowship all men, and has gone to heaven," but he errs when he says that he was "the only man whom the church has elevated to the episcopacy that could fellowship all men."

Personal contact with all our bishops for the past twenty years, warrants us in saying that Dr. Lee simply betrays his unpardonable ignorance of the men of whom he speaks, when he makes such an observation. To meet and know all our bishops is to be convinced that exactly the reverse of what Dr. Lee says, is the truth in the premises. We could scarcely name any that are pre-eminently distinguished for their "fellowship with all men," without some invidious distinction; but surely Dr. Lee must have heard of Bishop William Taylor in Africa, Mallalieu in New Orleans, Joyce in Chattanooga, Fowler on the Pacific coast, Hurst in Washington, Vincent in Buffalo, and Newman in Omaha. And so we might have named them all. They are all men who, in the language of our able and distinguished Dr. Moore, of the *West ern*, would vie among themselves for the honor of putting their hands, in consecration upon the head of the Negro, who would be called to the episcopacy in our church. The remark that Bros. Marshall, Middleton, or anybody else would "spoil their chances of election to the next General Conference if they continue to discuss the question," is just so much pure nonsense. Delegates to our General Conference are elected by the several conferences, and no bishop, or other outside influence, seeks to interfere in the matter. If they do in the A. M. E. Church, they don't do it in our church.

Indiscriminate Massacre of Fifteen Negroes.

A Bloodthirsty War of Extermination.—Lee County, Ark., the Seat of the Butchery.

The demand of the colored cotton pickers in Lee county, Ark., last week, for higher wages, ended last Friday in the indiscriminate murder of fifteen Negroes. They were getting fifty cents a hundred. They demanded one dollar a hundred, according to the tariff announced by the national association to which they belonged. This demand was resisted by a certain Mr. Miller, manager of the New Hope plantation, owned by J. F. Frank, a Memphis millionaire. Mr. Frank was willing to pay the tariff demanded, but Mr. Miller still persisted that he could get the cotton picked at fifty cents a hundred. In his effort to enforce the Negroes into submission, a riot was precipitated, and fifteen of the nineteen Negro leaders in the labor organization, who were arrested, were taken from, or delivered by the deputy sheriff's posse, to several murderous mobs, and were inhumanly butchered. As we go to press, a howling mob, from Crit-

tenden, St. Francis and Lee counties, is threatening to break the Marianna jail to hang the three men that are confined therein for safe-keeping; and to murder Mr. Frank for expressing a willingness to pay the dollar demanded. The other prisoner in the Forrest City jail, the town wherein poor Neeley, and several other Negroes, were murdered a year or two ago, for their political faith. Such a recital should arouse the laborers of every name and nationality to the new system of slavery under which they are being ground down by heartless capitalists. The principal involved is one, whether the victim be white or black. The whole civilized world was horrified by the unlawful execution of the nine Italian prisoners in this city, who were really convicted, in the mind of this community, of the murder of Chief Hennessy, and war was about to be precipitated between this country and Italy; and a large indemnity will certainly be paid to the families of those who were Italian subjects. It is now to be seen whether these fifteen Negroes are only to be quietly added to the long list of Negro butcheries in this country, without any redress from the county, State and nation involved. The flag that fails to afford protection to its meanest subject is a national disgrace, and deserves to be torn into shreds, trampled and spit upon.

Human Freedom League.

One of the most important movements ever inaugurated in this or any other country is the Pan Republic Human Freedom League. Its full committee will meet in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., October 11, 12 and 13, with headquarters in Parlor C, Continental Hotel. The principal object of the present meeting is to arrange a conference to take place in 1893, on American soil, of the enlightened and minds of the world, to discuss the interests of free institutions and the best means for their promotion among the nations of the earth. Such a gathering has within it the greatest possibilities for the benefit of all mankind. The recent Pan American Congress was for a commercial purpose. This goes far beyond and will strive for man's political freedom. The committee charged with organizing this congress consists of citizens, the most illustrious of the present day. Among them are such names as Prof. J. C. Ridpath, of Indiana, the great historian; Hon. Wm. H. Arnold and Col. Ethau Allen, of New York, Rt. Rev. Chas. E. Cheney, of Illinois, President E. B. Andrews, of Rhode Island, Ex-Gov. W. D. Hoard, of Wisconsin, Hon. W. J. Arkell, of Frank Leslie Illustrated Paper, Hon. Andrew Carnegie, Vice President Levi P. Morton, Dr. Henry R. Waite, Rabbi Gustave Gottheil and Col. Robert Ingersoll, of New York, Ex-Gov. Will C. C. Brown, of Indiana, Ex-Gov. Fred. W. M. Halliday, of Virginia, Mr. Sergius Stepniak, of England, Hon. I. W. Montgomery, of Mississippi, Hon. W. H. Jack, of Louisiana, Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, and others.

Their meeting in Philadelphia on the 11th inst., will give crystallization to one of the greatest movements of modern times. The organization has already affiliating members in various parts of the world. Among the noted personages to deliver addresses and otherwise entertain the assembly at the coming meeting of the committee, are Rev. W. C. Roberts, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, Gov. R. E. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, Major Edwin S. Stuart, of Philadelphia, Hon. W. H. Arnold, chairman Committee on Organization, Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, Archbishop John Ireland, of Minnesota, the poet John G. Whittier, Bishop Phillips Brooks, of Massachusetts, the poets Walt Whitman and E. C. Steadman, and Col. Robert G.

Ingersoll, of New York. The congress is to be a continuous body reassembling, with new elected delegates every five years, in some one of the different cities of the republican world, under the care of a like committee, appointed from among the citizens of the country in which the meeting is to take place. The second meeting will be in Paris, France; the third in Rio Janeiro, Brazil; the fourth in Berne, Switzerland, etc. We only regret that lack of space prevents a more extended notice of this great movement and meeting at present. Dr. Albert will attend the meeting, however, and will give our readers the benefit of his observations there in a subsequent issue.

Political Review.

In New York Tammany is putting everything at stake. Every resource, fair or unfair, that political ingenuity can devise will be utilized. The Republican party was never in better shape to enter a contest, but it faces a desperate foe, without scruple with less conscience.

At such a time it would seem as if the pathway of duty must be clear to every conscientious and intelligent voter. If it is, Tammany Hall is doomed, and Mr. Fasset will be elected Governor of New York with the whole Republican ticket.

Pennsylvania Democracy claim to entertain high hope of success for their State ticket. Republicans, however, are very active and express a corresponding faith.

The outlook in Ohio for McKinley grows brighter daily. While the Democrats have a strong and fairly popular candidate in Gov. Campbell, they are unfortunate in having an extremely weak platform, and much use is being made just now of Gov. Campbell's adherence to the free silver plank. The Republican platform is correspondingly strong, and with Gen. McKinley, who represents the protective tariff bill which is bringing such prosperity to this country, success is bound to crown the Republican banner in November and return John Sherman to the U. S. Senate. Roger Q. Mills, of Texas, is hurting rather the Democratic party by his speeches there and making votes for the Republican party.

The Democrats of Massachusetts have renominated Gov. Russell. Those of Colorado nominated Hon. L. M. Goddard for the only office to be filled, that of Chief Justice. They arraigned the Republican party for what they deemed shortcomings and adjourned.

The Hon. Francis Hendricks has been appointed Collector of the Port of New York, vice Hon. J. S. Fasset, nominated for Governor of New York.

A conference of Republicans of this State, composed of Messrs. Henry Demas, T. A. Oage, H. Mahoney, E. C. Butler, R. Simms, F. O. Brown, C. A. Bourgeois, R. L. Desdunes, L. Gandette, J. Green, L. D. Thompson, R. F. Guichard, J. B. Arnault, L. A. Martinet and other leading Republicans met in this city September 26, to consider the political situation. Mr. Demas having been elected chairman, explained the objects and purposes of the meeting and called for suggestions, when resolutions were introduced, discussed and adopted, solemnly declaring that all obnoxious Federal officials at this port, and persons having a pecuniary interest in the Lottery Company of this State, should not be supported for the chairmanship of the Republican State Central Committee or as delegates to the Republican National Convention of 1892. Also to inaugurate a campaign that will include every house in the several parishes represented; that we will never cease, by day or night, until we arouse every Republican voter to a sense of his duty, and fill his soul with a determination to correct this evil; that we will unite in sending delegates to our State Convention, pure enough to resist the bribe of

gold or the promise of position, who by their votes will send a delegation to the National Convention that will be an honor to the Republican party of the State of Louisiana.

A committee of eleven, including the chairman, was appointed, to be called the Advisory Committee, to plan and devise means to insure success. The following is the committee: T. A. Oage, L. A. Martinet, R. F. Guichard, H. Mahoney, C. A. Bourgeois, R. L. Desdunes, H. Demas.

The effort of the Citizens' Committee to rid us of Jim Crow car was heartily endorsed.

A few of Warmoth's partisans, Federal employees, met a few nights ago, and, by the most arbitrary and illegal methods, declared H. Herman Blunt, president of the State Republican League, deposed from office. The league, however, is the creation of Mr. Blunt's ceaseless efforts, and will stand by him almost solidly. The people's movements, as crystallized in the adherents of Mr. Blunt, and that represented by the Republican Conference, reported above, will without doubt prevail and wipe out the Warmoth dynasty, which ignores colored leaders of the people from the council of their party. The purpose is to duplicate in Louisiana what is had in Mississippi, North and South Carolina and Texas, where colored leaders, representing ninety-five per cent of the Republican party, formulate party policy and dictate Federal appointments. In this State the five per cent white Republicans exercise that control, while the ninety-five per cent colored Republicans get the bulldozing, do the voting and have to lick the hands of this handful of white men to receive political consideration. The people are tired of the outrage, and they propose to turn "those rascals out." They have been successful in perpetuating their power by arraying Negroes against Negroes with corruption funds and Federal patronage, but the people are determined that such corrupting influences shall no longer exercise their tyrannizing influences over them.

The Third or People's Party held an enthusiastic convention in Alexandria, La., last week, and repudiated the combine made at Lafayette with the Anti Lottery by the Farmers' Union, denounced existing parties and decided to nominate a full State and local ticket on the Ocala platform. It proposes to antagonize the lottery and all monopolies, and to advocate the "equal rights of all, and to see that white and black laborers shall freely exercise the high privileges of the ballot."

Personal.

—Gen. Boulanger, the French leader, who was such a prominent figure in French politics only a few years ago, and who was afterwards driven into exile, committed suicide by blowing his brains out, at Brussels, Belgium, last week. He was driven to commit the rash act by grief over the death of his mistress, who died a few months previous. The act was committed, as he stood over her grave, where he died. He had deserted his wife for the woman. What a shameful record to crown his once brilliant, military and political career.

—The Rev. Dr. J. F. Spence, of Grant University, Athens, Tenn., is said to be a very sick man, and shows no signs of improvement. His many friends will regret to learn this. We hope for his early recovery.

—Rev. H. D. Prowd, of Greytown, Nicaragua, O. A., is on a visit to this country. He made a pleasant call last Thursday. He is a cultured christian gentleman, well versed with the customs and habits of the country from which he hails, is an interesting and instructive speaker, and will no doubt greatly benefit our people wherever he may be invited to address them. He is originally from Jamaica, but has

been a missionary to Nicaragua for the past four years.

—Rev. B. F. Alexander, of the M. E. Church South, died at his home in Morgan City, Sept. 29.

—Rev. M. P. Franklin, of St. Martinsville, was in the city last week and reports his work in excellent condition.

—Boud Stowe, M.D., son of Dr. Stowe of the Book Concern, has returned from the continent, where a year was spent in special work among the German medical schools. He will locate in Chicago and begin active practice at once.

—Dr. Joseph Longking, the veteran proof reader of the Methodist Book Concern, has reached his 85th birthday. Very many of the employees and editors who were present, and learned of the fact, made him an informal call in his office and gave him their congratulations. In the afternoon of this anniversary day he celebrated the event by a drive through the park with his wife, who is a little older than himself. The next morning at 9 o'clock found him at his desk, taking up the work of his 86th year. He has been connected with the Methodist Book Concern nearly all of his life.

—Christian Advocate.

—Sunday School Agent Ernest Lyon, has returned from the Shreveport district, and brings in cheering reports.

—Presiding Elders Landry and Marshall, made brief calls last week, and have returned to their work in the rural districts.

—Miss Estelle Levy, of Bastrop, La., paid a visit to relatives at Baton Rouge and New Orleans, and was a grand reception and surprise at the residence of Mrs. Rev. S. Priestley, in this city. She has since returned home to Bastrop.

—Our young friends Wm. Ward, A. J. Lopez and L. N. Philipson, who are employed in the departments in Washington, D. C., took in the examination for promotion and have been all three successful.

They were originally appointed upon their merit, in very rigid competitive examinations, and we rejoice to learn of their promotion in a similar contest.

—Bishop Granberry of the M. E. Church South, mourns the death of his thirteen year old daughter, Ruth.

—Rev. G. W. Arnold, of Savannah, has been appointed to succeed Rev. M. C. B. Mason, B.D., as pastor of Lloyd Street Church, Atlanta, Ga. Our people at Savannah are terribly afflicted over the loss of their much cherished pastor. We sympathize with them while we congratulate Lloyd Street Church in their good fortune. We sincerely hope that our people at Savannah will be well provided for.

—G. W. Hayman, of Wise, Ark., requests his correspondents to address him hereafter at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., where he has returned to prosecute his medical course.

—The Collector of Internal Revenue has appointed Capt. C. W. Boothby, to the position of chief of division of weighers, made necessary by the bounty to be paid on sugar. Capt. Boothby is a staunch Republican, of unswerving integrity, and thoroughly prepared by education and experience for any official recognition in the gift of his party; and we rejoice over his appointment. Mr. Wimberly is to be congratulated upon the fortunate selection. It meets with the general approbation of Republicans and of all those who know Capt. Boothby. He was one of the incorporators of the New Orleans University, and he has been constantly upon its board of trustees as its efficient and faithful secretary, ever since.

—A personal note from Rev. O. D. Shallowhorne, Shreveport, La., says: Rev. S. E. H. Morant has recovered his mind, and is about alright. He is here with us, and we are doing all we can to make him happy. St. James M. E. Church gave him \$7. He is looking well. Recent letters from Bro. Morant satisfy us that he is alright again. The Lord he praised.

DAILY BREAD.

Tact can afford to smile while genius and talent are quarreling.

A man cannot be truly eloquent if he knows not how to listen.

Both courage and fear owe much to the aimed neutrality of prudence.

The seeming length of a sermon is generally proportioned to its need.

It is expensive economy to make a part of the truth suffice for the whole.

Virtue and laziness may live together, but they are not usually on the best of terms.

Beware of the vicious man who proposes to reform his life on the installment plan.

The true prince will find it easier to disguise himself than the world would have him believe.

Bread cast upon the waters purely as a business speculation is liable to sink before reaching port.

The dog that bays the moon is wiser than the one that bays a bigger dog that is viciously inclined.

When impudence dons the mask of repartee, it is time for the company to disperse for the night.

No sagacious wise man will quarrel with his own opportunities by lamenting the abundance of fools in the world.

There are plenty of good fish always in the sea, but thousands of worthy inland people can never get to the sea-shore.

There is many a rogne in the world who objects to the Ten Commandments on account of their hackneyed ideas and lack of originality.—Selected.

What is chiefly to be desired is that God may sanctify all his dispensations to you, and that all may be the means of your being more entirely devoted to him, whose favor is better than strength, or wealth, or life itself.—Wesley.

When I was at Oxford, and lived almost like a hermit, I saw not how any busy man could be saved. I scarce thought it possible for a man to retain the Christian spirit amid the noise and battle of the world. God taught me better by my own experience.—Wesley.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.]

In addition to the ladies already named, Mrs. Mary J. Nickerson was appointed on the Old Folks' Home Committee for Pleasant Plains Church. The name was inadvertently omitted last week.

Instead of one dollar we should have said, last week, that it was \$100 that First Street Church had thus far collected for missions this year. We gladly make the correction.

The undersigned, pastor of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, being desirous of laying the corner stone of the above named church on Monday, October 26, at 3 p. m., solicits the names of the officers and members of all societies and associations, both civic and military, so that the said names can be put into the archives of the stone. I also desire that a delegation from each society and association be sent on the day of the laying of the corner stone, with such donation as they may see fit to send—any amount will be thankfully received. Please send name as requested, to 323 South Villere street, on or before the 15th day of October.

REV. F. T. CHINN, Pastor.

Schools and Colleges.

Harry T. Pratt, a colored youth, was recently, at Baltimore, appointed to a three years' scholarship in the Maryland Institute of Arts and Designs by Councilman Cummings, a member of the race.

Mrs. T. L. Johnson, a wealthy lady living near Rochester, N. Y., has given Rev. J. J. Smallwood, the colored speaker, \$12,000 with which to found an educational institution for colored people in Virginia.

The public schools and the several colored universities in this city have all reopened for the fall term with largely increased attendance. New Orleans, Leland and Southern University opened last Monday; and Straight opened the Monday before.

Memphis, Tenn., is about to open a nurse training school for colored students.

England is about to adopt a system of free education, such as we have.

Presiding Elder Townsend, of the Central Alabama Conference, pleads for the location of Central Alabama Conference Academy at Birmingham, Ala. "Because that is the leading city in the State, and is the most convenient and centrally located; because Huntsville its present location, and Decatur its proposed location are not convenient to the people to be accommodated. Birmingham offers every possible advantage, and the school should be located there. I hope the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society will so decide."

The African News, Bishop Taylor's American organ, announces the opening of Cape Palmas Seminary with sixty pupils.

The Ohio Wesleyan University opened Sept. 16, with the highest enrollment in her history. Fifty more new students are on the grounds than on any previous corresponding day. On the first meeting of the college Y. M. C. A., eight young men made a start in the Christian life. Prospects were never brighter.

The School for Christian Workers, Springfield, Mass., has voted to admit ladies to its course. This fact, together with the auspicious opening of the new year, marks a new era in its future development. For further information address J. L. Dixon, corresponding secretary, Springfield, Mass.

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Marriages.

Blossom, Tex.—Sept. 27, Mr. James Moton to Mrs. Cassey Dennison. Rev. W. F. Clark officiating.

Jeanerette, La.—Mr. Henry Tolaman, of Baldwin, La., to Miss Martha Richard, of New Iberia, La. Rev. M. J. Dyer officiating.

Arcola, Miss.—On the evening of Sept. 18, at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Mr. Edmond Sparkling to Miss Mary Brown. Rev. J. B. Starkey officiating.

Obituary.

Rockford Circuit, Talladega County, Ala.—Sister Sallie Taylor departed this life Sept. 16, in glorious triumph. She joined the church under the pastorate of the Rev. J. H. Scales, in 1837. She gave her son to her uncle and requested that he raise him as he had raised her, to love and fear the Lord. To her mother, who is a Baptist, she said she was a Methodist and that she was going to heaven, where she desired her and all her friends to meet her.

Brother Taylor McDory, a member of Shady Grove M. E. church, departed this life Sept. 8. He was sitting at his dinner table when two white men came to arrest his brother-in-law. They said, "Sam, we came for you." He replied that he would go with them provided they showed him their authority. They then placed in his face a shining pistol, saying "Here is our authority." They

then directed his mother, aged 62 years, to go to their horses and get a halter. This she refused to do. But they took him out and killed him. He was a good, faithful class leader and Sunday school superintendent. Aged 31 years. He was not married. He leaves a mother, relatives and many friends, in and out of the church, to mourn his loss.

[Another man brutally murdered, and no recourse. But vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.—Ed.]

Sister Lula Taylor died May 19, in full triumph of faith. She was a good girl, and was loved by everybody.

Bro. Harke Banks, born Dec. 20, 1872, died Oct. 10, 1891. He was ready and willing to go.

E. B. Smith, P. C.
Bouchet Village, La.—Bro. William Blow, a member of the church for the last four years, came to his death Sept. 3, by descending into a well in which there was damp air. He went down to get his father's spade. He was drawn up as soon as possible after he gave the alarm of distress, but lived only three hours. Sad, sad case. Beye also ready. His funeral was preached by the Rev. S. Fuller and the writer.

A. B. Venable, P. C.
Vaiden, Miss.—Mrs. Sarah Hayes was born in Carroll county, Miss., April of 1832, joined the church August 1882, and died Sept. 27, 1891. In the death of this Christian woman, the church has lost a most faithful member. She was the mother of seven children, and a more faithful one never lived. She was a devoted wife. Her death was a glorious victory. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. May God comfort the bereaved ones in this, their time of sorrow.

Chas. W. Whitehead, P. C.

Roanna Catherine Obee, the mother of St. James Church, and mother of Methodism in New Iberia and Iberia parish, departed this life Sept. 6. She was born in Clarksville, Tenn., in 1840, and was brought to Louisiana in 1852 as a slave. She was converted when quite young. In 1870 Catherine Obee was among the leaders in planting Methodism in New Iberia. In all those 21 years she thus stood unflinchingly by the M. E. Church. For 16 years she was a stewardess and was never brought before the church to be tried for anything. She kept an eye single to every interest of the church. In revivals she was great. Mighty in song and powerful in prayer, she was a peace-maker and a woman of great strength of character. Her remains were brought to St. James Church, where her funeral was preached by the pastor. The large building was crowded to its utmost capacity, while hundreds had to remain on the outside. The funeral is said to have been the largest ever witnessed here. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Servant of God well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.

W. B. Anderson, P. C.
Grenada, Miss.—Bro. M. S. Smith, a member of the A. M. E. Church, after a month's sickness, fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 9. Bro. Smith was a merchant of our city. He was married 11 months and 9 days ago. Age, 24 years and 9 days. Although a member of the A. M. E. Church, he was a constant visitor of the M. E. Church. He was a prominent young man. Before he died he called his wife, father and friends to his bedside and bid them good-bye, and asked them to meet him in heaven. His funeral was attended by Rev. J. W. Parks, P. C., in the M. E. Church. He left a wife and many friends to mourn his loss.

Sister Ellen Branch, a consistent member of the M. E. Church for 15 years, died in full triumph of faith Sept. 3. She was confined to her sick room about five months. She was carried from here to Duck Hill for a change, but the change was no benefit to her. Her funeral was attended by Rev. J. W. Parks, P. C., at her own church at Grenada. Her dying words were, "I am not afraid to die as I am going home to rest."

J. W. P.
Clarksville, Tex.—Brother Emanuel Clark, a faithful member of our church, departed this life in full triumph of faith Sept. 9, leaving a wife, one daughter and three grand-children to mourn his departure. Age, 70 years.

F. Gilmore, P. C.
I was troubled with catarrh for seven years previous to commencing the use of Ely's Cream Balm. It has done for me what other so-called cures have failed to do—cured me. The effect of the Balm seemed magical.—Clarence L. Huff, Biddeford, Maine.

Dr. Haggood's article on the Colored Convention, in another column, may serve as an eye opener to some of our people. He touches upon questions which are vital in their character. There could be no common ground for us to occupy, in such a body, except that of fraternal greetings and mutual exchanges of good wishes for the success of each other in their

chosen spheres of operation. Our mission could not be other than to there demonstrate to our brethren the greater advantages of being in a church that is thoroughly American and cosmopolitan in character as against their caste and proscriptive lines; and to invite them to come into our fold. Only upon such lines could we entertain the least predisposition toward such a convention. And this, in our opinion, is the only dignified and consistent attitude we can occupy in that body. It is only upon that theory that we could, and did say, in publishing their call; that "whatever may be the conclusions reached by such a convention, there certainly must flow therefrom a more friendly feeling and a higher appreciation of each other." This we said, because of the confidence that we have in the character of our delegates, to demonstrate their superior manhood and capacity. Anything looking toward the persuasion of our people toward the hateful color line heresy, of course, will be scornfully repudiated by our people. Our backs are turned upon all such intimations, however ingeniously they may be presented. We go in for the unity, not the segregation of the races.

Personal.

—Dr. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, left last Monday to attend the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, in Washington, D. C.; and the Pan Republic of Human Freedom League, which meets in Philadelphia, Oct. 11-13. Before his return he will attend the North Carolina, East Tennessee and Tennessee Conferences. He will be absent about a month. Mrs. Albert accompanies him.

—Rev. H. A. Sorrell, of Beattieville, was in the city a few days ago, and gave encouraging reports of his work. Twenty had been added to the church, and every interest revived.

—Prof. R. C. Barrow, Jr., is now teaching in our academy at Alexandria.

—Rev. Jos. Johnson, of Bunkie, La., reports the illness of his baby. We hope it will soon recover.

AFTER trying many remedies for catarrh during the past twelve years, I tried Ely's Cream Balm with complete success. It is over one year since I stopped using it, and have had no return of catarrh. I recommended it to all my friends.—Milton T. Palm, Reading, Pa.

Conference Notices.

Camp Meeting.

There will be a camp meeting at Sylacauga, Talladega County, Ala., commencing October 14. The general public is invited. I hope the ministers will come. The camp meeting will be given in the interest of building a new church, paying the pastor and circulating the "Southwestern."

W. T. TRAMMELL, P. C.

Reduced Rates.

To pastors and members of the Navesota District, Texas Conference, who convenes in Brenham Oct. 21: Tickets can be had at all points between Houston and Hearne, and over the Austin division.



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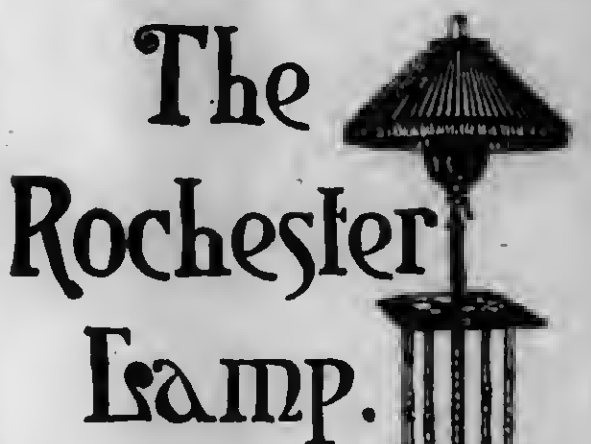
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The travelling preachers of the Paris District, Texas Conference, are hereby called to meet in St. Paul M. E. Church, Clarksville, Tex., Monday, October 19, to consider a matter of importance to them. Meet at 3 p. m., and fail not.
W. H. JACKSON, Chairman.
J. W. H. MOORE, Secretary.
AARON TAYLOR.

Gainesville District, Savannah Conference.

Lithonia	Oct. 3-4
Decatur	" 10-11
East Atlanta	" 9-11
North Atlanta	" 16-18
Roswell	" 17-18
Duluth	" 24-25
Swansea	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Bnford	Nov. 7-8
Harmony Grove	" 14-15
Gillsville	" 21-22
Lavonia	" 28-29
Elberton	Dec. 5-6
White	" 12-13
Gainesville	" 18-20
Hoschton	" 19-20

Dear Brothers: The fall is now upon us. Let us go to work to-day and raise our entire benevolent assessment for the year. The world shall know us by our work. Local preachers must have the "Southwestern" before the fourth quarter in order to get their license renewed.
M. M. ALSTON, P. E.

Reduced Rates.

To the district conference to be held at Fayette, Miss., Oct. 9-12. Certificates must be obtained when tickets are purchased from agents at starting point, showing that you paid full fare and when endorsed by the secretary of the conference it will enable the delegates to get tickets back home at one-third regular rate, to points on the L. N. O. & T. R. R.
SAMUEL COWAN, P. E.

Marshall District, Texas Conference.

Jefferson	Oct. 10-11
Jefferson sta.	" 11-12
Kildare	" 15-16
Lodi	" 17-18
Mallallen-Marshall	" 21-22
Queen City	" 24-25
Pleasant Grove	" 28-29
Dangerfield	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Pittsburg	" 3-4
Mineola	" 7-8
Hawkins	" 10-11
Red Oak and L. V. cir.	" 14-15
Cypress	" 21-22
Marshall	" 24-25
Wiley Chapel	" 27-28
Ebenezer	" 29-30

WADE HAMILTON, P. E.

Jackson District, Birmingham Conference.

Trenton	Oct. 16
Pelabothie	" 17-18
Edwards	" 21
Bolton	" 23
Clinton	" 24-25
Jackson cir.	" 24-25
Canton	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Canton cir.	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Brandon	Nov. 7-8
Steen's Creek	" 14-15
Yazoo City	" 28-29
Benton	Dec. 1-2
Yazoo City cir.	" 3
Roseneath	" 5-6
Green Hill	" 18-19
Jackson	" 26-27

Dear Brethren: Each pastor and one delegate from every Epworth League in the district, are earnestly requested to meet in Jackson, Miss., Nov. 12, at 9 o'clock a. m. to organize a district league. This is a year order, made at the district conference in Canton.

J. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Macon District, Savannah Conference.

Augusta	Oct. 17-18
Burke	" 21-22
Waynesboro	" 24-25
Burton	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Millen	Nov. 7-8
Blunk	" 14-15
Sylvania	" 21-22
Charlottesville	" 28-29
Wadley	" 30
Waynesboro	Dec. 3-4
Columbus	" 5-6
Byron	" 7-8

Eastman	" 12-13
Cordele	" 19-20
Calloden	Jan. 2-3
Forsyth	" 9-10
Macon sta.	" 16-17
Macon cir.	" 24-25

Dear Brother: I hope to hear good reports relative to converts, benevolences and church work generally, and the spread of the "Southwestern" on the district, on my last round.

J. WATTS, P. E.

Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference.

Lake Charles	Oct. 17-18
Rayne	" 20
Lafayette	" 22
Breaux Bridge	" 23
St. Martinville	" 24-25
Cade	" 29
Alherville	Nov. 1-2
New Iberia	" 7-8
Olivier	" 14-15
Jeanerette	" 21-22
St. Peter	" 28-29
Sorrell	Dec. 3
Glencoe Island	" 5-6
Washington and Ville Platte	" 12-13
Prairie Pleasance	" 10
Opelousas	" 13-14
Waxia and Palmetto	" 17
Eola and Sunflower	" 19-20
Booke and Morrow	" 26-27
Booneville	" 26-27
Chaneysville and LeCompt	Jan. 2-3
Cottonport and Bordelville	" 9-10
Pineville and Avoca	" 16-17
Alexandria	" 16-17

Dear Brethren: Don'tless you have learned how I have been afflicted with temporary loss of mind, immediately after the adjournment of our district conference, but I am thankful to say that through the mercy of God, and the kind treatment of my friends and brethren, both at Alexandria and Shreveport, and the tender care of my wife, I have recovered sufficiently to assume work with you again, and I beg of you to please remember me, as I pass through the district, every help possible to secure success. In the meantime, please do not forget to collect the balance of the conference benevolences, and I hope and pray that not one dollar apportioned to each of your charges will be left uncollected. Begin at once to plan and push ahead to victory.

S. E. H. MORANT, P. E.

Shreveport District.

Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and teachers of the Shreveport district, will please take notice: The Presiding Elder, Rev. S. Duncan, and the pastors, agree that a Sunday school convention on the district is needful, and will be productive of much good in this section of the State. Therefore, in accordance with the above there will be held, in the town of Mansfield, parish of DeSoto, commencing on Thursday, the 22d of October, 1891, a Sunday School Convention for the Shreveport district. An interesting program will be prepared and sent to each pastor for distribution among his congregation. The Convention is to be composed of all the superintendents, teachers and pastors of the district. The subjects which will be discussed will be full of interest and instruction to all. Prominent ministers and Sunday school workers from neighboring districts and churches, are invited to be present. The pastor and people of Mansfield will spare no pains to make it pleasant for all who shall attend. See to it, brethren, that your Sunday school is properly represented with a full corps of officers and teachers.

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Be sure of the Spirit's wise leading,
Do thy duty, and be at thy best,
For God will take care of the rest,
And goodness and mercy shall follow.

Take the task that beside thee is lying,
It waits for thy strenuous trying;
Though it tax all thy skill
It will yield to thy will;
The brave heart is conqueror ever,
Then make but an earnest endeavor,
And do what the Master commands
With leal heart and diligent hands,
And goodness and mercy shall follow.

Speak the word that God gives to be
spoken,
Break the bonds that God says shall be
broken,
Nor shrink from the fight
To be fought for the right.
Obey him with true loyal meekness,
But hinder no cause by thy weakness.
Have faith, and work on to the last,
Let all doubts remain with the past,
And goodness and mercy shall follow.

So often his help has been given,
So near is the present to heaven.
That no space for fears
Has been left by the years.
So, cheerfully facing the morrow,
Go forward to joy or to sorrow;
The God who has blest all thy days
Will be with thee in all the new ways,
And goodness and mercy shall follow.

The Household.

How Women Should Live.

I think it is too little understood that mental habits have an enormous value in deciding the physical condition. A heart and brain dissipated in frivolous detail, in idle gossip, in flaccid introspection, in empty trivialities, rarely engenders an imposing personality. The body feels the dispiriting effect of the regime. Fools have drooping shoulders, a wandering eye, cannot fix their attention, are egotists, tremulous and uneasy. The mind well stored, inquiring, awake, seems to give the poor body poise and repose. The brain requires nourishment from without as well as from within, and nourishment that assimilates. Superficial culture rants and roars, makes itself heard, is exalted in froth and endless bombast. Deep culture lies silent, slips about offensively, broods in the blood which it warms and invigorates. Mental sloth, the want of a vital interest, is the curse of half the women in the world. In the same way the physique tells upon the intellect. No good work can grow out of exhaustion, no fertility, no flash of Protean fire or of genius, from nerves unstrung, jaded and jangled. But the invalids are obstinate. A confirmed dyspeptic once swallowed in my presence five raw bananas just before a meal to which he naturally came without enthusiasm. I timidly ventured, when he complained of his lack of appetite—"The bananas." He replied, glaring fiercely, "Fruit agrees with me."

There is the young woman who pulls in her belt until her face is purple, and then goes to the doctor for physic or skin lotion. You mildly suggest, "Lacing." "Oh," she simpers, "it never hurts me. I can breathe."

To appeal to a woman about her health has long ago proved useless in these matters, but every woman is jealous of her beauty. A tightly-laced girl may be lovely at eighteen; she will be hideous at thirty. Why will not the physicians touch and awaken the chord of vanity? But the doctors are dull or careless. They give a pill where they should loosen a string.

A physician was once heard to admit he could not discover the complaint of a blooming flower of fashion who was yet constantly in his hands. I could have told him, for I had seen her getting herself into her gown that morning. And how ungraceful, how lacking in all voluptuous abandon and forceful elegance, the moments of these strapped automatons, not to mention the red nose, the roughened complexion, and the startled, pained eyeball!

Then as to the diet. A day begun

with heavy, farinaceous food drowned in rich cream and sugar, it would indeed take the Scotchman's hard field day to digest. The short walk or drive, and long session in hot rooms, of our city routine, leave such a meal heavy on—the soul.

How much wiser a cup of tea, a crisp bit of toast, quite sufficient nourishment for the opening hours of an artificial day.

At noon there should be a hearty repast, a light soup, a chop, some green vegetables, an orange. No sweets, no wine, if the figure's lines and the skin's purity are valued. A cup of tea and bread and butter at five are permissible to such persons as dine very late. They insure a light dinner, and this is sometimes an advantage. Then at the ball nothing should be touched, unless indeed a sip of bonillon. Hot snappers are superfluous. The hunger of the small hours can be easily appeased, on the return, by a glass of fresh milk and a biscuit. Upon this diet the most demurred *mondaine* need never fear that horrid aspect of "a dinner out."

Then exercise! How abused and neglected! Three miles a day of walking is enough, and not too much, or a horseback gallop of six or eight miles. To be out in the air twice during a day is well, but never, never, never to overfatigue one's self. Once is too much. Once has broken a constitution.

The Roman ladies knew the tonic of the bath. Lollia Paulina and Poppaea Sabina prized their charms. The warm bath at night, the cold water sponging in the morning,—great beautifiers these. Another matter of vital importance is the living in rooms, not over-cold,—for a habitually chilled skin can never be fine,—but fresh and well ventilated. The large blazing heat of the open fire is very desirable as compared with the death-trap of the hidden register.—From "Healthy Heroines," by Julien Gordon, in October Lippincott's.

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General News Items.

There was a wild rush of people to enter the Indian lands, just out from Oklahoma, that were opened to settlement Sept. 22. About 1,500 colored people were among those that staked their all to get some of the land.

The American hog is now free to enter Germany, Denmark and other European countries to which its entrance was prohibited before. This fact, with the general wheat famine in Europe, will make bread and meat very dear to consumers on this side of the great waters.

Over 2,000 lives, and several million dollars worth of property were destroyed by floods in the southern portion of Spain recently.

The colored people of Ohio, want Hon. John P. Green, for several years a member of the House of Representatives in that State, nominated on the Republican ticket in Cuyahoga county. He is worthy and well qualified. We hope he will be nominated and elected.

The World's Fair Commissioners have returned from Europe and report that nearly every country in Europe will contribute fine and extensive exhibits.

The report that President Bogan of Honduras had been assassinated has been contradicted. The President is as well and secure in his office as ever.

Ex-President Balmaceda of Chili, has committed suicide. He was driven to desperation from fear that he would be apprehended in the Argentine Legation Buildings in Santiago, and be devoured by his enemies.

The New York State Democratic Convention adopted the following at its recent session:

"Resolved, That this convention views with gratification the growing friendly feeling toward the Democratic party of our colored fellow citizens in this State and they are welcomed to our ranks with the assurance that within our

party discrimination on account of race or color is discountenanced. Why don't they discountenance this discrimination by their Southern allies.

THE second Sunday in October is Good Tidings Day. Let it be observed in every church. Send the collection to Rev. J. L. Hurlburt, D.D., corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union, New York.

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Our Symposium.

A recent verdict on the death of a man is, that he died of the fear of death. He was bitten by a dog and thought he had hydrophobia, and the doctors assured him he had not. A post-mortem conclusively showed that he had not hydrophobia. The fear of death has killed many, at rare intervals suddenly, but in cases without number it has shortened lives. The fear of death, too, has troubled many Christians all their lives, but Jesus Christ came to "deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."—Christian Advocate.

Lynching is murder; mob law is anarchy. Its only possible excuse is the failure of the constituted tribunals to mete out justice to offenders. When it is directed against a class or people it is the most cowardly form of assassination or warfare. If a hundred or a thousand men have a right to take the punishment of crime or offense into their own hands, ten, or five, or two, or one have exactly the same right.

In the case of the Negro the one possible excuse cannot avail. There is no chance for him to escape the punishment for crime. The odds are all against him even if innocent. He is poor and black. The judges are all white; the jurors mostly if not entirely white; the prosecuting officers are white; the chief executives of the State are all white. There is no chance for him to escape conviction, or if convicted, to escape punishment.

To lynch a colored man under such circumstances is an infinitely more cowardly and infamous crime than any with which he can be charged. The men who do it may be "good citizens," but they are just as black-hearted murderers, and of as barbarous instincts as any Apache who ever lighted a fire about his victim.—Judge A. W. Tourgee.

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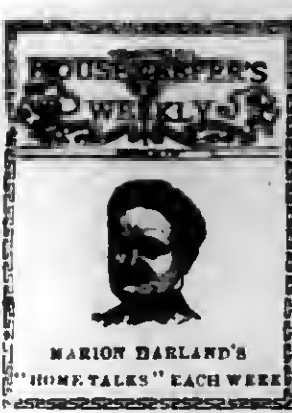
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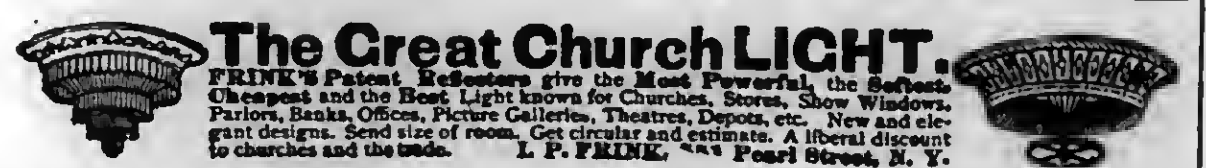
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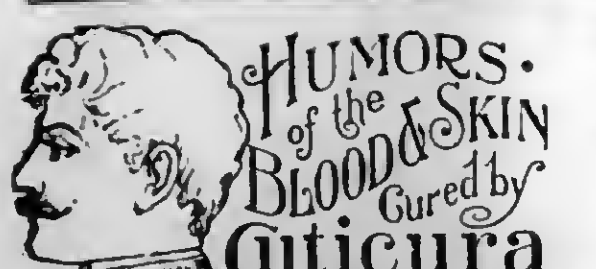
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HOME READINGS.

M. John 12:20-28. Th. John 12:29-36. W. Luke 18:28-34. Th. John 14:25-31. F. Luke 22:39-46. S. John 16:16-20. S. Matt. 16:21-28.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. (John 12:32.)

LESSON HYMN. 7.

Gazing thus our sin we see,
Learn Thy love while gazing thus;
Sin, which laid the cross on thee,
Love, which bore the cross for us.

Here we learn to serve and give,
And, rejoicing, self deny;
Here we gather love to live,
Here we gather faith to die.

Pressing onward as we can,
Still to this our hearts must tend;
Where our earliest hopes began,
There our last aspirations end.

Time—A. D. 30, between the triumphal entry to Jerusalem and the last supper.

Place—Jerusalem.

Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—After raising Lazarus from the dead Jesus retired to the little town of Ephraim for a brief period, to avoid persecution from his enemies and the untimely applause of his friends. Then came the triumphal entry to Jerusalem, probably on the day after the Jewish Sabbath, and precisely one week before the first "Easter Sunday." This conversation occurred soon after the triumphal entry.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Seekers, v. 20-26. What strangers had come to the passover? What request did they make, and of whom? To whom was the request repeated? What time did Jesus say had come? What did he say about dying and living? What about losing life and keeping it? What about service and its reward?
2. The Voice, v. 27-31. What did Jesus say about his sorrow and his mission? What was his prayer? What answer came to him? What did the people think they heard? Why was the voice heard? Whose day of judgment had come? Who is "the prince of this world?"
3. The Cross, v. 32-36. What did Jesus say would draw all men? What did he mean by this? What did the people say to him? What was the reply of Jesus? What did Jesus then do? Why did he hide himself? (See John 11:53, 54.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. The day of seeking Jesus?
2. The duty of serving Jesus?
3. The reward of serving Jesus?

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Find what Jesus said about his followers being the light of the world.

Find what Paul said about sowing grains of wheat.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

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1. To what date do the events of the lesson belong? The last day of Christ's teaching?
2. What was said by some Greeks in Jerusalem? We would see Jesus.
3. What hour did Jesus say had come? The hour when he should be glorified.
4. How was Jesus glorified? By dying for men.
5. What did Jesus say of himself in the Golden Text? "And I, if I be lifted up," etc.
6. What is Jesus? The light of the world.

EXPLANATIONS.

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Doctrinal Suggestion.—Christ's sacrificial death.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

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94. What is the seventh commandment? Thou shalt not commit adultery.
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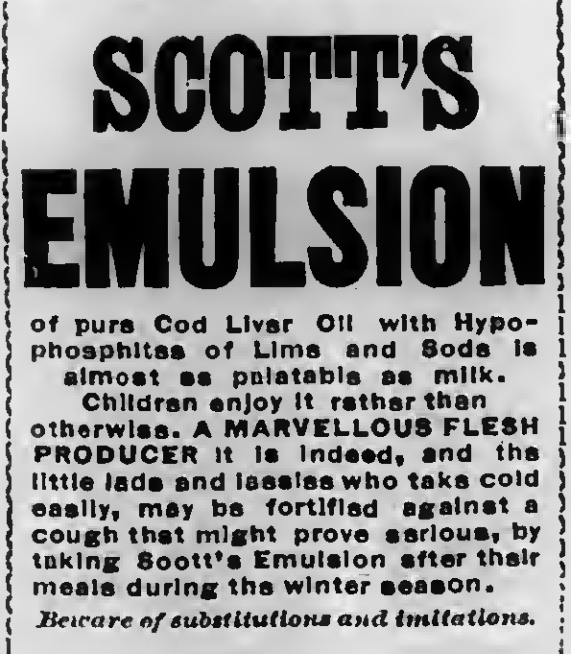
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For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Spread of Methodism Among the Colored People of the South.

BY REV. REESE THOMPSON.

The thing being agitated by some is, the official relation of the colored man in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some are agitating the immediate election of a colored man to the episcopacy in the M. E. Church. Others are agitating other official appointments. If the time has come that a colored man should be elected bishop, for the sake of national representation on the episcopal board, then let him be elected: not to preside over colored conferences, but to preside over the conferences of the M. E. Church.

If it is necessary to appoint a colored man to an official position on account of his qualifications and social and moral worth, then appoint him to act throughout the church and not limit him to act in the colored conferences. A bishop for the colored conferences and an official to act among the colored people is the color line on sight. If that is the right by which I am to hold an office in the church; then give my part of it to the agitators.

I have always thought that I was a full fledged member of the M. E. Church, entitled to any gift in the power of the church to give, regardless of whether I was a Negro or Japanese. Convince me to the contrary and my membership ceases at once. All of this bluster about the necessity of the election of a colored bishop for colored conferences is out of place. Will it make the benevolent collections larger? Will it make the schools self-supporting?

The church has been saying all along that color was no bar to office in the church; now it asks the General Conference to elect a colored man as bishop to preside over the colored conferences, is not that asking the church to violate one of the principles that she has been advocating; that is, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Now, let us consider what the church can do and what it can not do. The church can preach and legislate touching the doctrines of Christ, touching the equality of all men and all nations; but the church can not compel the masses to abide by her doctrines and teachings.

The State says, all men are free and equal, but is it true that the State protects every man in his equal rights? The theory both of the church and State is right, but the practice is wrong. Why is this injustice fostered upon one class of citizens and church members? Because the minority believe in and practice the true principles and theory, while the majority in church and State are against it. What can be done to remedy the evil? We answer, pure Christianity and a higher and better civilization. Public opinion in the church must be moulded and refined regarding the equal membership of the Negro, just as public opinion had to be moulded and refined in favor of his emancipation and freedom. This of course took years of work and patience, but the thing came to pass. To elect a colored bishop under the present condition of things and appoint him over colored conferences is equal to what other branches of the M. E. Church have done. I say, let us have patience, wait, hope, and pray for the time that there will be no need of asking for a colored bishop to preside over colored conferences, but a colored bishop on account of national representation, and to preside over any of the conferences of the M. E. Church. I am ready for it on this line.

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Brother Thompson advances an idea about the election of a colored bishop "for colored conferences," and then proceeds to argue against it, as if such a question was under discussion. The facts are that no one has ever proposed such an election. We know of a general agitation in favor of the election of a colored man as bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but we have as yet to learn of the first intimation of a "blister about the election of a colored bishop for colored conferences."

Bro. Thompson reasons well when he says that the church can preach and legislate in favor of the equality of all men, but she cannot compel the masses to accept her doctrines; but he fails to show how that, to be consistent, the church like the individual, must practice what she teaches. Failing to do so, her banner, like our national flag, becomes an ecclesiastical fraud, as our flag, which fails to give equal protection to its humblest citizen, becomes a worthless rag and a national disgrace.

Surely, Bro. Thompson cannot be satisfied for our great church to occupy any such inconsistent and anomalous position! We are just as much in favor of continued development, hope and patience on our part, while waiting for the church to recognize the presence of proper episcopal material among our people, as is Brother Thompson, but are quite sure that the realization of our hope will never come, unless the question is ably and logically discussed, just before the sitting of every General Conference, until one is elected. Agitation and the education of the American mind and conscience preceded the "Negro's emancipation and freedom," and citizenship; and in fact such agitation always preceded every advancement in every department of human development, and it would be the blindest folly for us to ignore the fact.

In speaking of the selection of other colored general officers, he speaks as though some one proposed to have such ones appointed "to act among the colored people." No one has made any such proposition. To give our people some recognition, and in view of the fact that our people have been so largely the recipients of the benefactions of the church, and have contributed such a small percentage to the general funds of the church, the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, as we hope all the other societies of the church will soon do, appointed at its last meeting, the Rev. M. C. B. Mason, B.D., as its Field Agent, but not to act solely "among the colored people." In order to stimulate larger contributions on the part of our people, Bro. Mason's "work for the present" will be especially (but not exclusively) among the colored conferences of the South, but as opportunity opens he will be sent to different parts of the church, to represent the Freedmen's Aid cause. Such are Dr. Hartzell's own words touching this appointment. In addition to the enlarged contributions which are hoped to be had by such an appointment, the Doctor says that the appointment "gives official recognition to the colored people of our church." Does Bro. Thompson object to one people being specially treated to do all they can for the cause, and to the "official recognition" and because they believe the election of a Negro bishop, and of colored officials, would greatly encourage our people and wonderfully stimulate every department of church work among them, our people favor their selection. They are satisfied to leave the time when, and the place where they should serve, where the Discipline properly leaves it.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The M. E. Church a Refuge for the Negro.

BY REV. N. H. SPEIGHT.

There are reasons why every Negro should be a member of the M. E. Church. First. Because it is brave in its views. It has always opposed American slavery, and played its part boldly in the work of emancipation. Its object is to christianize the world. Its views are not narrowed down so as to have a desire to save the whites, or to save the blacks or any particular race or color, as some of the Christian churches are that have stretched their boundary line around the whites, and others around the colored. But she says, that every race and color can have shelter under her broad wings.

Second. It is the mother of all Methodisms, and takes the lead in lifting up all fallen humanity. She has always stood by the Negro, and is standing by him now. She is doing more to solve the race problem and kill out that cursed evil race prejudice, than all the strictly race churches combined. Strictly race churches of the whites teach, God made the Negro a second-class being, and should be treated so by them; and the strictly race churches of the Negroes teach that the Negroes should stay to themselves, so as to leave a great gulf between the races. The M. E. Church fills the gulf by teaching the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The cry of the Negro is to give him the rights that belong to him. Yet the strictly Negro churches teach to keep to yourselves, have nothing to do with anything that any of the whites belong to. So you see that the strictly race churches have a great deal to do with the race strife, for their doctrine seems to be race against race. They fight the M. E. Church because it works to harmonize the two races, and bring about peace among them as brethren.

Third. The M. E. Church recognizes the glorious chapter of Isaiah, xlii: 9th to 13th verse included: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed their young ones and shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

The critic may explain that passage as he pleases, but there are no ways to get around it. The M. E. Church in my mind stands firm and flatfooted upon it.

Fourth. The M. E. Church has been and is now an asylum for the Negro. Read its book of Discipline. Look around you and see what she has done, and is doing. See how many of her members, white and colored suffered in the days of reconstruction and how many are suffering now, in more ways than one for the cause of the poor, and for harmony and peace.

Fifth. She has educated and is educating and giving trades to more Negroes than all the strictly race churches combined. There are many men and women that are now members of other churches, strictly race churches, that owe all that they are to our great church. Yet many of them after being raised in her schools, nursed at her breast, and fed at her hands, now open their mouth and belch forth their hellish poison of envy and prej-

dice against her. Yet the M. E. Church must live and carry on its good work until every foe is conquered and a final victory be declared.

The strictly race churches use as their great weapon "white bishops in the M. E. Church." Strictly white churches think it is a disgrace for white bishops to preside over colored conferences. Strictly Negro churches teach that the colored in the M. E. Church are bossed by whites. I heard a white preacher of a strictly race church say once, that the "Negro members of the M. E. Church had been asking for a colored bishop for a number of years, and was put off with 'wait, wait.'" He said "they never would have one." But I think their strong weapon will be broken to pieces soon. Is not the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason, as Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society an omen of what the future will bring? The church claims to know no color and has proved it. Who knows but that the coming General Conference will bring forth her son in black to sit upon the episcopal bench with his brother in white? I am sure that when this son comes forth the enemy will be done forever. Oxford, Ala.

Bishop Foss Does not Say "The Negro Must Stay Out."

At Forty Miles an Hour, near Chicago, Sept. 28, 1891.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D.:

Dear Brother—The article you sent me reminds me of the definition of a crab furnished to Onvier by one of his pupils: "Crab—A red fish that walks backwards." The great naturalist replied, "Excellent, young man, with three exceptions: 1. A crab is not red. 2. A crab is not a fish. 3. A crab does not walk backwards."

Concerning the article in question, I have to say:

1. A colored member of the African M. E. Church, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, who brought his church letter to a pastor of the M. E. Church in the same town, was refused admission to membership; not, so far as I could learn, on account of his color.

2. The case was not "referred to the Iowa Conference."

3. The Conference did not "vote to leave it to the decision of Bishop Foss," nor take any other vote on it. No mention of the case was made in the Conference by any person.

4. "Bishop Foss" did not "decide that the Negro must stay out."

The single question submitted to me was the bare question of fact, whether the claimant had been received into our church or not. Voluminous documents were furnished to me by him and by the pastor, including full written statements by both of them, and accompanied by a joint statement signed by both, requesting me to decide the question on the evidence of the documents there supplied, and agreeing that both would accept my decision as final. The evidence compelled me to decide that the complainant had not been admitted to membership in our church, and I did not presume to decide anything else.

I will now say that a contrary decision would have been much more agreeable to me if the facts would have warranted it. My Methodist preacher father was an outspoken abolitionist in the New York Conference before I was born. Hatred of slavery and solicitude for the welfare of the Negro race were born in me, and have grown stronger through all the years. I firmly believe the work of our church for the education and evangelization of the colored people of the South to be

second in importance to no Christian work anywhere. And I earnestly hope and pray for the time when every church in every land shall be freely open to every man without respect to his color. To turn any man away from any church door simply because his skin is black (if I may borrow the words of John Wesley on another subject) "is unchristian and inhuman."

Yours fraternally,
CYRUS D. FOSS.

Church Polity.

Question. In the Sunday School Lesson for Sept. 13, John, ninth chapter, sixth verse, where it says, "When he (Christ) had thus spoken, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle," was any clay at the place, and did he make a solution of it with the spittle, or did he do as it reads, make the clay of the spittle?

Ans. It is quite evident that the Lord did not miraculously change his spittle into clay and anoint the blind man's eye therewith; or else why should we be told that he "spat on the ground." It is quite clear that it was the clay, dissolved in his spittle, which he doubtless gathered with the tip of his finger from the ground upon which he spat, that he anointed the man's eye with. The important lesson here is that God brings such wonderful results from apparently inefficient and sometimes contrary means. Whether the ground was clay, or whether he caused his spittle to become clay by a miracle, is not particularly important. If he could turn water to wine, he could as easily turn spittle to clay, if he had so desired.

Publishers' Department.

[Pastors are requested to read this department each week.]

Have you settled your SOUTHWESTERN account?

The Agents say they will arrest the character of every preacher, in open conference, who is indebted to the Book Concern and makes no settlement. The General Conference is coming, and they have to present clear cut reports to that body.

You have no more right to give our paper away without paying us for it than you have to go to a grocer and get his goods, give them away, and not pay him for it. It is not the grocer's fault that the other fellow failed to pay you. Neither is it ours.

It is not our fault if your paper did not reach you, if you failed to furnish us with your new post office address. Our business was to send it where you ordered until you directed otherwise. We did so, and you owe us for it whether you got it or not.

An appreciative note from Rev. N. B. Blackman, French Camp, Miss., says: "The premium machine offered by the publishers of the SOUTHWESTERN to subscribers to the paper, for \$14 cash, with the paper for twelve months, is the thing our people need in their poor condition. The machine at that rate ought to be in the home of every family needing a machine. I have ordered two of the machines, one for Bro. M. O. Clark, and one for Bro. B. F. Sison. Neither of them would take \$50 for their machine. It proves to be just what you represent them to be; and a little more." That is just what all who get the machine say. Order one with the paper, and satisfy yourself.

Good people do not wait until their friends and benefactors are gone or dead, before they manifest their appreciation for them.

Letters from the Districts.

Dadeville District Conference.

P. P. WRIGHT.

The Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference, held its sixteenth session in Bethel M. E. Church, Roanoke, Ala., Aug. 6-9, with Rev. W. F. Smith, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

P. P. Wright was elected secretary, and Dr. W. H. Nelson assistant.

Rev. W. F. Smith, Presiding Elder, was sick. He read his report and made some striking remarks on the duty of ministers, etc.

Much emphasis was put upon our literature, as to its value in our Sunday schools. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten, but well advertised by the distribution of our schools, academies, colleges and medical departments.

A fraternal greeting was sent by telegraph to the Birmingham District Conference, also in session in a neighboring town.

Reports from the pastors showed progress all along the line. Churches were being built and repaired, and members are being added. Much good was being done all over the district.

Better teachers are being employed in our Sunday schools than heretofore. Our literature is fast taking its place in the most remote parts of the country.

Sunday was a great day during the session. Revs. W. H. Nelson, E. Frazier, H. Matthews of Opelika, Ala., and other brethren, preached edifying sermons to crowded houses.

It is sincerely hoped that our Presiding Elder will soon be able to go about his Master's business.

Chattanooga District, East Tennessee Conference.

L. M. MOORES.

Convened at Burket's Chapel M. E. Church, near Big Spring, Tenn., Sept. 2.

Bro. Roach preached a grand opening sermon.

L. M. Moores was re-elected secretary, with Bros. Hill, Morley and Dinsmore assistants.

Two young men were licensed to preach.

Good sermons were preached by Bros. S. J. B. Harris, Morley, Dinsmore, Galston and Hill.

The conference had a good time discussing some of the topics of the program.

Several good resolutions were adopted.

The reports were encouraging. The people provided good homes for us, and all enjoyed their stay.

Bro. Walton and his good people deserve much praise for the manner in which they took care of us.

The next session will meet in Hill City, Tenn.

Forest City (Ark.) District Conference.

D. B. HARSTON.

Convened in Serngg's Chapel, Oak Forest, July 30, Rev. W. B. R. Duncan, Presiding Elder, presiding.

D. B. Harston was elected secretary.

The conference enjoyed an address from the Presiding Elder, touching the interest of our work.

Rev. J. B. Toombs, pastor of Wesley Chapel, Little Rock, was introduced to the conference, and asked to take part in the discussions.

After hearing the Presiding Elder's report, which showed marked improvements on all lines, the pastors, local preachers, etc., presented their reports, which aroused the conference generally.

Mrs. Rev. G. M. Johnson, secretary of the Women's Home Missionary Society, was introduced to the conference and made an address in the interest of the society she represents.

Resolutions were adopted complimentary to Mrs. Johnson and W. H. Higgs and people, thanking the latter for the kind and hospitable manner in which they cared for the conference.

The following were licensed to preach: Wm. Speed, Samuel Mays, O. Roberson, H. Cherry, Ake Walton, W. W. Henton, Wm. Lewis, J. M. Clark.

The conference requested each local preacher and exhorter to purchase a Discipline and subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN before the next district session, to be held at Cotton Plant.

Sunday was a day to be remembered. At 11 a. m. W. B. R. Duncan preached. Rev. H. P. Strong at 3 p. m., and Rev. G. W. Taylor at night. At these services many hearts were made glad, sinners were converted and a sweeping revival ensued.

West Tennessee District Conference.

J. S. POSTER.

After a half hour prayer meeting the house was called to order by Rev. B. F. Anderson, presiding.

J. S. Poster was elected secretary, Prof. G. D. Field assistant secretary, H. W. Key statistical secretary.

Only a few members were present.

Words of welcome were pronounced by Prof. G. D. Field. Responded to by ex-Presiding Elder H. W. Key.

Dr. J. Braden, president Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., having arrived on Tuesday to look after the interest of the West Tennessee Preparatory School, and to re-establish it, remained over until Thursday morning and met the conference. He lectured Wednesday to the school, at 3 p. m., and again at 8 p. m., to large congregations. Rev. Mr. Harden, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church, being present, made a short but appropriate lecture.

Resolutions were adopted concerning the school. H. W. Key, J. W. Boyd, Esq., A. Stewart, Robt. Field, B. F. Anderson, J. S. Foster, J. R. Alexander, Grandison Field and O. L. Field were elected trustees; Prof. G. D. Field, A. B., principal. So the school has now been opened under the name of Mason Academy.

Dr. Braden lectured to the conference and took the train at 12:30 p. m. to meet his district conference at McMinnville, Tenn. In the afternoon several of the brethren were present and made their reports.

On the second day we had quite a large delegation, and the reports all showed that the brethren had done a good work.

Rev. R. T. James, pastor of the C. M. E. Church, and Rev. Mr. Harden, pastor Methodist Church South, were introduced.

Mat Dolanson and G. W. Garrett were received from the A. M. E. Church.

T. H. Smith presented his credentials from the A. M. E. Church but was not received.

J. W. Atkinson was granted a local preachers' license.

All of the traveling preachers were present but two, Geo. Sanford and T. E. Woods. They sent their reports, but sending no lawful excuse for being absent, their reports were not received.

The introductory sermon was preached Thursday night by Rev. F. J. Yeargin, followed by Rev. R. A. Fletcher.

Friday night the pulpit was filled by Rev. P. Martin.

Saturday the balance of the reports were received.

Messrs. P. Robinson, Beal and Cowan were then introduced.

Resolutions were offered thanking the Presiding Elder for his pleasant and impartial ruling, the secretaries for their faithful labors, the good people of Mason for their hospitality, the railroad companies for reduced rates, etc.

Saturday, 8 p. m., Rev. J. M. Moody filled the pulpit.

The people of Mason deserve much credit for their magnificent entertainment of the district conference.

The conference was one of the best ever held on the West Tennessee District.

Our next district conference will convene in Martin, Tenn.

On Sunday we had a basket meeting, a funeral, and a preachers' reunion.

Revs. J. E. S. Reed, Y. B. Lain, J. M. Moody, A. Porter, and Dr. D. W. Field, lectured to the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

The funeral of Bro. Cook, one of our old ministers, was preached by Revs. H. W. Key and J. S. Foster. Revs. A. Burdette and C. L. Field preached at 3 p. m.

Revs. J. Harris and J. L. Massey preached at 8 p. m.

J. W. Winbush, Durant, Miss.

The Sunday School Institute of the Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference, met in Minter City, August 21, with Rev. W. McDonald in the chair.

J. W. Winbush was elected secretary, with Mrs. C. A. Ross assistant.

This session of the Institute was a source of great joy. Although many of the pastors and delegates were not present, there were many subjects discussed and essays read by the different members of the Institute.

Among the many subjects discussed were the following:

Should we use our Sunday school literature, and why? Introduced by J. W. Winbush.

The Sunday school, Prof. P. P. Parker.

Parents duty to the Sunday school, Miss Hattie Gullage.

How to conduct a Sunday school, Mrs. C. A. Ross, Miss N. C. McCane, J. H. Edwards and others.

The following ministers presided: Revs. A. McBeth, J. W. Winbush, S. H. and J. M. Nevils. Too much praise cannot be given to the kind people of Minter City and their faithful pastor and his wife, who stand very high among the people and the children, who think a spoke is out of the wheel when she is not with them. She is doing a grand work among the little folks. On Sunday, the 23d, Bro. Washington baptized 40 or more adults.

The Institute adjourned, to meet with the first session of the district conference in 1892.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the quickest cure for all blood diseases. Its effects are always beneficial.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to the waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

J. I. Garrett, Benton, Miss.

Our third quarterly conference was held at Wesley Chapel, with Rev. J. C. Honston in the chair. Reports showed that the work is in a prosperous condition spiritually and financially. Received into full membership 2, accessions 24, baptized 9, deaths 2, converts 8, received from Baptist church 8. Collection for Elder \$15, for pastor \$56, bishop \$1. 239 partook of the Lord's Supper.

J. J. Obee, Shady Grove, La.

Rev. T. J. Johnson, of St. Paul, Shreveport, was with us and preached three soul-reviving sermons during our revival. The people were much pleased with him. We received 9 backsliders and 3 converts.

Bro. Aaron Taylor, Bonham, Tex., expresses a preference for the Methodist Episcopal Church because of her wholesome doctrines, her well adapted polity, and her attitude toward the salvation of all mankind. He gives a good reason for the hope that is in him. That's what every man should be able to do.

B. S. Allen, Rusk, Texas, writes ably and logically on "Freedom and Obedience to Law." He shows the consistency of both, and argues our privileges and duty in connection with the same in a way that carries conviction to every heart.

J. J. Collins, Flatonia, Texas.

On the fourth Saturday in June I was assigned by Rev. H. Swann, Presiding Elder, to Waelder and Flatonia. I arrived on the next Friday at Peach Creek, where we began work. On the first of July we commenced an eight day's meeting at Waelder, which resulted in 22 conversions and 29 accessions at this point. At Flatonia, Texas, we received 7 converts and 9 accessions. Our third quarter was held Sept. 5, 6. On Saturday and Sunday we raised \$42.95. Paid Presiding Elder \$17.75, pastor \$5.40. Flatonia Sunday school raised and paid to Presiding Elder for Samuel Hinton College, \$3.30. Subscription money paid to Presiding Elder, \$11.50. For missions \$7.20. We gave a grand benevolent entertainment, in which we netted \$32.80. We have it all in Miller & Sayers' bank, Gonzales, Texas. We were asked to raise \$2.25 for District Conference Minutes, and we did it. We also raised \$6 on bell. We never forgot to bring the dear old SOUTHWESTERN before the people. Elder Swann preached three of his best sermons. I have 35 acres in crop.

S. Gates, Bremond, Texas.

We are moving on nicely. Our membership is made up mostly of the young people. I have had many conversions, but not as many as I had up to this time last year. But our church is in a growing condition. Our quarterly meeting, held by Elder A. Foster, was a grand feast, and edifying to the church. He was with us a few days ago, planning for the fall rally, and he thinks if the plans are carried out every dollar for the Samuel Hinton College will be raised, and all the benevolent collections. Our Sunday school at Long Branch, under the supervision of Mrs. M. A. T. Perkins, is doing excellently and is largely attended. Prof. J. F. Payne, principal of the city school here in Bremond, is a grand worker in the Sunday school and is esteemed highly. A few weeks ago many members and friends of the church, headed by Sister Mary Blankinship and Mrs. Lula Bluet, came to the parsonage with many good things. One hundred and sixty pounds were brought, besides the money, which amounted to a handsome little purse. It greatly surprised Mrs. Gates. I was away at one of my charges. When I came home I was agreeably surprised.

P. R. Woodson, Spencer Circuit, Tenn.

I am closing my second year with success on the Spencer Circuit. I have had 31 converts and 42 additions to the church. Raised on benevolent claims \$20. The Rev. J. P. Price held my fourth quarter Sept. 12. Paid the Presiding Elder \$37, pastor \$123.60. The third Sunday in October is set for silver dollar rally day at Lawrence Chapel. I have five subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN on this charge, and will be ready to settle with the Rev. A. E. P. Albert at conference.

[Good. Let every other pastor be thus prepared, and we will be able to go to the next General Conference with flying colors.—Ed.]

G. J. Dobson, Columbus Circuit, Miss.

My second quarterly conference was held August 15, 16, by Rev. P. O. Jamison, at Moses Chapel. Reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Collection during quarter \$20.85. Paid Presiding Elder \$8. Bro. Jamison preached to the edification of a crowded house on Sunday. Conversions up to date 25, accessions 40.

C. E. Alexander, Lewisburg, Tenn.

Our fourth quarterly conference was a success. Elder Bradford endeared himself to the people. He spent the greater part of the week in our protracted meeting, which is still going on. Paid Elder \$10.25.

D. H. E. Harris, Bladock Circuit, Little Rock, Ark.

Our second quarterly conference

convened July 18, 19. Rev. W. R. R. Duncan was on time. The conference was well attended by the brethren. Brother Duncan preached four able sermons during his visit. Paid Presiding Elder \$21.20.

C. Hart, Smithville, Texas.

My fourth quarterly conference was held Sept. 26, 27, by Rev. Mack Henson. Reports showed some improvements. The Elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Collection for Presiding Elder, \$8.15.

A. J. Johnson, of Rayne, La.

We had a grand rally at Abbeville Sept. 27. The preachers present were: Revs. H. King, D. H. Laton, E. Drake, V. Simon, A. Bridges, W. Mitchell, and the writer. Bro. Proctor is a wheel horse, and is loved by all, both white and colored. Bro. Briggs owns 600 acres of land there. I wondered, if all the colored people had taken care of their money as Bro. Briggs did, how happy they would be now. We had a grand time. Collection \$57.75.

The light of the M. E. Church is burning in Briggs' Cave. The right man is there.

A. B. Venable, Bonchett Circuit, La.

Our protracted meeting resulted in 14 conversions. We baptized 14 adults and 5 infants in our baptism service. The church is spiritually alive. We have not forgotten the good old SOUTHWESTERN. We are trying to get cash subscribers for it.

D. Gray, Gallatin, Tenn.

The Lord has blessed us in our church work, and the blessing came by carrying out the plan of the Discipline. I had the members to subscribe the amounts that they would give, and set the day on which they were to pay. The members were willing to subscribe to the best of their ability, and thought this plan much better than having snappers, which kept them up until 12 and 1 o'clock at night. By this plan we have succeeded in paying a debt on our church, of \$250, in two weeks. I believe that if the plan of our Discipline was carried out, there would not be so many of our churches in debt, nor so many preachers' families suffering. I was sent to this work in the latter part of April, and found the church \$364 in debt, but we have raised and paid it on this plan. Our church is brick, 65x44 ft., with a stone basement. We have a good Sunday school.

P. W. Clark, Wilson, La.

My revival meeting closed with 17 souls happily converted to God, 8 wanderers brought back to the fold, and 27 others added to the church. The black altar that has hung over us for the past seven months, my heavenly Father is kindly removing. On the 13th Presiding Elder Rev. J. F. Marshall, H. James, C. E. Brackford, A. Hilton and C. O. Wright were with us. We had a good time. Rev. J. F. Marshall is a master workman; a man of power. We will reopen on the third Sunday in October. Corner stone day was a success. Collection \$119.50. Our members and officers deserve great praise for the success of the occasion.

P. M. Carmichael, Wesley Chapel, Austin, Texas.

The spiritual condition of the church is good, although our congregations are not large, as cotton picking is the order of the day, and a great many of our people are out making something to keep soul and body together during the winter. The average attendance of the Sunday school has only been about half what it was last quarter. The city schools opened on the 14th inst with only 260 colored children in attendance, while there were 1560 white children. Our people are a little indisposed toward the Samuel Hinton College building at present. We regret very much that work had to stop on this much needed building. At least \$1500 could have been raised in this city from our people if the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed-

ucation Society could have continued work. Several of our boys and girls are getting ready to go to Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., and some to Crockett, while a great many will attend the Tiltonson Institute, as a result of not having our school in operation. The shortness of crops in many places in the territory of the West Texas Conference will no doubt cause small collections for the school, yet we are not without hope. The benevolent collections in Wesley Chapel this quarter have been small. We have raised and paid on church debt something over \$300. We have managed to keep nearly even with the pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop. We have raised nearly \$700 for all purposes during the quarter. The Presiding Elder preached us a very acceptable sermon, Sunday morning, Sept. 13. The sacramental service at night was grand. We are getting ready for the Annual Conference. We expect to bring up every dollar of the money we were asked to raise, notwithstanding the short year; and aside from that we are striving to clear the church from debt this year. We anticipate starting a revival meeting soon, in which we are praying to have many souls saved.

H. W. Booker, Steward Mill, Texas.

I have added 60 members to our church here. All happily converted or reclaimed to the church. Crops are short in our neighborhood, but we hope to meet every claim before conference.

W. H. Whitlock, Columbus, Miss.

The Lord has abundantly blessed Caledonia Circuit. Our revivals have resulted as follows: Brownlee 11 conversions, Military 62, Frierson 15, Spring Hill 3, total conversions 91; accessions, about 110.

Rev. E. H. Clark held the quarterly conference recently for Rev. John Wilson. He has torn down the old dilapidated church in which his people worshipped, and has built a nice frame church, 20x30. He has had 30 converts this year, and his work is alive.

N. Cannon, Fayette, Miss.

Our third quarterly conference convened at Fayette Sept. 12, 13, Presiding Elder Rev. S. A. Cowan presiding. Reports showed the charge spiritually alive. The Elder gave the Sunday school a grand address upon the great need of studying, and on observing the Sabbath. The Elder preached two soul-reviving sermons, and administered the Lord's supper to 104 communicants. Collection \$25, paid Elder \$12.50, pastor \$12. On the night of Sept. 20, we closed a series of meetings which resulted as follows: Pine Grove, conversions 49, accessions 23; Harrison, conversions 14, accessions 9; Mt. Pleasant, conversion 1, accessions 9. Adults baptized 63. Fayette charge is spiritually alive.

Every tissue of the body, every nerve, bone and muscle, is made stronger and more healthy by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

An Earnest Appeal.

Rev. S. E. H. Morant, Presiding Elder of Alexandria district, has lost his mind. His friends have decided to send him from Shreveport to this city for treatment. He will reside here this week. Having a large family of a wife and eleven dependent children, he has not the means for their support and his treatment. Will not every pastor in the Louisiana Conference take up a collection for him, and every one reading these lines send a dime or a dollar to help him. Please help him, and help at once. Send to this office, to Rev. A. B. P. Albert, D.D., Secretary Louisiana Conference.

I was troubled with catarrh for seven years previous to commencing the use of Ely's Cream Balm. It has done for me what other so-called cures have failed to do—cured me. The effect of the Balm seemed magical.—Clarence L. Huff, Biddeford, Maine.

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Rev. G. W. Arnold, the new Pastor of Loyd Street Church, Atlanta.

Rev. G. W. Arnold was born in Newnan, Ga., and is now thirty-six years of age. His career has been one of great success. He took the full college course in Clark University, graduating with the degree of A. B., in 1886. He then entered Gammon Theological Seminary, and graduated with the degree of B. D., in 1888. Afterwards he was appointed principal of LaGrange Academy. This position he held two years and a half, and under his administration it had wonderful growth. He received the degree from his Alma Mater in 1889; and the same year was elected trustee of Clark University, which position he now holds.

During his principalship of LaGrange Academy, he was the successful pastor of the LaGrange circuit. Here he built a new church, paid off a heavy standing debt, and added to the church one hundred and fifty members.

Last February he was appointed by Bishop Warren as pastor of Asbury Church in Savannah.

During his short stay there he renovated the church, put in carpet and matting, a fine pulpit set, altar set, renovated four rooms in the parsonage, and added one new one; also paid off several back debts.

Rev. Arnold is a great church worker, and where he goes things must change for the better.

Last Sunday was a grand day for Loyd Street. The weather was fine and the members and friends came out in great crowds to hear their new pastor. He preached two very able sermons to the satisfaction of all. Loyd Street has in Rev. Arnold an able preacher and successful pastor.

We congratulate the people of Loyd Street on receiving such an able and excellent shepherd.

We see no reason why every department should not assume an encouraging aspect.

REV. E. J. PENNY, B. D., of Marietta, Ga., a classical graduate of Atlanta University and of Yale Divinity School, who has felt the sting of the separate car law, which is made to operate only upon colored passengers, is out in a strong letter in the *Atlanta Times*, demanding the appointment of a colored man on the U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission, to fill one of the two vacancies now existing therein. He very properly says:

"While the commission is earnestly discussing and regulating the rates on lumber, pork, beef, grain, cattle, stock, and the like, all of which is eminently right and proper enough, there ought to be some one on the commission who has felt 'the sting,' who has had experience in the matter, to speak for and remind the commission of that large and growing class of citizens, growing in numbers, intelligence, refinement, in wealth, and patriotism, a class that is miserably carried by almost all the railroads, over which they are obliged to travel or leave their business undone. Cannot the President be asked to appoint at least one colored man, of national reputation or otherwise, who, among his other duties, might induce the commission to consider, with him, the condition of this class of human beings, and see that they are treated at least as fairly as merchandise and cattle."

No class in this country is so outraged by the railroads as the colored people; and it would be but tardy justice on the part of the president to appoint one of that race on the Commission. Surely 8,000,000 of people deserve some consideration in a matter of this kind, from our national executive. Let the President appoint a colored man on the Commission, and one in the U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeals, as he has been petitioned to do by the whole race, and he will ever deserve and possess their lasting gratitude.

We have called attention several times to the injustice practiced upon our people in this city, in that colored teachers are not employed in all of our colored public schools in this city. We have been

promised by the school authorities that the injustice would not continue to be tolerated longer than the interests to be subserved necessitated. The schools are now open, we understand pretty much as they have been before. We again call the attention of our school authorities to the injustice being done to our people in the premises, and we fervently urge in their name that the injustice be abolished, and that all the colored schools in this city be put in charge of colored teachers, as they are in all other Southern cities. The class of white teachers employed in our colored schools are always inferior, and have only "a head and hatter interest" in their pupils, and fair dealing with our people demands that such be no longer imposed upon our people. Will the school board ever do justice to our people in the premises. We hope so.

THE *Independent* of last week has the following:

The last issues of the Southern Methodist and Southern Presbyterian papers of New Orleans have not one word about the lotteries. The Northern Methodist paper, edited by Dr. Albert, a colored man, has a strong editorial article denouncing the gambling infamy, and warning the colored people against bribery.

"Dr. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, is an able as well as brave advocate of applied Christianity in all its phases in the Southland. His paper is deserving of a generous support not only in its patronizing territory but in the North. It is published in New Orleans. Send for a copy."—*Buffalo Christian Advocate*.

We heartily thank Dr. McGerald for his generous words of commendation. Subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN, and you will grow in sympathy with this work and contribute towards its support as never before. The wonder to us is why the paper is not introduced in every family in our territory. We know of no better helper to the pastor in every department of his work.

The great Methodist Ecumenical Conference convened in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 7. It is composed of representatives from every Methodist body in the world. Wesleyan, West Indian, French, Canadian, M. E. Church, M. E. Church South, A. M. E. Church, A. M. E. Zion Church, C. M. E. Church, and every other body of Methodists in the world. It represents over thirty million people. May its meeting be a great pentecostal convocation.

THE lottery amendment, the State election in this State next April, the national nominating convention, the presidential election, and the General Conference next year are all subjects of great interest. The SOUTHWESTERN will keep our people thoroughly posted on all those lines. Subscribe for it in time. Those paying us \$1.50 now for a year's subscription will get the paper free the balance of this and all of next year. Subscribe at once.

WHEN the report was put out some days ago that Bishop Foss had decided in one of our Northern Conferences "that Negroes could not be admitted to membership in white churches," we knew that some one had, either ignorantly or maliciously misrepresented the bishop and conference in question, but we could not tell how. We clipped the slander and forwarded it to the bishop. His answer thereto in another column denies the allegation, and annihilates the "alligator." Read it yourself, and then read it to your neighbor or congregation.

THE pastors and trustees that fail to see that their churches are insured are guilty of a criminal negligence that is scarcely pardonable. Is your church insured?

EMANCIPATION Day is coming, January 1, 1893. How rapidly the years roll round. Twenty-nine years since Lincoln's memorable proclamation of freedom!

Political Review.

The elections in the November States will occur on the 3d. The prospect for Republican victory is extremely good, and is expected to grow brighter during the remaining two weeks.

During the last week the granite building has been thronged with applicants for positions under the singular honny law. Who the successful ones are has not yet been announced.

Personal.

—Rev. S. B. Danley's name appeared among those who had their "license renewed" at a district conference recently held in Tennessee. It was a mistake, and the report should have said that Bro. Danley urged a general rally to the support of the SOUTHWESTERN.

—Betsey Moody, the mother of Dwight L. Moody, is still living on the old homestead near Northfield, Mass., and is in her 87th year. She was left a widow with nine children and a mortgaged farm. Dwight was but four years of age at the time of his father's death, and at seventeen left home to make his own way in the world.

—Rev. S. P. Richards, who has been teaching at Cedar Grove, is now in attendance at New Orleans University.

—Rev. and Mrs. V. D. Jenkins, of Greenville, Ga., rejoice over the advent of a bonning boy.

—*Zion's Herald* says of Bishop Andrews: "Twenty years have passed since his election to the episcopacy, and in all these years he has presided at every conference assigned to him and preached on every conference Sunday with but one exception."

—There is a strange voice at Rev. T. G. Montgomery's. It's a girl and she arrived Oct. 6.

—Bro. F. L. Baxter, of Cheraw, S. C., sends us \$1 for Bro. Morant.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.)

There will be a corner-stone laying Nov. 8, at LaHarpe M. E. Church, and the present name will be changed to the founders' name—Scott Chinn Chapel.

Thirteen members were received by Bro. Montgomery at First Street Church last Sunday. The collection was \$31.35, including \$4.35 for Bro. Morant.

The rally at Williams' Chapel last Sunday was a successful one, and made Bro. Taylor happy at the prospect of having a new church for his people.

JULY 4th, is the nation's national day. January 1, is the nation's freedom day. Let everybody prepare to celebrate it.

A GOOD way to assist in the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN, is to leave your copy after you have read it, if you do not otherwise preserve it, in a barber shop or other public place in your town.

THE Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South has 26,985 white and 20 colored members.

Those twenty are the axton's of twenty white churches, aren't they. Can't the *Central Methodist* enlighten us?

THE seventy-fifth annual report of the American Bible Society, shows that the society disbursed \$587,023.69 in the prosecution of its work during the past year. This is \$74,635.51 in excess of its receipts. The society printed and purchased the past year in all tongues 1,516,344 copies of the Scripture. Over 223,000,000 Bibles, Testaments and portions of the Bible have been distributed through the agency of the Bible Societies alone since 1804. Remember the Bible Society collection.

THE *Crusader* wants to know what's the matter with the "Old Church." This it asks because the secular press says that Bishop Foss has decided against the admission of a colored man in a white church in Iowa. Whatever may be the merits of the case, we have not as yet learned, but we are sure Bishop Foss has rendered no such a decision. The General Conference, the supreme authority in our church has already declared that no church and no school or other institution of our church shall be closed against any one "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude," and it is morally certain that a man of Bishop Foss' experience and character, would not set himself against this expressed policy of the church. Our readers may rest assured that when they get at all the facts in the case, our church will be found true to her principle of equal rights.

Since the above was written, the Bishop has been heard from, and his letter appears in this paper.

THE *New Delta*, which was established not quite eighteen months ago as an anti-lottery organ, has had built expressly for it, and has now in operation, a latest improved Web perfecting press, which is the best and most complete one in the city of New Orleans. This speaks well for the youngest of the New Orleans dailies, for the introduction of a fast printing press that produces 12,000 complete papers in an hour.

Congratulations. We hope that this press will be instrumental in grinding the lottery monster so "exceedingly small," that its dust will be blown so far that no more remembrance will be had of it among the people of this nation.

BROTHER, do not feel bad, even if you have greatly desired to be sent to the General Conference and your brethren do not seem inclined to gratify you. Take comfort. You can go to heaven in due time, without their ballots, and we pledge you heaven is a great deal better place than Omaha. So do not think your life a total failure.—*Michigan Advocate*.

We congratulate Dr. Potts, on the fact that he will be able to go to the General Conference, the good place, and when his work on earth is accomplished to heaven, the "great deal better place than Omaha."

MEN who aspire to be reformers of the morals of the people should be of good moral character themselves. Men who are constant ornaments to the saloon, and who otherwise lead disreputable lives, are not the proper ones to engage in such a mission. They should rather hang their heads in shame in the presence of those who are truly worthy to enter such a mission.

GOOD papers and good books are like good company. Subscribe for and read them. Papers and books that are filled up with all the crimes and immorality that may be gathered in any community, are like bad company. Have nothing to do with them.

YOU might as well associate with lewd and vicious men and women; as to make them your companions by means of a press whose mission is to furnish you with pen pictures of their vice and lewdness. Touch them not with extra-handled tongs.

"FRET not thyself because of evil doers; neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For thou shalt soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

"I HAVE been young, and now am old; yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." The Lord always has and always will take care of his own. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

IF our pastors would see that every family in their churches is supplied with the SOUTHWESTERN, they would find that their members would be more intelligent, loyal and benevolent; and would not be misled into supporting disreputable and vulgar papers, that carry on like, dish up for them all the moral filth of the community for their Sunday readings.

THAT church or Sunday school that reports no conversions is a failure.

"THE wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him, for he seeth that his day is coming."

Marriages.

Carrollton, Miss.—Mr. Solomon Morehead to Miss Susan Walls, Oct. 2. Rev. D. A. Bragg officiating.

Clarksdale, Miss.—Mr. Samuel Askey to Miss Narcis Prayer, Oct. 1. Rev. E. Troup officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, in Trenton, Miss., by Rev. R. Payne, P. C., Mr. Henry Bransford and Miss Lucaner Lofton.

Obituary.

Queen City, Tex.—Little Lulia Lunda departed this life Sept. 23, aged 10 years. She was the precious daughter of Bro. Henry Lunda, one of the stewards of Bethel M. E. Church. She was a bright Sunday school scholar. R. Williams, P. C.

Jeanerette, La.—Bro. Lincoln Smith died Sept. 6, and was buried Sept. 10.

Rev. W. Carr's child died Sept. 9, and was buried on the 10th.

M. J. Dyer, P. C.

[We sympathize with Bro. Carr in his loss.—Ed.]

Rev. John W. Woods, of the Moony Creek Circuit, Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference, died at his home in Virginia, Sept. 12. Almost the last words he said were, "I love thy king, dom, Lord." The end was peaceful. E. Province, P. E.

Harmony Grove, Ga.—Sister Felice Matthews fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 26. She was the mother of Methodism at Cross Roads Church, aged 67, and a consistent Christian. She died very suddenly. She went to all her neighbors in the morning and told them good-bye, expressing a hope to meet them in heaven. That same day she was paralyzed, and the next day she died. Her house was the preachers' home. In her the church lost a friend. She was loved by all who knew her. She leaves 4 children to mourn her loss. E. Kirby, P. C.

Pineville, La.—Sister Bettie Stephens, a member of Macedonia Chapel, departed this life Sept. 18, in full triumph of faith. She was a faithful member of the church sixteen years. She leaves a husband, three children, two sisters and a host of friends. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. L. Augustus, P. C., assisted by Rev. H. Johnson.

Cooper Circuit, Miss.—Sister Emma Alexander died Sept. 20, aged 18 years. She died in full triumph of faith. Her funeral was attended by her pastor. P. P. P.

Help Poor Africa!

Some weeks ago we published a very pathetic letter from Africa, appealing for papers for the reading room of our mission school at Cape Palmas, West Coast of Africa. In answer to this, the Rev. J. B. Middleton, of Sumpter, S. C., offered \$10 toward the establishment of the *African Christian Advocate*. To this we offered to add our subscription of \$10, and others have been solicited to join their contributions for the same purpose. To this we have thus far received no responses. In the absence of a printing press in Liberia, there remains but one thing for American Christians to do, and that is, to see that those poor people are supplied with the right kind of reading matter from the American press. We therefore appeal to our readers to apply the means whereby we may be able to furnish the SOUTHWESTERN to our Cape Palmas school reading room, and to worthy and needy ones in the Black Republic. For \$2 we will send the SOUTHWESTERN to such persons for a whole year, postage prepaid. Who will send us \$2 and thereby assist in the evangelization of Africa? If you can't go there yourself, send them the SOUTHWESTERN as a missionary agent to assist in their evangelization and salvation.

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MAN'S IMMORTALITY.

For man to say he has a soul
Is not the truth to say;
He has no soul, but is a soul.
And has a house of clay.

Which house is but his transient home—
Ere long he'll move away
And leave it like a silent dome,
To moulder and decay.

Were I to say I have myself
'Twould be a phrase as fit
As 'twould to say I have a soul,
For I myself am it.

This clay with which I now am clad
Is not me, as some suppose,
Because when shed 'twill lie as dead
As are my worn out clothes.

When I am gone don't view my clay
And think that I am dead,
For what you see will not be me,
But only what I've shed.

If these right views were more
impressed
Upon the human mind,
Man then would feel himself more
blest,
And more to faith inclined.

But while he thinks himself must die
And that his soul, not him,
Is all that shall be born on high,
So long will death look grim.

But when man learns he is a soul,
And that his clay alone
Is all that dies, he'll then rejoice
With joy before unknown.

Could man but comprehend himself
And see himself aright,
He then could view the bed of death
With feelings of delight.

His heart would then rejoice to view
The man forsake the clay
And fly with kindly angels to
The spirit land away.

May heaven haste the happy day
When man shall comprehend
That he himself shall never die,
Shall never have an end.

For O the joy, the bliss to know
That death is but a door
Which opens from this world of woe
To joy forever more.

—Sel.

The Household.

CITRON AND QUINCE PRESERVE.—Pare and cut the citron in inch pieces, boil hard in middling strong alum water for thirty minutes, drain and boil in fresh water till the color is changed and they are tender; wash carefully the quinces, pare, quarter, core, and halve the quarters; boil the cores and parings in water to cover them, one and one-half hours; remove them and add the prepared quince to the liquid; boil, and when they begin to be tender add the citron and three-fourths of a pound of white sugar to every pound of the fruits.

SPICED GRAPE JELLY.—Take grapes half ripe, crush all the juice out well and strain. Take equal quantities of juice and sugar; to each quart add one half a teaspoonful of cloves and one tablespoonful of cinnamon. Cook hard twenty minutes, then remove from the stove and pour into glasses.

PICKLED PEPPERS.—Select large, green peppers (those called sweet peppers are the best); cut a small slit on one side so as not to cut off any part. Take out all the seeds carefully. Soak the peppers in salt water for six days, changing the brine several times. Chop onions, red cabbage, tomatoes, small cucumbers, green grapes, beans, okra, a few slices of carrots, some green corn cut from the cob, some horse-radish, whole mustard seed, celery seed and a little curry powder. Regulate the quantity of each ingredient by your own taste. Prepare as much of the stuffing as will fill to the natural size all the peppers you desire to pickle. Before filling the peppers, sprinkle all over them a little ground cinnamon, cloves and allspice; then fill in the stuffing, all well mixed. Sew up the slit neatly; place in a stone jar; cover with cold, spiced vinegar; cover up the jars closely and set aside.

BROWN BREAD.—One pint sour milk, one-half cup molasses, one teaspoon soda, one teaspoon salt, one teacup white flour, one teacup Graham flour, one teacup corn meal. Steam two hours, bake half an hour.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for Frank Hammond, who went from Aiken, S. C., to Hot Springs, N. C., a few years ago, and all track of him has been lost. His mother Phoebe Hammond is totally blind, and his sister Belle is nearly blind. They need his help and care. If anybody knows anything of his whereabouts, please notify the writer I. E. Lowery, Aiken, S. C.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my relatives. My father's name was William Green, and my mother's name was Mariah Green. They had seven children, and I am the oldest one. My name was Martha Ann-Green before I married, since I married my name is Martha Griner. The next oldest child was named Joe Green, then Nicholas Green, Isom Green, then a girl named Dolly Green, then William Green who was named after my father, the next was Lavonia Green who died an infant. The last I remember of them, they lived six miles from Petersburg, Va., at Prince George, Va. I belonged to James Temple, who also owned my mother. I was sold to James Temple by his brother William Temple. My brother Joe was sold before I was. Any information as to their whereabouts will be thankfully received. Address Martha Griner, Perry's Mill, Ga.

Mr. Editor: I wish to find my uncle, named John Blassgim. His sister was my mother, her name was Ella Blassgim, but she is married to a minister of the M. E. Church by the name of Edward Kirby. We were then living in South Carolina; but now we are living in the State of Georgia. When he left us he went to Arkansas. We heard from him about five years ago. He was near Little Rock. My name is Mamie Kirby, age 14. Any information may be addressed to me at Harmony Grove, Ga.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my brother Alexander Daniel, who was born in Pike county, Ga. His father was named Frank Bolding. Before emancipation he was carried to Shelby county, Texas, by his owner, Widow Bolding. He left behind a wife and three boys. His wife died in 1864, and after emancipation Frank Bolding returned to Pike county, Ga., to his boys, and changed his name to Frank Daniel. His boys were Richard, Thomas and Alexander Daniel. Alexander Daniel ran away from his father in 1876, and went to Waco, Texas, with a white man by the name of Macki Jorden. His father is dead, and left an estate for the boys. I will be glad for any information. Address your letter to Thomas D. Daniel, Williamson, Pike county, Ga.

General Church News.

San Francisco has four thousand five hundred saloons.

The prohibitionists of New York have nominated J. W. Bruce, of Canastota, Madison county, for Governor.

Two joint-keepers have been arrested at Parsons, Kansas, at the instance of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of that place.

There are at present 553 Protestant pastors, evangelists, and teachers engaged in Gospel work in Italy.

The two Georgia Evangelists, Sam P. Jones and Sam W. Small, have been ordered to appear before the grand jury at Rome, Ga. They conducted a revival there some days ago, and charged corruption so pointedly upon the people and the administration of justice that Superior Court Judge Maddox charged the grand jury to compel Messrs. Jones and Small to prefer their charges in legal form and prove their truth or cease talking. Attachments have been issued for

them. Small is now in Massachusetts.

The Church Advocate for September publishes "a list of the colored clergy" of the Protestant Episcopal Church, showing a total of 61, classified as follows: priests, 26; deacons, 33; out of the country, 2.

Japan can boast of a village of total abstainers, the people of Gijomura, Tasugori, of Omi, having united in a determination to abstain from saki in the future. This vow they have kept since their New Year, and each house has a board on the door with the inscription, "Frgal in all things, liquor prohibited."

Our Symposium.

More Mob Law.

The hanging of the Negro Will Lewis, by a mob at Tullahoma, is another blot upon the fair name of the State of Tennessee. He was taken from the "calaboose," at one o'clock at night by six or seven armed and masked men, and was found the next morning swinging to a limb upon the outskirts of the town. There was not the shadow of an excuse for such a crime. The alleged fact that Lewis was given to drink, and that when under the influence of liquor he was inclined to be rude and boisterous, is not of the slightest weight in this connection. If every white drunkard against whom the same things might be alleged were strung up without mercy, the sheriffs of the State would have their hands full from one year's end to another. As to mob law, we have heretofore spoken our mind very distinctly. In regard to this particular case we wish to add that it was a most unprovoked and cowardly murder. The gang of thugs who need the darkness of the night and their overwhelming numbers to seize their victim and rob him of his life are not fit to enjoy the rights of citizenship in any civilized community. We are not surprised that the colored people are excited and indignant, nor that the entire community of Tullahoma feels outraged that such a deed should have been perpetrated in that excellent and law abiding town. The action of the citizens in public meeting, of the local bivauc of Confederate veterans in formal session, and of the mayor of the town in official proclamation condemning the outrage in unmeasured terms and calling for the detection and punishment of the offenders, is to be unqualifiedly approved.—Christian Advocate, M. E. Ohnreh South.

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Editorial Notes.

The peace that blest good Simeon be thine;
But we could wish thy chariot might stay
Till all the old "Dark Continent" shall shine
With Christ-light, ushering in the Gospel Day.

ROMAN Catholics continue to clamor for the restoration of the pope's temporal power. It is too late in the afternoon of the nineteenth century however, and they had better utilize their needless efforts in some more hopeful and reasonable direction. The thing is perfectly absurd. Revolutions don't go backward, but forward.

WHATEVER may have been his motive for so doing, Gov. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, has exposed himself to severe adverse criticism, by convening the Senate of his State in extra session to investigate rumors affecting the official integrity of the State Treasurer and Auditor General, who belong to an opposing political party, at this time, while a heated campaign is in progress in that State.

It is humiliating to know that in this great and critical time of struggling to uplift our race and give it a fair name and place in the land,—a Negro preacher should edit and issue a Sunday paper. Such is the lamentable fact however, for one comes to our table from Mobile, filled with would-be praise for Republican officials that must be nauseating to those individuals, and also contains advertisements for beer saloons and dances. Altogether it is a disgrace to the better element in the colored race. For us there is a crumb of comfort in the fact that the editorial divinity (!) is not a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

PRESIDING Elder Andrew Foster, of the West Texas Conference, writes:

Dear Dr. Albert:—I have arranged to send a few cash subscribers every week, and I am trying to impress the importance of taking our dear old SOUTHWESTERN, because it is the organ that speaks for the rights of our people boldly and fearlessly; because of the many valuable instructions given in her columns; and last, but not least, because it is the paper that is destined to do the whole race good, whether Methodist, Baptist, or what not. Whoever reads the SOUTHWESTERN, and follows the much needed and timely instructions given therein, is bound to grow wiser and better. Go on, Doctor. God bless you."

In this letter he encloses four cash subscribers. That's what you can term proving one's faith by his work. Go thou and do likewise. Will you do it?

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Needs of the Tennessee Conference and the Church at Large.

BY REV. C. B. WILSON, A. B.

The great need of the conferences is more and better churches. In order to have these we must have more and better Gospel bearers, backed up by education, morality and religion. Education not only of the head, but of the heart. Morality not only in our talk, but in our living. Religion not only in formality but in a living and sound devotion to God. Brethren, we ought to move up on these lines. We know a nation is not born in a day, but we can make improvement on these lines. We know it takes a long time to make a man. God was eighty years in preparing Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. Our blessed Savior was here upon earth, thirty and three years before the plan of salvation was completed. The children of Israel were forty years in the wilderness before God prepared them for the crossing of the Jordan.

It used to take several weeks for a Congressman to go from California to Washington City, but now he can make the journey in a week. There is no doubt but that Abraham's servant was several days on the road to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nabor, with his ten camels and servants to seek the bride of Abraham's beloved son Isaac. But now-a-days young men can send the message by telegraph. Abalard, Hugo, St. Victor, Peter Lombard, Alexander De Hales, Thomas Aquinas, Duns, Scotus and others reached no well rounded systematic form in the study of theology as a systematic science. But must the modern theologian stop there? nay, press forward.

The arid deserts and lonely wilderness that used to be crossed by dusty caravans and rattling teams are now being cleared away, compelling the gray mountain bear to seek a new home, and laying the railroad tracks, planting telegraph poles, swinging the electric wire and bearing news from city to city with the velocity of lightning. Remember that it has been well said, that "procrastination is the thief of time." Then let us obey the words of our blessed Master, St. John xiv. 31, "Arise, let us go hence." My point is this, let us be going in the discharge of the great duty that has been committed to our care. Let us notice, there are several towns in the bounds of the Tennessee Conference where we have no churches. Towns that number from three to five thousand inhabitants, such as Columbia, Fayetteville, Clarksville, Jackson, etc. Towns that are growing in population, Northern capital and great enterprise, and as we sweep through the western part of the State from Memphis to Nashville, a great cotton belt. We call the attention of our beloved bishops and the Church Extension Society, and the Tennessee Conference to these points. Our church should be at these places. It is the church that knows no man according to the flesh, Greek nor Jew, black nor white, bond nor free, but a man as a man, just so he is a Christian gentleman; a church that came to us in the our of need when we were in darkness and distress. Then let the banner of the grand old mother church be floating in every city and town in the Tennessee Conference. And let the congregations pay their pastors and Presiding Elders. Let the pastors bring up every benevolent claim and distribute the grand old SOUTHWESTERN in every city, town, village, hamlet and log house in the nation and especially in every family of the church.

There is a silent stream trying to make its way among the Afro-American race that perhaps we all are not aware of and that is the Roman Catholics. They are pouring the Roman Catholic literature into the hands of some of the intelligent colored men and women of the South. Let us be on the alert, and watch this thread-like stream that threatens to grow into a great ocean that cannot be passed over. The motto of the vatican is, "Ignorance is the mother of devotion." But we have had enough ignorance. We want light. In order to have light we must stand by such institutions as the Central Tennessee College, and such true and tried men as president John Braden, D.D., and Dr. J. C. Hartzell, traveling all over this broad Southland like a mighty hero hunting down ignorance and building up great institutions of learning.

The Central Tennessee College is the nucleus around which the Tennessee Conference must revolve. Then let us sustain this great institution by going down in our own pockets, taking collections from our congregations and praying for its prosperity. We may not be able to give very much. But let us remember that:

"One by one we begin to count,
Step by step the hill we mount,
Word by word we begin to spell,
And line by line comes reading well."

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Favors the Election of a Colored Bishop.

REV. J. H. GRANT.

Dear Dr. Albert: Permit me to say that I now voice the sentiment of every member of our conference, in saying that the able manner in which you have handled the great question touching the election of a colored bishop in the M. E. Church has won its way into the hearts of all our people, and made a warm spot there for you. May God bless you to ever defend with an open mouth and outspoken heart the true principles of the church and of her needs. We believe that the time has come when every member who is loyal to the grand old M. E. Church should speak out in favor of the election of a colored bishop.

The election of a colored bishop would mark a grand epoch in the history of our church. Oh, that the members of the next General Conference would rightly consider the matter, and heed this righteous demand. May God so inspire their hearts, from the bishops down to each layman, so that they may lay aside all color barriers and give us one of our race on the bench of bishops. Remember, we have been loyal and submissive while waiting for the man to develop. Now we have abundant material from which to select, let us have the desired representation. Colored men sit in the halls of legislation side by side with their former masters, why not have a colored bishop to sit by side of our present bishops?

Many of our people believe, and rightly, too, I think, that a colored bishop would have been elected before now, but our men at the front who should have advocated such an election were afraid to open their mouths, because they were under the impression that it would render them unpopular. Indeed these things are facts.

Doctor, you manfully and fearlessly represent exactly what is in the hearts of our people. You have proven to be true to your trust. May God help you to see the consummation of this matter, upon which every colored member in the Methodist Episcopal Church is so firmly concentrated.

Cave Spring, Ga.

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Hedge up the pastor's way.
Tell people before he comes he won't suit; he is too old, too young, too black, too ugly, too ignorant, too intelligent or don't dress fine enough.

Fail to attend any service except Sunday night.

Make slight remarks about the pastor's family.

Refuse to visit the parsonage.

Object to all the pastor does.

Take every remark pastor makes as a personal insult.

Tell members of other churches your pastor can't preach.

Advise him to do only what will benefit you.

Take strangers to hear every pastor but your own.

Talk about pastor's mistakes before strangers and children.

Oppose every effort pastor makes unless he puts it in your hands.

Hold caucuses and join cliques against the pastor.

When pastor preaches make out you are asleep, and then when strangers preach shout "amen."

When a stranger preaches get happy and shout "that's the kind of preaching we need."

Object to donation parties for the pastor's family.

Try to have pastor's salary cut down at every chance.

Attend every rally except your own.

Call pastor Dr., Prof., Gen., Col. or any other pet name.

Move from place to place while preaching is going on.

Come to church in your work clothes.

Go to the society meeting rather than to the church.

Chew tobacco or wax in the church.

Spit in "Amen corner."

Sit back by the door, so the pastor will call you up front or to pray.

Take out your watch in preacher's face.

Fail to pay church but society dues.

Come to church late.

Sleep late Sundays.

Stand around the church door before or after services.

Whisper in church.

Walk in front of preacher while he is preaching.

Stand or sit when you pray so you can look around.

Take sacrament with gloves on.

Stay home Sundays and cook big dinners.

Fail to attend Sunday school.

Let the squire marry you.

Keep the women on one side and the men on the other in church.

Attend theatres.

Play cards "for fun."

Send for other preachers to marry and bury friends.

Sleep in church.

Sing jigs in meeting.

From Bishop Taylor on the Congo.

Steamship Annie Taylor, Congo, August 26, 1891.

This our mission steamer is a grand success. We came down from Boma yesterday in five hours, said to be sixty miles, and we had a strong head sea as we neared the mouth of the Congo. It is beautiful to see our boat splitting the six mile current of the mighty river. We have selected as our Viri anchorage "the Island," the best harbor on the Lower Congo, one and one-half miles from Viri station, thirty minutes walk. I walked it last Monday in twenty-four minutes. I am in splendid health, and pulling along.

With one exception, our new recruits are doing splendidly. Brother

and Sister Walrath I have appointed to Viri, as transport agent, and to open an Infant Training Mission School, to which Sister Walrath is well adapted. Our former man there, J. O. Teter, and his wife, have leave of absence for a few months. They are noble workers in our cause. She is in need of a change for her health, and will spend a few months in their home in America. But his principal business will be to assist John Terry, Esq., concerning the building of the new steamer, return from America in time to meet us, homeward bound in London about March 1, to witness the trial trip of the "Kassai," then come on with the new steamer's stuff and see it carried to Stanley Pool, where he will reconstruct the boat and run it on the Kassai. He has been on the Congo over five years; is well acclimated; knows the country and the people; is a genius, and master of the situation. Meantime Bro. Wm. O. White will construct and run our steel launch sloop on the middle passage of 88 miles, Isangilla to Manganga. This boat is now all at Isangilla.

Bro. Bradley L. Burro of Kimpoko, will assist in transport arrangements, thence to Stanley Pool, and in the construction of the boat. So that this whole business will be in the hands of our trained and tried men, adding a few new missionaries as apprentices "and let those also first be proved;" the recent deflection of one of our new Congo recruits, to accept a salaried position under a Belgian company, shows that we must even more closely guard the gate. Africa demands the very highest order of missionaries, in grand ministerial qualifications, to lay the broad foundations of our church; "passed" mechanics and engineers and "apt to teach" in developing the grand resources of this people and country; holy in heart, and sound in mind and body.

We have opened a new station at Bananna, in charge of J. W. Jensen, also a new station north of Isangilla, committed to the charge of Wm. Rasmussen and wife.

We have purchased a church lot at Matadi, twenty metres front by forty deep, and hope soon to be able to build a chapel, and put in a missionary. Plenty of good building stone within ten yards of the lot. This is an important post, being the starting point of the Congo Railway, the site of their machine shop, offices and warehouses and those of the government. Here we organized a Methodist Episcopal Church, which increased, by accretion, up to the number of forty candidates for membership. The need of a church and a missionary, in view of the fact, also, that there is no such thing there of any name or denomination, is imperative.

Our people at Kimpoko have built a good new one-story, house, about 20x80 feet; and we are all in good health and good cheer. Luluaburg is still our field. I have recently purchased from the Congo State Government twelve acres of ground there, embracing the site of the buildings put up by Dr. Summers; so that as quickly as possible after we have launched our new steamer, "Kassai," we shall put in the missionaries to re-open and extend the work commenced there.

At Natonby, in the midst of difficulties, Miss Kildare is brave, hopeful and happy; and sowing good seed plentifully, so we expect a good harvest.

Mamby is also a difficult point, the French government requiring their own language to be taught there; but reinforced by her French Sister Burkhallton, and assisted by Bro. Nelme, Miss Koh is doing good work. Our mission farm there comprises over 100

acres, with one of the largest and best mission houses on the Coast.

At Bome we are contracting for a lot on the best site in town, 66x165 feet, large enough for all our purposes, and right opposite to our choice of mooring ground. Having sold our traction engine to good advantage to the government, we will put part of the proceeds into this lot, and thus give the engine a chance to grow with the growing capital of Congo.

Capt. Christian A. Borrella was converted in early life, under the ministry of father Taylor, of Boston, and was for many years a seamen's missionary in New York City. He was a ship master by profession, and after spending two years in working and witnessing for Jesus in Liberia and Angola, came to Congo just when we needed a captain for our steamer. On Sunday morning, the 9th, we walked together to preaching service at Vintop. He was taken suddenly ill, and on my return there Monday morning was very low with malarial fever. Bros. Walrath and White watched with him Monday night, and Bro. Teter and I through Tuesday night. He said he had no pain, but was "tired, oh so tired." At 4 a.m. Wednesday, the 12th, he fell asleep in Jesus, and at 4 p.m. we buried him alongside of Rev. J. S. Cutler, on Vintop. He was about 66 years of age. Bro. White lined a seven-foot box with white muslin, and covered it outside with black flannel, which made it into a beautiful coffin. We dressed the dear old saint in his best new suit, and laid him away until he shall be waked up by "the voice of the Son of man."

Just now we are in need of new missionaries, already accepted by me personally, and waiting to be forwarded; of funds for our annual cash purchases, for new and partly developed stations; and, of vast importance to the rapid extension of our work in the great fields "white already to harvest" in the upper Congo country, a balance of some thousands for the building of our new steamer "Kassai." Remit to our friends, editors of the Christian papers, or direct to the temporary treasurer, Rev. Ross Taylor, Evanston, Illinois.

God is with us, and it we work wisely with Him, He will work efficiently through us. Hallelujah!

Your brother in Jesus,

WM. TAYLOR.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Charity.

MRS. M. T. ALBERT.

After reading in the SOUTHWESTERN what a sister writes about Christianity, when it comes to speak about Christianity matter I cannot stay dumb. The first thing Christianity means is to keep God's laws and His Sabbaths. Secondly, charity is love and humanity, and charity is to do good, to help one another, and especially to give to the poor. Charity means everything in Christian manners. Many who are professing religion know it, but do not accept it, because they do not keep God's Sabbaths and commandments, as they ought to do. The gospel teaches us that many will be called, but few will be chosen. All we have to do is to do our duty as God teaches us to. We must love one another and be watching and praying, so that when the Master shall call we shall be ready.

A BROTHER in New Berne, Ala., reports that a certain Baptist minister there said some very foolish things about John Wesley and our church, and desires to hear from us on the subject. It is not worthy of notice. John Wesley is in heaven, and our church will live and aid millions more to get there.

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ciet	86,000

"One of the Twelve."

I was "one of the twelve" that, a quarter of a century ago, consti-
tuted the Convention that organi-
zed the Methodist Freedman's Aid
Society—the humblest, it may be,
of them all, but with a voice far
more outreaching than any of the
rest; for the General Conference
had put to my mouth a trumpet
with which I could make my else
feeble voice resound through all
the Middle West. Before I write
a word for the future, let me see if
the "Old Western" was right and
true in those days of yore. I
have searched the files, and, thank
God! I would not obliterate a sin-
gular line, or, perhaps, add a
single word. The most vigorous
tones of the editor's middle man-
hood rang out over the land many
a time for universal suffrage in the
District of Columbia—all we dared
then to ask. In January, 1866, the
Western declared that "the Nation
desires and designs to purge itself
from injustice to every man." It
pleaded that if there might be ob-
jections to universal suffrage in the
extreme South, where the blacks
were so largely in the majority,
there could "be no reasonable ob-
jection to such acknowledgment of
the manhood and citizenship of
the colored American, as this [the
Civil Rights] bill contemplates." A
little later we gave a spirited
colloquy between Andrew John-
son President of the United States,
and quite a company of colored
people, of whom Frederick
Douglass was spokesman. John-
son clearly intimated to Douglass
that if the bill passed the Senate,
as it already had passed the House,
he would veto it. Douglass replied:
"The President sends us to the
people, and we will have to go and
get the people right." The West-
ern stood by Douglass and his
crowd against the President and
"and the people" that Douglass
knew were yet largely wrong.
Again I say, Thank God! Soon the
"Old Western" was at complete
odds with the policy of "Andy
Johnson." The President threat-
ened the complete destruction of
the Freedmen's Bureau Bill, and
vetoed the Freedmen's Bureau Bill,
and desired to turn the freedmen
over to the State Courts, in many
of which they had no status and
nowhere a ballot. The Western
firmly protested against all this in-
justice and more of its kind. It
unwaveringly stood against Mr.
Johnson, and claimed equal rights
for the colored man in every State
of the Union. It demanded rights
equal to our own. To the four mil-
lion freedmen we saw that we were
under obligations greater than the
rest of their race. This was our
language: "Nor dare we forget
that for generations this unhappy
race have been the victims of a
system destructive to self-reliance,
and which enacted their perpetual
ignorance. The system is destroy-
ed, but not its effects. Helpless-
ness and ignorance are yet the heri-
tage of the Negro, and the Nation
that emancipated must also lend a
helping hand." We demanded just
laws for the colored man, books
and schools for him, instruction in
agriculture and the mechanic arts;
we demanded home and family,
and especially the elevating and
glorious gospel. We warned the
Negro-bater that he was crying
his own special part of this more
than Herculean work. I begin
now to want to live another quar-

ter of a century, to see what you
have done, and to be one of your
speakers at the great Jubilee meet-
ing of 1916 A. D., and measure the
marth made in His name.

I am inspired to believe that
some one who has one hundred
thousand dollars to spare, will
crown this Jubilee by writing to
Hartzell or Gray or Chadwick,
asking where is there another such
an opening as Gammon found.
They can tell you. Even a bris-
ed Reich could do that. Earth has no
such diamonds as can be quarried
here. Let no pastor be unfaithful
to this great occasion, but hold
the appointed services, and come
bringing his sheaves with him.
Let the young people, by their nu-
merous associations, overflow the
twenty-five thousand dollars the
society asks. If we do well, the
Jubilee will extend to heaven!
Glory! Glory!

I begin to see that this may be
God's way of redeeming Africa.
He is preparing her own sons by
us to go back to the land of their
origin, and polish this black dia-
mond till it shall sparkle brightly
in the crown of its Redeemer. Be-
neath the soil of that continent is
more gold and other treasures
than in any other continent under
the sun. These Africans may be
the richest of our race. Hundreds
of thousands of those in America
may, in the future, hasten to go
back to the sunny strand, when
their intelligence and their wealth
will lead all to desire them to stay
here. Let us pre-empt all these
imagined and unimaginable pro-
babilities for Christ

JOHN M. REID.

General Church News.

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—Christian Union.

The Mohammedans recently held
an anti-rum conference at Khar-
tonm. It is declared that the
liquors of christendom are more
destructive of life and happiness
in Africa than the slave trade for
which Mohammedanism is respon-
sible.

There is an average of nine mur-
ders a week in this country com-
mitted by drunken men, and to be
directly traced to whiskey. Yet
with this fearful record—and it is
only one count in the indictment—
there are people who say: "Do not
agitate prohibition!"

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bill is not less than \$85,000,000 a
year; \$50,000,000 is paid by work-
ing men. That is the poor man's
drink bill. Suppose the poor man
should take this \$50,000,000, and
instead of paying it into the coffers
of the saloon keepers and the
brewers, should go to the butchers
to buy meat, to the grocers and
bny groceries for his family, to the
clothing store, to the boot and
shoe store, the furniture dealer, to
the real estate man and buy a lot,

to the builder and contractor for a
house, and then lay by a little for
a rainy day, what would be the re-
sult upon himself and upon busi-
ness? Why, "hard times" would
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and sorrow would be marvelously
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lished below from their pulpits, and request a pub-
lic case where friends are brought together by means
of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire
for my son. His name is Sherman
Jordan. He went off in the year
1866. I had four children, Nick,
Charles, Harriet and Sherman, who
is about twenty-five years old.
Address Mary Jordan, care of Mr.
F. A. Jordan, Enterprise, Clark
county, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my
people. I had three sisters, Jane
Ann Bell, Harriet Ann Bell, and
Mary Elizabeth Bell. My name is
Mary Bell. Negro traders brought
me to Mississippi from Virginia,
from the Blue Ridge Mountains.
Father was Harrison Bell, mother
Millie Ann, uncle Edmund Bell.
My cousin George Bell, rather than
come with Negro traders to Miss-
issippi cut off his hand with an ax.
Any information will be gladly re-
ceived. Address Mary Bell, 404
Openwood street, Vicksburg, Miss.

Mr. Editor: I want to make an
enquiry. I am of the county of
Laurens, State of South Carolina.
I had two uncles carried off in the
year 1860 or 1861, named Silas
Blackley and Wright. Joseph
Crews bought and sold them. Their
father's name was Jack Parks, and
their mother's name was Annie
Blackley. I am the son of their
sister Lonisa. At the time they
were sold my mother belonged to
Ludia Little. When last we heard
of them they were in New Orleans.
It may be that their children live. I
am an elder in the A. M. E. Church.
My mother married Charles Adair,
and lives at Laurens, S. C. My
name is Rev. John Henry Byrd,
P. O., Chester, S. C.

Mr. Editor: Permit me to enquire
for my son Ather Jones. He was
born in Hale county, Ala., and I
carried him to Virginia to his father
in '72, and left him there. I heard
that he was in Maryland three
years ago. I married since I came
down South. Now my name is
Winnie Rembert, Palmetto Home,
Miss.

Letters from the Laity.

An Epworth League has been
organized at Hickory Grove, Tex.,
with 35 charter members, to which
13 more have since joined. Ben.
Williams is secretary.

G. W. Phillips, Chunky, Miss.
Our third quarterly conference
was held Sept. 23, by Rev. C. W.
Ivy, of the Meridian circuit. The
Presiding Elder, J. M. Shumper,
could not be with us, as he was
traveling on some other part of his
district with the Rev. M. C. B.
Mason, Field Agent of the Freed-
men's Aid and Southern Education
Society. Bro. Ivy preached a soul-
stirring sermon. The circuit is
prospering spiritually and finan-
cially. Rev. R. B. Anderson, P. C.,
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work and is taking subscriptions
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A Backshotten Buckeye on the Negro Problem.

Negro formerly of Ohio, J. A. Foreman, has an article in a recent issue of the *Methodist Advocate*, in which he denounces the friendly attitude of Northern people toward the colored people. He is desperately earnest in his opposition to mixed churches and schools in the South. Speaking for both races he declares that "neither one wants it." Who told him so? Speaking as a colored man for colored people, we declare that our people are in favor of human equality, without separation in Church or State, and whosoever represents the contrary misrepresents the race. Concluding, Mr. Foreman says:

"Our Southern people are a noble people, and with more than a century of experience with the colored race they certainly ought to know best how to handle the colored people."

Yes, they "ought to know." They "ought to know" that it was wrong for them to keep the Negro in slavery; to sell wife from husband, children from parents, and from each other, but did they? They "ought to know" that it was wrong to enact in verity all the facts pictured out in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," but they didn't. The lesson of freedom and humanity had to come to them from the North. And it is desperately wicked for a backslidden Buckeye to preach in favor of the South being left free from all criticism "to handle the colored people." The South shows its knowledge of how to handle the colored people by cramming him up next to the engine in "Jim Crow cars," by denying him a night's lodging in the hotel, a drink of soda water in the confectionery, by disfranchising him, by force and fraud, from all political influence, and by stringing him up to a tree, without judge or jury, whenever it suits an enemy to say he attempted to commit an infamous crime. Oh, yes, "the Southern people are noble and experienced, and ought to know how to handle the colored people." This is the way they handle them. We suppose Mr. Foreman approves of their method of handling them. We assure Mr. Foreman, however, that twenty-nine years of freedom, education, the acquisition of property, etc., have done something for the Negro, and he will before many years be a pretty hot poker to handle, especially when taken hold of at the wrong end. We always knew that backsliders were always worse than original sinners. Mr. Foreman is another proof of the fact.

Worthy of Your Attention.

The recent annual meeting of the Mississippi Co-operative and Benevolent Association, held at Natchez, Miss., evidenced the prosperity of this excellent institution. General Manager L. J. Winston, in his address of welcome, paid the following flattering compliment to the citizens of that city:

"In Natchez you find the white citizens ever ready and willing to assist the colored citizens in every honorable and laudable undertaking that elevates them morally, educationally and financially. The white and colored citizens of our city live upon terms of friendship and amity, equaled by few cities and excelled by none, North, South, East or West."

Of the association he said: "The Mississippi Co-operative and Benevolent Association is not a secret society, but a corporation, duly chartered under the laws of the State of Mississippi, for the purpose of enabling worthy and deserving people to buy homes, pay off mortgages, deeds in trust, repair property and to secure money to educate our children and to engage in legitimate business pursuits."

"If the corporation can induce our people to acquire property and save their hard-earned earnings, it will have been successful in its mission."

"The corporation, in the short space of thirteen months, has granted loans to the amount of \$22,800."

"The time has come," he declared, "when our people must demonstrate to the enlightened world that we have a material interest in this grand republic, and that we are, and ever will assist in developing the resources of this country, and that we have the same material interest in the country that all other citizens have, and that all we ask in the race of life is equal opportunities and we will show like results."

"We have ministers of the gospel, teachers, doctors, lawyers, editors, merchants, bankers, mechanics and artisans, yet, gentlemen, we have much to accomplish as a people."

We must engage in the various business callings of the day. A people to be great and to command the respect of an intelligent world, must possess character, virtue, intelligence and wealth. A people possessing virtue, character, intelligence and wealth, are a powerful people. A people without character, virtue, intelligence and wealth are poor indeed.

We should as a people strive earnestly, persistently and unceasingly to advance ourselves morally, intellectually and financially, and when we attain a position of moral, intellectual and financial worth, then will the clouds of unreasonable prejudice pale into insignificance, and not till then.

A people's condition morally, financially and intellectually, cannot be changed by legislation nor constitutional enactment, but must be changed by themselves.

One thing we must learn as a people, and that is to regard true worth, and that, above all things, a good character is worth more than gold."

The address throughout was such as we could heartily commend to all our people. We only regret that we could not give it to our readers in full.

Justifies Murder.

The *Morning Star*, Irish Roman Catholic organ, in this city, in a recent issue, tried to do what no other religious paper has ever attempted in a civilized community, governed by civilized law, and that was to justify the lynching, or really murder, of persons charged with crime in "certain cases."

To prove its position it religiously recalled the case of "the woman taken in adultery," where in he makes the Saviour the veritable Judge Lynch of her accusers. He failed to emphasize the moral to be drawn therefrom, however, that the Saviour was really her deliverer, in that he caused the mob to scatter, and then He bade the woman to go free after he had told them: "He that is without sin among you cast the first stone."

We knew that the *Morning Star* was a Negro hater, but we hardly thought that its hatred to the race would lead it to quote Scripture and wickedly make the blessed Saviour the prince of lynchers, in justification of the perpetual lynching of defenceless Negroes in the South.

The application of the same Scripture which the Saviour uttered to our modern lynching saints would leave but few, if any, to murder Negroes or anybody else. With all the courts of justice in the hands of the white people, and the Negro penniless and friendless as he is, can there possibly be any "certain cases" in which the summary lynching by an infuriated mob can possibly be justified? The Father of Lies himself would be bound to answer, no.

Down the Lottery.

N. C. Addison, Esq., of Avoyelles, has issued the following self-explanatory address to the colored citizens of Avoyelles parish:

To the Young Men's Reform Republican Anti-Lottery Association, Ministers of the Gospel and Voters of the Parish of Avoyelles:

From a moral and Christian

standpoint, the citizens of the United States of America, and the State of Louisiana, regardless of color, religion or party affiliation is or ought to be against the Louisiana State Lottery, any other lottery, monopoly or gambling institution. I wish briefly to state to you the facts: In 1868 the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, at the instigation of a syndicate, formed in New York in 1863, chartered the Louisiana State Lottery Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, giving it a monopoly of running lotteries in the State for twenty-five years, and now there are more than 100 policy shops in the city of New Orleans where tickets are sold. They are placed at points where they waylay the wage earner in his progress to and from his work. These policy shops are crowded daily with thinly-clad women, bare-foot children, poor workmen and household servants, who spend their daily earnings for tickets. It is mostly the poor and ignorant that enters these diabolical doors. Some of these shops keep dream books and other stimulants to aid the superstitious in selecting the so-called lucky numbers. By daily repetition of play thousands become afflicted with the lottery craze, and to gratify this many steal and embezzle in order to gratify their mania for gambling.

We beseech your aid to help crush this monster that every sister State is against and Congress has excluded from the mail. Let every man and woman remember that gambling is a vice which strikes at the heart of the home; that playing lottery is gambling in its worst form, according to the best writers of the day. Let every patriot prepare to array himself against this great monster in the next general election. Don't listen to those who pretend that the lottery folks are more friendly disposed to us. This is not a question of friendship but of right. The lottery question is non-partisan, with leading Democrats and Republicans of the country as stockholders. It matters not to us what its political faith is, for wrong is wrong and right ought to prevail. Furthermore, if the lottery is successful in the April election, and its charter granted, lottery offices will be established in every town and hamlet, and the next generation will look upon Louisiana as a gambling hell.

Don't listen to those who are waiting for lottery money. Organize at once for the rights and honor of your wife and children and generations to come.

N. C. ADDISON, Chairman.

He is organizing every ward in his parish. That's what should be done by all true sons of Louisiana throughout the State.

ONE of the most suggestive and interesting of the papers which have been called forth by the present agitation with regard to the condition of our farming population is that on "Agricultural Depression and Waste of Time," contributed by president David Starr Jordan, of the Leland Stanford Jr., University, in California, to the *October Forum*. President Jordan maintains that agricultural depression is due chiefly to the idle habits of most of our farmers. He cites as an illustration of this theory his experience one day when the train in which he was traveling stopped at a little town in Indiana, called Cloverdale:

"A commercial traveler, dealing in groceries and tobacco, got off; a crate of live chickens was put on; and the cars started again. The stopping of a train was no rare sight in that village, for it happens two or three times every day. The people had no welcome for the commercial traveler, no tears were shed over the departure of the chickens; yet on the station steps I counted forty men and boys who were there when the train came in—farm boys, who ought to have been at work in the fields; village boys, who might have been doing something somewhere, every interest of economics and aesthetics

alike calling them away from the village, and off to the farms. Two men attended to all the business of the station. The solitary passenger went his own way. The rest were there because they had not the moral strength to go anywhere else. They stood there on the station steps, embodied ghosts, dead to all life and hope, with only force enough to stand around and gape."

THE General Committee of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in Wesley Chapel, Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 10 o'clock a. m. Two or more anniversary services will be held in the city on the evening of the same day, under the direction of the Committee and the Columbus Preachers' Meeting. Communications may be addressed care of Rev. J. C. Jackson, D.D., 90 Greenwood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

THE attention and co-operation of all ministers and other friends who are willing to assist in promoting the knowledge of Christianity and the growth of Methodism among the Bohemians in this country, is especially requested by the publishers of *Krestansky Posel*. There are in the United States 500,000 Bohemians, and this paper, published at Cleveland, Ohio, is the only one printed in the interest of Methodism in the Bohemian language, and is designed to be, as its name indicates, a "Christian Messenger." It is earnestly desired that any pastors having in their congregations or neighborhoods Bohemian friends, will favor the publishers by sending the names and addresses of such persons as they may deem proper ones to act as agents for this paper. Also, any desiring sample copies, will the brethren bear this in mind and do all in their power to help on this good and blessed work. Address Rev. Frank D. Chada, 26 Evans Court, Chicago, Ill., or Rev. Frank Tanchen, 34 Petrie street, Cleveland, O.

Political Review.

Nothing specially interesting has transpired in the political world since our last issue outside of this State.

In this State the Democratic State Committee have met and appointed Dec. 19th, as the day for holding the State Nominating Convention. The pro lottery faction had a small majority in the committee. The committee was unable to agree upon a set of rules for governing the manner of holding primaries.

A Republican mass meeting was held at Odd Fellows Hall Wednesday night of last week to endorse the administration of Capt. Wimberly, Collector of Internal Revenue. He was endorsed by formal resolutions, after several complimentary speeches.

As the day for the November elections draw nigh, Republican prospects brighten.

A RECENT ruling of the Treasury Department at Washington, prohibits from the mail "as printed matter," engravings, etchings, photographs, half tones, sheet music, etc., coming from foreign countries. They are pronounced contraband, and seized by custom officers as such. The press of the country is demanding in the name of the artists, industrial designers, architects, journalists, literary men, writers and lecturers upon history, fine arts, etc., librarians and curators of educational institutions, students of history, archaeology, the arts, etc., musicians and private collectors and others, that the ruling be modified, and that those articles, as heretofore, be admitted through the mail as regular printed matter. If the press of the country took the same lively interest in the interest of the freedom and equal protection of every class of citizens in this country, it would not be long before the Negro's rights would be held in every part of this country as sacred as those of the white man.

Personal.

—Rev. C. D. Shallowborne, of Shreveport, spent last week in the city.

—Rev. J. H. Pierre, of Bayou Pierre, was recently thrown from his horse, and badly injured in his side.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or laymen.)

A Chinese supper and concert will be given at Simpson Chapel, Valence street, during the entire week, beginning Nov. 25. Able divines will attend and preach.

GOVERNOR Boies, of Iowa, is reported to have said, referring to the prohibitory law of this State: "I do not underestimate the evils of intemperance or the sorrow and suffering it brings to friends of its victims who are innocent of any wrong, and yet, with a full knowledge of all this, I do not hesitate to declare the enforcement of this law, so far as it has been enforced in this State since its passage, has pauperized more families and inflicted greater suffering on wholly innocent parties than all the intemperance that would have existed in the State if the sale of alcoholic liquors had been absolutely unrestricted during that time." This is the most unblushing and wicked bid for the saloon vote that we have ever read or heard. It is simply outrageous.

REV. J. W. Wheeler, of Texarkana, Ark., gives it as his opinion that one reason why the church does not exert the influence that she should is because too many of our pastors, leaders of the people stand in the way of sinners. He very emphatically points to the practice of some of them that attend oathbound lodge meetings in which they countenance by their vote and presence the giving of balls and such other sinful diversions for the benefit of their lodges. His protest against the practice is timely, and should lead to better results. Stand up for Christ and his cause wherever you go; and if you find that the host of the devil is too strong to be led aright by your influence, quit the accursed institution, whatever be its name or pretensions.

The *Methodist Times*, of London, declares the three-year limit to be an intolerable nuisance and a hindrance to the work in London. It is using every power to have it abolished. Our observations in this section of the church lead us to the conclusion that the five years limit is not the best for our work in the South. We think it would be better to have no time limit whatever. Let the matter rest entirely in the Godly judgment of the bishop; so that he may freely change a man every year or allowing him to remain as long as the bishop deems it best to all concerned.

THE colder it is, the more persistent are some people in keeping the windows next to them open on the cars. What's the use of having a fire if all the windows are to be kept open out of which to wave handkerchiefs through every platoon through which the train passes.

Mrs. Million's Ride.

When Mrs. Million goes to ride she travels forth in state. Her horses, full of fire and pride, go prancing from the gate; But all the beauties of the day she views with languid eye. Her flesh in weakness wastes away, her voice is but a sigh.

For Mrs. Million is in advanced stage of catarrh, and all the luxuries that wealth can buy fail to give her comfort. She envies her rosy waiting-maid, and would give all her riches for that young woman's pure breath and blooming health. Now, if some true and disinterested friend would advise Mrs. Million of the wonderful merits of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, she would learn that her case is not past help. \$500 reward is offered by the manufacturers for a case of catarrh in the head which they cannot cure.

IMPERFECT IN ORIGINAL

DAILY BREAD.

I defy any one to show that rum sellers are not murderers—Lyman Beecher.

The liquor traffic is the crime of crimes of this age, and particularly in this country—Senator Morrill.

It is not necessary to array the appalling statistics of misery, pauperism, and crime, which have their origin in the use and abuse of ardent spirits! The police power, which is exclusively in the State, is competent to the correction of these great evils, and all measures of restraint or prohibition necessary to the effect that purpose are within the scope of that authority, and if a loss of revenue should accrue to the United States from a diminished consumption of ardent spirits, she will be a gainer a thousand-fold in the health, wealth, and happiness of the people.—Justice Greese, of the United States Supreme Court.

I was reading of a wife whose husband had been overthrown by strong drink, and she went to the saloon where he was ruined, and she said: "Give me back my husband." And the bartender, pointing to a maudlin and battered man drowning in the corner of the bar room, said: "There he is. Jim, wake up; here is your wife, come for you." And the woman said: "Do you call that my husband? What have you been doing with him? Is that the manly brow? Is that the clear eye? Is that the noble heart that I married? What vile drug have you given him that has turned into a fiend? Take your tiger claws off him. Uncoil those serpent folds of evil habits that are crushing him. Give me back my husband, the one with whom I stood at the altar ten years ago. Give him back to me."—Dr. Talmage.

Let friendship creep gently to height; if it rush to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.—Fuller.

The humblest occupation has in it materials of discipline for the highest heaven.—Robertson.

"You think you want faith in God's willingness to help you when you only want a willingness to be helped by him."

If the way to heaven be narrow, it is not long; and if the gate be straight, it opens into endless life.—Bishop Beveridge.

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.—A. Lincoln.

Those who piously and conscientiously discharge the duties of the closet usually prosper in temporal and spiritual blessings.—H. Moore.

A church of heroes, martyrs, and revolutions must not drop into a church of bazars and tea-meetings.—Joseph Parker.

Study Christ's Parables, his sayings, his declarations and his promises. They will give clearness and strength to the mind, and invigorate the brain, keeping out evil thoughts and imaginations. They will give a foundation to the intellect, no other learning can supply. They contain the spirit of the divine Savior, and will involve from the natural man beings of a higher and more righteous character. Do not rest contented until you have gathered all these precious gems of thought into your mind, and made them a part of yourself; and they will create a light in you that will illuminate your pathway along the narrow road which leadeth from earth to the eternal city.—Bartow A. Ulrich.

Dr. Olin once said that "it would be a godsend to most preachers if their old sermons could be burned up." Perhaps putting a little fire

in them would be enough.—St. Louis Advocate.

It is an old story of the Scotch Presbyterian who said, "that the devil is bad you can tell by his very name; for, if you take away the d, it is evil, and take away the de it is vile, and take away the dev it is ill, so that he is an ill, vile, evil devil."

Free will is not the liberty to do whatever one likes, but the power of doing whatever one sees ought to be done; even in the very face of otherwise very overwhelming impulse. There lies freedom indeed.—George MacDonald.

Marriages.

Greenwood, Miss.—Miss Lucy Nero to Mr. John McCullough, Oct. 4. She is the daughter of Bro. Willis and Sister Rhoda Nero. They are all of our church, and are doing well. Bro. Nero owns about 400 acres of good land here. S. H. Nevils, P. C.

Obituary.

Garlandville, Miss.—Sister Lizzie King departed this life Sept. 21, with saving faith in the Lord. She was a faithful member, and leaves a husband and 3 children. I. F. Dudley.

Columbia, Texas.—Sister Phillis Steel, one of our oldest members, was called from labor to reward Oct. 1. She was very old, and died in her house alone. She was faithful unto death. A. C. Culbreath, P. C.

Sunflower Mission.—Sister Milly Bond died July 25, after giving strong testimony to hope of salvation. She had been 20 years a member of our church. Six children and one brother are left to mourn.

G. W. Longmire, P. C. Greenwood, Miss.—Sister Charlotte Everett departed this life Oct. 11, aged 55 or 60 years; a good member of the church 40 years. S. H. Nevils.

Trim Cane, Miss.—Little Cora Harken, the four years old daughter of Cherry Harken, was so badly burned on the 5th by her clothes taking fire, that she died on the 9th. H. B. Gladney, P. C.

Sulphur Station, Tex.—Mary Barden, a bright Sunday school scholar, died July 1, aged 7 years and 7 months. She was a benevolent little girl, and will be much missed. J. W. Wheeler.

Carrollton, Miss.—Sister Nancy Jones departed this life Sept. 20. She was shot down in a cruel and merciless manner by her husband, who is now in jail awaiting trial. D. A. Bragg, P. C.

Aberfoyl, Ala.—Sister Susan Jane Williams departed this life Sept. 11, in full triumph of faith. J. B. Webb, P. C.

Waco, Texas.—Bro. Oscar A. Tucker, of St. James M. E. Church, departed this life Oct. 3. He came to Texas from Nashville, Tenn., in 1883. He was a faithful steward, trustee and class leader, and was well loved. Moses Smith, P. C.

Holly Grove Plantation, La.—Sister Melissa Tell departed this life in triumph Sept. 25, singing the songs of the redeemed. She leaves many relatives and friends. J. W. Pierce, P. C.

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Schools and Colleges.

The corner-stone to the Harper Institute at Baton Rouge was laid a few days ago. The school is to be under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church.

A note from President C. E. Libby, of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., says: Our school opened last Tuesday with double our usual number. Prospect beyond all former years. Our faculty has been enlarged by adding two colored teachers, so that now we have five regular colored instructors, beside student teachers, and they are doing good work.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society have elected an entire colored faculty located at Live Oak, Fla. Rev. M. W. Gilbert, A. M., is president. This is the first colored president in the history of the institution.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society appointed Dr. C. N. Grandison to a similar position, with a mixed faculty at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., last year, and is thoroughly satisfied with the result. The Northern Baptists have one or more other colored college presidents that are giving similar results. The Northern Presbyterians have done the same thing at Biddle Institute, N. C. The thing is contagious. All we need do is to thoroughly prepare ourselves for every work and possess our souls in patience. Everything comes to him who labors and waits.

Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., began the second half of the first month with 170 students. Bishop A. Grant, of the A. M. E. Church, paid this university a visit Oct. 13 and addressed the students. It was a speech of remarkable power, and will do the students great good. All will be glad to welcome him again. The prospects for the year are very good, and all looks bright for Wiley this year. Your brother, P. H. COOL.

New Orleans University opened October 5th with an enrollment on the first day of 93 above that on last year. All the teachers were present and entered upon the work with enthusiasm. President Adkinson and family spent the summer in the city, and had the buildings and grounds in splendid order for the reception of students.

The growth of the institution is remarkable, the enrollment having gone up from 204 in 1887 to 562 in 1891. The attendance this year will no doubt reach 800.

Stirring addresses were made on opening day by Revs. Ernest Lyon, J. W. Hudson and Elder Emperor Williams.

The faculty, students and the conference work together in perfect harmony. The one hope of all now is that Bishop Mallalien may be successful in finding friends to complete the purchase of the building and endow the Medical College.

Atlanta, Georgia, October 16, 1891.

Rev. A. E. P. Abbott, D.D.

Dear Brother:—Our school has opened with fine prospects. Certain means have been used against us very hard, and hard stories have been told, but the truth is making its way, and we will be better understood after a while, and will be stronger for having passed through these trials.

Our enrollment now is larger than any previous year at this date. There is the best spirit among our students we have ever had; a better disposition for work I have not seen. I think the Lord will give us a revival, and we hope to see scores converted before the year passes. We have never been in as good cheer. We greatly need a primary room for Miss Hardwick's department, and we also need a boys' dormitory, where all boys of a certain age should be kept under the care of a good man and woman. We have started, through Miss Hardwick and others, to build such a house to meet these demands; we need it so badly; we must have it, too; and we will have it.

W. H. HICKMAN.

Church Polity.

Question. In the preliminary investigation of charges against a preacher in charge, is it proper for the Presiding Elder to submit the charges to the committee and leave the committee alone to investigate them in his absence?

Answer. Like the pastor, in such cases affecting the character of a lay member, the Presiding Elder is to preside in the investigation, until the case is submitted, when the committee is to retire and find their own verdict without any interference on the part of the Presiding Elder.

Ques. Does a charge of defamation of character, or lying, come under the head of immoral or imprudent conduct?

Ans. Immoral. SUBSCRIBER.

From S. E. H. Morant.

Alexandria, La., October 7, 1891.

Dear Doctor:

I am now at home and hope to continue in good health and have no anxiety about the future which I confide to the care and keeping of my Heavenly Father. I return you a thousand thanks for the \$20 sent me by my brethren through you. Please extend it to them for me also. My correspondents will please address me here.

Yours faithfully until death,
S. E. H. MORANT.

ONE of the great molding forces of the last generation was the old Lyceum or Debating Club. It was an institution which trained young men to think for themselves and developed many into political leaders. It ought never to have fallen into desuetude.

It is now proposed to revive that institution in the interest of good citizenship. The Youth's Companion announces an organization called the Lyceum League of America. It is to consist of a system of local debating clubs, connected through the Lyceum Department of The Companion. This department accepts the care of the league, gives each club a free equipment, suggests topics for discussion, and furnishes valuable aid in their investigation both by books and by correspondence.

The aim of this movement is to make our growing youth intelligent on the great problems which confront the American people, and to impress them with the duties of citizenship. It is a timely step. There is undoubtedly a rising tide of Americanism which this movement will do much to swell. It will be kept entirely above the plane of partisanship.

I HAD catarrh of the head and throat for 34 years. I used Ely's Cream Balm, and from the first application I was relieved. The sense of smell, which had been lost, was restored after using one bottle. I have found the Balm the only satisfactory remedy for catarrh, and it has effected a cure in my case.—H. L. Meyer, Waverly, N. Y.

WE regret that we cannot publish the article sent us by Bro. McMorris, of Queen City, Texas, on the "Needs of the Sunday School." If our brethren would only put the SOUTHWESTERN into every family, we would soon be able to enlarge the paper, change our types, and put at least a third more reading matter in it every week, but under the circumstances we have to decline many such articles which we would otherwise be only too glad to publish. Let everybody rally for a doubling of our present circulation, between now and the meeting of the General conference. The thing can be done. Where you now send us five, rally and send us ten cash subscribers for 1892; where you have ten, send twenty, etc. The paper is now offered free the balance of this year to cash subscribers for 1892. For \$1.50 the paper

Dyspepsia

Makes the lives of many people miserable, and often leads to self-destruction. Distress after eating, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn, loss of appetite, a faint, "all gone" feeling, bad taste, coated tongue, and irregularity of the bowels, are some of the more common symptoms. Dyspepsia does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent attention, and a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet surely and efficiently. It tones the stomach and other organs, regulates the digestion, creates a good appetite, and by thus overcoming the local symptoms removes the disease, banishes the headache, and refreshes the tired mind.

"I have been troubled with dyspepsia. I had but little appetite, and what I did eat distressed me, or did me little good. In an hour after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—look three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. PAOE, Watertown, Mass.

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Conference Notices.

Meridian District, Mississippi Conference
Fourth Round.

Lauderdale.....	Oct. 24-28
Daleville.....	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Meridian.....	Nov. 7-8
Enterprise.....	" 11
Stoneville.....	" 12
Quitman.....	" 13
Shelby.....	" 14-15
Shubuta.....	" 14-15
Waynesboro.....	" 16
Meridian.....	" 21-22
Chenney.....	" 23
Hickory.....	" 24
Deotat.....	" 25
Forest.....	" 28-29
Lake.....	Dec. 4
Garlandville.....	" 5-6
Paulding.....	" 7
Lake Como.....	" 8
Heidelberg.....	" 9-10
DeKalb.....	" 12-13
Philadelphia.....	" 15
Edingboro.....	" 17
Carthage.....	" 19-20

The second district conference for the Meridian district, for this conference year, will convene at the M. E. Church in Forest, Nov. 26. Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, a full attendance is expected. Benevolent money especially for Meridian Academy, must be reported. Rev. P. R. Crump and his good people are preparing to entertain the conference in grand style.

J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

Monroe District.

Vidalia.....	Nov. 20
Trinity.....	" 22
Winnsboro.....	" 25
Rayville.....	" 27
Delhi.....	" 29
Waco.....	Dec. 2
Monroe.....	" 9
Millhaven.....	" 11
Jones Chapel.....	" 13
Eastop.....	" 16
Washington Chapel.....	" 16
Nebo.....	" 19
Sinai.....	" 23
Lake Providence.....	" 31

Brethren will please have their collection for entertainment of General Conference raised.

STEPHEN PRIESTLEY, P. E.

Huntsville District, Central Alabama Conference.
Fourth Round.

Huntsville.....	Nov. 7-8
Doctat.....	" 14-15
Conradland.....	" 21-22
Athens.....	" 28-29
Triana.....	Dec. 5-6
Osbar Grove.....	" 12-13
Huntsville.....	" 19-20
Scottsboro.....	" 26-27
Stevenson.....	Jan. 2-3
Guntersville.....	" 9-10
Somerville.....	" 16-17
Blountsville.....	" 23-24

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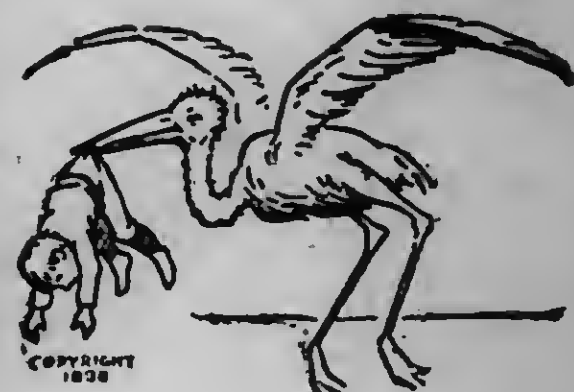
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Of men who turned her darkness into
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and yet

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wounded flow;
And eddies on thy cheeks in smiles we
met

While Freedom's battle raged, long
years ago.

Before unreasoning, cruel mobs to
stand,
And, trumpet-tongued, unwelcome
truth proclaim;
To undertake, with less than Gideon's
band,
The war with slavery—our Nation's
shame;

To cast thy lot with the oppressed and
poor,
And in the Church of God be under
ban;

To shut against thyself promotion's
door—
This was thy work—and it required
a man!

A Simeon-gladden is thy great reward,
In seeing the salvation of these lands,
And, through thy schools, the stretch-
ing to the Lord
Of many thousand Ethiopian hands.

The peace that blest good Simeon be
thine;

But we could wish thy chariot might
stay

Till all the old "Dark Continent" shall
shine
With Christ-light, ushering in the
Gospel Day.

All good seed of thy life shall yet
appear—

In bonds of love the race shall be
one;

And then perchance some unborn
Whittier

Will sing in fuller song what thou
hast done.

—Fairmount, Cincinnati.

The Household.

CANTELOUP SWEET PICKLE.—Take seven pounds of melons, not quite ripe, lay them in a weak brine over night. Then boil them in weak alum water till transparent. Lift them out and put them in a jar. One quart of cider vinegar, two ounces of stick cinnamon, one ounce of cloves, three pounds of granulated sugar. Let this boil and add the fruit, cooking it twenty minutes longer. Pour it in a jar and cover closely. Seal it over for two mornings. Then seal it up tight.

SOFT GINGERBREAD.—One cup molasses, one cup sugar, one cup buttermilk, one egg, two cups granulated flour, one third cup shortening, one teaspoon soda. Stir all well together, add ginger to taste and enough flour to make a thin batter. Bake in a quick oven.

FLOAT.—One quart milk, four eggs, two teaspoons cornstarch, two teaspoons sugar, one-half teaspoon lemon essence. Let the milk boil in a double-kettle where it will not burn. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and lay them on the hot milk a moment, then remove them carefully. Mix the cornstarch with a little cold milk, and the well-beaten yolks of the eggs, then the sugar. Stir all into the boiling milk, add the essence of lemon, remove all from the fire, add the whites of the eggs, and serve with cake.

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General News Items.

Vermont appropriated \$15,000 for the Worlds fair.

The sale of beer has been stopped in Indian Territory.

It is estimated that the population of the earth doubles itself in 260 years.

Secretaries Blaine and Procter neither smoke nor permit smoking in their departments.

West Point Military Academy has graduated 3,384 representatives since its establishment in 1802.

According to expert figures, the permanent tramp population to the United States numbers 60,000.

General Neal Dow is still living in the house he built for himself in 1829. He is more than 87 years of age.

Africa is a land of many tongues. The Bible has now been translated into sixty-six of its languages and dialects.

Three hundred and seventy-five rail road corporations in this country forbid the use of intoxicants by their employees.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers expelled nearly 400 hundred members during the past year for intoxication.

It has been decided that no single exhibit weighing more than 30,000 pounds will be received by the Exposition management.

The old German Lutheran Church at Waldoboro, Me., has stood 130 years, "and there has never been a collection taken within its walls."

The great abundance of the fruit season, is illustrated by the fact that there were 13,800 baskets of peaches received in Boston, Aug. 19th.

The Postmaster General has issued a circular requesting the postmaster at each county seat to visit every post-office in his county and report its condition.

C. H. Bullock, of Northfield, Minn. recently obtained 1,120 bushels of potatoes from one acre of land. This is said to be by far the largest yield ever known.

Wages are not paid to hotel waiters in Brussels. They depend entirely upon the tips they receive from guests, and they are compelled to share these with their employers.

The magnitude of the Chautauqua movement is illustrated by the fact that by the entering class, which is to pursue a three years course, contains the names of 15,000 students.

A City of Mexico letter states that editors and reporters, whose productions do not suit the government, are being ordered out of Mexico, or imprisoned on trivial charges.

Those who have seen the auto biography of Ben Butler so far as it is completed assert that it is full of spicy reading. The chapter of it, which the New England Magazine for October, by special arrangement with the publishers, brings out in advance of the publication of the book, reveals the boyhood life of Butler. It contains illustrations of his early home, his mother, himself as a young man, Waterville College, which he attended. Read between the lines one cannot fail to see the influences which were working to bring out the Ben Butler of later years. He was the same Butler in boyhood that has been so prominent and progressive ever since. One of the most important articles of the month is an article on James Russell Lowell by Edward Everett Hale in the same number of the New England Magazine. Dr. Hale is well known to all the world as a brilliant essayist, and the intimacy which existed between him and the poet gives a personal interest to his article, which adds to its attractiveness.

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Our Symposium.

Good Advice.

Let our ministers cease teaching our people how to die. The great need of the colored man of this generation is how to live properly. He who lives properly will surely die properly. Teach our people their political duties, give them to understand they owe no more to parties than parties serve as a means to aiding them to methods of good living and the maintenance of order, that their development may have its fullest sway. You have made political stumps of your pulpits to aid white men to office, why can you not, my christian brothers, make a political stump of your pulpits to aid your race to a correct political idea? Stop them from being gulled into the belief that heaven and all eternity rests with a selfish political party. You, gentlemen of the cloth, know the value of a vote. It is not given to vote the Republican or Democratic ticket, but to produce good government and to protect the citizen against just such conditions as are sapping the manhood and usefulness of our race.—State Journal.

Mrs. Harris, of New Orleans, has set a worthy example for people to follow who are selling their property for unworthy purposes. She is a "white ribbon woman," and was recently offered \$50,000 by a syndicate for a small piece of land. The price was a very large one, but when Mrs. Harris found the land was to be used to build seven saloons on, she refused the offer at once, preferring to lose money rather than to sacrifice principle.—Baltimore Methodist.

The recent intemperate remarks of the New York Voice, charging that the churches are in league with the saloon, are damaging and hurtful to the last limit. They do not contain one word of truth, and they disgust a great many sensible people who are naturally inclined to take the side of prohibition. The Voice has evidently adopted the theory that everybody not exactly falling into line with its particular views is the friend of the saloons. This theory is too narrow-minded to be entitled to indulgent consideration.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

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North Carolina.	Winston, N. C.	" 15.	Warren
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HOME READINGS.

M. John 14. 1-3, 15-19. Tu. John 14. 20-27. W. John 13. 31-38. Th. John 16. 22-33. F. Eph. 1. 3-13. S. Eph. 3. 14-21. S. Heb. 2. 10-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. (John 14. 16.)

LESSON HYMN. C. M.

O Friend of souls! how blest the time
When in thy love I rest,
When from my weariness I climb
E'en to thy tender breast!

The night of sorrow endeth there,
Thy rays outshine the sun,
And in thy pardon and thy care
The heaven of heavens is won.

The world may call itself my foe,
Or flatter and allure;
I care not for the world; I go
To this tried Friend and sure.

Time—Thursday night, the night before the crucifixion.

Place—Jerusalem; the upper room where Jesus ate the passover. Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The Many Mansions, v. 1-3. Against what did Jesus warn his disciples? What did he bid them do? Where are there many mansions? For what purpose was Jesus going away? What promise of return did he make? How long will Christ's friends be with him? (1 Thess. 4. 17.)

2. The Abiding Comforter, v. 15-27. What proof of love did Jesus ask? For what did he promise to pray? By what other names is the Comforter known? Who cannot know him? What assurance did Jesus give the disciples? What contrast would soon occur? What then would the disciples know? What reward is promised to those who love Jesus? What question did Judas ask? What was Jesus's answer? Whose commands do the unloving neglect? Who sends the Comforter? What will he do? What blessing did Jesus leave to his disciples? What final caution did he give?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. A cure for trouble?
2. A test of love?
3. The source of true comfort?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

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THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Where did Jesus tell his disciples he was going? To prepare a place for them.

2. What did he say he would do when he came again? Receive them unto himself.

3. What did he promise in our Golden Text? "I will pray the Father."

4. How did he tell Judas God would manifest himself unto his disciples? God the Father will make his abode with such.

5. What does Jesus leave us as an inheritance? "Peace I leave with you."

Doctrinal Suggestion.—The personality of the Holy Ghost.

EXPLANATIONS.

My Father's house—Heaven. Many mansions—Many apartments or rooms. I go—Only gradually there was coming to these disciples the understanding that Jesus was to die for them. Another Comforter—Another Advocate, one who would champion their cause.

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THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

98. What is our Saviour's summary of God's commandments? He said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22. 37-40)

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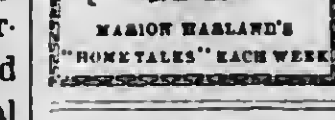
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Editorial Notes.

THE WANING YEAR.

I love to think, as wanes the year,
The world for me has wider grown;
Through conquered strife and silenced fear,
Through joyous hour and secret tear,
Life's psalm has gained a fuller tone
Than e'er before its chords have known.

Oh, passing year so nearly told,
I thank thee for the changes wrought;
For all the sadness thou didst hold,
For all the gladness manifold.
For quiet, earnest, helpful thought,
Take thanks for all, forgetting naught.

—Selected.

"BIRDS of a feather flock together," and people are known by the company they keep.

WHY do some people always travel on the cars with chickens in their sacks and baskets, instead of shipping them by express?

By appointment of the American International Convention, and the World's Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations, Nov. 8-14, will be observed as a week of prayer for young men.

WHY do some people wait till the cars are about to leave the station, to cry out "tell Jane howdy," "tell cousin Anna and aunt Lucy, I'll be there next week," and a lot of other such disgusting practices?

CHRISTIAN people should know better than to have wines and other liquors at their marriages and receptions but many of them have them. Quit it. Don't be the cause of making your children and those of your neighbors drunkards.

Say brother, why not contribute as much for the cause of Christ as you do for your tobacco every week? Why not give up all of your tobacco and devote its cost henceforth toward the spread of that holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

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"THERE can no evil befall a good man, whether he be alive or dead." Such is the testimony of the great Socrates. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Such is the testimony of St. Paul, the great Christian philosopher. Trust in God and do the right and God himself "shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Spread of Methodism Among the Colored People in the South.—How Can it be Promoted?

BY REV. GEO. W. WELLS, A. M.

The spread of Methodism among the people of African descent in the South is of vast importance to Protestantism in the United States, especially to our Republican institutions. The multitudes of immigrants coming annually into the United States and of Catholic persuasion. This is a menace to our free government. There is a tacit agreement between immigrant agents and the pope, that such immigration be encouraged, as will strengthen the Catholic Church in the States. Catholicism is rapidly spreading among our people. It is as dangerous to the nation and to us as the "Lateco" or cannyverous plant to an unwary traveler. The Romish Church, under pretenses of ecclesiastical equality, her seeming opposition to race caste in christianity (!) America is attracting numbers of the educated portion of our people. The subject at the head of this column, I warrant, is paramount in the mind of the leaders of our branch of Methodism; for these leaders are on the watch-tower; they see the danger line; they would hang out danger signals when a crevasse is imminent in our Methodism. These leaders are loyal to our church, as our phases of twenty five years history will plainly show. For twenty five years the old church has made unparalleled progress in the Southland. In material advancement, and in membership, the astonishment of the church's most sanguine friends and supporters is called out. Why this sudden growth? Why this rush to the fold of the old John Wesley Church? The Negro has traditional and actual knowledge of the old church's fidelity to the race; her ecclesiastical legislation in favor of freedom, against all forms of slavery and human oppression from the earliest time to the present; her determination, immediately after the close of the rebellion, to better the wretched condition of the race, by educating him, and by bringing an intelligent Gospel to him, sending as missionaries some of the ablest men in Methodism to his cabin door, viz: Dr. John P. Newman, now bishop; the sainted Matlack and McDonald, presidents John Braden and Godman; editors who did herculean work, Dr. Joseph C. Hartzell and E. O. Fuller; that magnetic and brave defender of the faith and race, the lamented Bishop Gilbert Haven, whose mantle unmistakably has fallen on Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu. All this is a demonstration of the church's terrible earnestness for the elevation of our "Brother in Black." The misrepresentation of the several race churches with their Negro bishops and officers to the contrary, was not sufficient to turn the tide of membership in the direction of race churches. The achievement of the first quarter of a century has gone into history. The chapter is closed; a new lease of power is needful to begin the second quarter. The confidence of the race in the old church needs to be strengthened; reaction is equal to action; if true in a physical and political sense, is it not equally true in ecclesiastical circles? Bnt, you say, the church's friendship and interest in the Negro is settled. Yes; the fact that the Bible is the word of God was settled a thousand years ago; but each generation demands newer, better, and more forcible proofs of an old and long determined truth: so the old church is required now to take one step more, to forever put to

rest this vexed question of the Negro in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to seal forever the month of carping race churches. These race churches say, that the Negro in the Methodist Episcopal Church resemble "Toads in Rocks." There might have been a semblance of truth in this assertion twenty-five years in the past: The "rocks" of prejudice are being blasted; though small, having brilliant but sightless eyes, and it is true, having a line where the mouth should have been. We rise to inform our detractors, that we are no more an enmity, that we are part of an organic whole in the church and in Christ; that our eyes have been anointed by the universality of the Gospel of the brotherhood of mankind, and that christian education has produced an open mouth where the seam once was. Shall I predict that public opinion will go far ahead of the inclination of the church in the election of a Negro bishop? Is the church ready? Never have we been united on the bishop question; because the necessity was never felt. Now it is of absolute necessity, if we would hold our grip, in the midst of so many opposing influences. The election of a Negro bishop by the General Conference of '92, would convulse Negro Methodism the world around, by a genuine and irresistible enthusiasm, enthusiasm of that strong far-reaching kind that makes epochs in history, and in the career of a people. Elect a Negro bishop, and the Afro-American membership will double itself in two decades; elect a Negro bishop, and the race churches will have lost their reason for existing; elect him in '92, for the time is big with expectation. Elect him, and save the church from imputations, hypocrisy, and finally from disintegration; elect him for we have the material in many of our conferences; men broadly cultured and platonic, men broadly man, and broadly conservative. This demand will place the Methodist Episcopal Church "between the devil and the deep sea." Bnt, elect a Negro bishop, and the public excitement will go out in quiet laughter. When elected he must be a bishop indeed, and not a presiding elder on a large scale. The government, state and national, trusts the Negro with the highest functions. Is he less worthy and capable in God's church? Bnt, you say, these are empty platitudes; no, brother, it is but a spark from the smoldering fires in the loyal breast of the entire Negro Methodism!

Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Care of Our Wornout Preachers.

REV. H. W. KEY.

The Government pensions her disabled soldiers, each State and county makes adequate provisions for their poor, wornout citizens; but a majority of our wornout preachers get a very meagre support. There seems to be a disposition among the preachers in some of the conferences to set aside the above class of preachers as they would an old wornout horse after he has served out his time and is of no more use. He is thrown out on the commons to starve and die. There is a no more deserving class of men in the church than the preachers who have been compelled to do pioneer work in those new, poor conferences, on very small salaries. I have known many cases where our poor superannuated preachers had to be buried in potters' field by the county.

It does seem to me that the next General Conference ought to make adequate provision for the support

of the wornout and superannuated preachers of our poor conferences. The early policy of the M. E. Church was to have the whole church to aid in supporting the superannuated and wornout preachers of the connection. I think the best plan for the church to adopt is to carry out the early policy of the church, and make the fifth collection a general and connectional fund, as the Missionary, Church Extension and other general collections of the church. There are a great many retired, wornout preachers in our Southern conferences that have done faithful work for the church on very meagre pay, wore themselves out for the church, and are now retired without the necessities of life. At the Annual Conference they receive from \$5 to \$15 all told. It is for and in behalf of them that I write.

Christianity and the Farmers' Movement.

Mr. John Brisbane Walker, editor of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, has delivered an address at the Catholic University at Washington which is attracting much attention. The address was an argument for christianizing the socialistic movement most prominently typified at the moment by the Farmers' Alliance.

Mr. Walker censured the church in plain, bold language for its too exclusive attention to the rich and cultured classes, its evasion of the clear duty to speak out against the unjust and dishonest modes of accumulation that rear up the gigantic fortunes of the day, and its tolerance of a corruption in politics that expels christianity from the organic life of society.

A proper organization of society, he said, would result in materially reducing the burden of toil to the multitude, and, by altering the present unjust distribution of wealth, would lift the masses to comfort while lightening their labors. Justice, not charity, was the need of the hour.

The lecturer took a hopeful view of the prospects of christian social-ism. The masses were being educated to the situation and educated fast.

The postoffice, he alleged, was a great and convincing socialistic example:

"If the government can handle the mails so safely and efficiently, and at such a minimum of expense, why not express packages? And if it can ship the mails and express packages over a railway, why should it not take care of the passenger and his telegram, and his telephone message?"

One passage in the address commanded special attention by its touch of novelty and from a suspected personal allusion. It is as follows:

"It is not the unfortunate alone who are taking an interest in social problems to-day. All classes of men realize that no matter how comfortable themselves, their grand children or great grand-children, under existing laws, are liable to be candidates for charitable institutions."

WILLIAM T. Coleman, the chairman of the famous San Francisco Vigilance Committees of 1851, 1856, and 1877, in an account of their work which he has written for the November *Century*, refers to the recent lynching at New Orleans, and tells what he thinks the people of California would have done under the same circumstances. They would have organized in full force, he says, formed a court, appointed a judge and selected a jury; called for evidence, analyzed it carefully, put on trial the people who had been discharged by the perjured jury, given the accused good counsel and the benefit of every doubt, and finally would have executed with due deliberation those whom they found guilty.

Letters from the Districts.

The Houston, (Tex.) District Conference.

This conference convened in the Sloan Street Church, Houston, Sept. 23.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D.D., president; Rev. W. L. Smith, secretary; Rev. A. C. Onlbreath, assistant secretary; Rev. G. J. Izard, recording secretary; Rev. Tenola Edwards, treasurer.

Reports from the Presiding Elder and all the pastors, except one, were heard. Showing an increase in membership and general prosperity.

Reports of Sunday school superintendents, class leaders and district stewards were presented from nearly every charge.

During the session addresses were delivered by Mrs. M. R. Rogers Welby, on Moral obligation of ministers, and by the Presiding Elder, on Raising the ministerial dignity to a standard becoming christian ministers. Rev. G. W. Booker of the Baptist Church, Houston, and Bro. J. H. Reid of the Louisiana Conference were introduced.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, We believe it is necessary for those who go forth through us to preach Christ and Methodism should study both the word of God and the daily transactions of the church, and

WHEREAS, We are sure our local preachers and exhorters cannot possibly represent the church aright unless they read some one of our church papers.

Resolved, That we require all our local preachers and exhorters to subscribe and pay for the SOUTHWESTERN, and we ask that each pastor be prepared to report at next district conference whether these brethren do or not.

WHEREAS, To enhance a wide-spread circulation of our church papers throughout the district.

Resolved, That each pastor will appoint an agent in his charge to solicit subscriptions for the SOUTHWESTERN with paper in hand, and

Resolved, That the pastor shall furnish the agent with a sufficient number of copies which shall be sold at five cents each, and the proceeds forwarded to the publishers at once.

A resolution commending the appointment of Rev. M. C. B. Mason was passed, also one of condolence with Bro. Jeremiah Smith, whose faithful wife had deceased, and one thanking Sloan Street Church for entertaining the conference.

After some discussion on the advisability of opening a school in Houston, it was resolved that immediate steps be taken to select a site. A committee was appointed with instructions to proceed to work at once. It was a very pleasant and profitable session.

Church Polity.

Question. Our pastor came originally from the Baptist Church, and he insists that we must be baptized by immersion; and that we cannot receive the Lord's Supper unless the women take off their hats and wear white head handkerchiefs. Has he any disciplinary authority to enforce any such rules?

ORIGINAL METHODIST.

Answer. Methodism believes primarily in sprinkling or pouring, although she does not deny to any one the choice of immersion if he prefers that mode of baptism. The pastor that comes to us from the Baptists that tries to thus disparage our doctrine on the subject is a traitor that deserves to be reported and drummed out of our ministry. The head-handkerchief business is just so much pure nonsense, and no well disciplined Methodist will

respect any such demand. Methodism means intelligence, and has no patience with such foolishness. The preacher that comes to us from the Baptist or from whatever other church that seeks to substitute such superstitions and senseless tomfooleries for the intelligent method of worship which we observe has no business among us, and should be sent back to whence he came.

Q. 1. How would you receive a member who comes from another denomination to us, leaves our church and goes back to the same church, is expelled, and comes back to our church to join, claiming to be directed by God to make these changes?

Q. 2. How would you dispose of a member who circulates damaging rumors against the church?

PASTOR.

A. 1. We would not receive him at all, until satisfied, that he had experienced deep "contrition," confessed his fault, and gave substantial evidence of thorough "reformation."

A. 2. Proceed as the Discipline directs in cases of "sowing the seeds of dissension" among us. If he does not give satisfaction and reform try him and expell him.

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

George Jennings of Shell Mound, Miss., says, "May the SOUTHWESTERN circulate in all the homes of the colored people. We cannot get along well without spending an hour every Thursday night reading its valuable matter." He sent the cash to back up his sentiments. - Go then and do likewise.

Rev. R. H. Pantan of Manor, Tex., says our premium sewing machine is just like the one he paid \$45 for of an agent. It is probably better. We advise all who contemplate getting one to make haste. We don't know how long we can secure them at that price.

John C. Posey of Adairsville, Ga., won one of the sewing machines we offer in a collection contest there recently. It was offered by the church. Rev. E. D. Giddings, P. O.

DR. W. F. Whitlock, in an interesting article on revival in a recent issue of the *Central Christian Advocate*, says: "The best way to prevent backsliding is to continue the revival. It is not held that there can always be a tidal wave of emotion and a uniform of ingathering into our churches, but it is held that aggressive Christian work can always be done, and that the doing thereof will both preserve those who perform the work and serve to add to their number. There is no reason why the prayers and efforts of Christians in behalf of unsaved men should not be successful throughout the entire year. To suspend aggressive effort outside of the winter revival season is to invite spiritual declension and numerical loss. It is not enough to make an active campaign for a few weeks and then simply hold the fort the rest of the year. Satan and his emissaries take no vacation. Men die and go to the judgment outside of annual revival occasions. The church that has a continual travail of soul for unsaved men, and that takes no vacation, will be the church of the future."

WHY is it that some of our ministers, and many of our members go regularly to market every Sunday morning? The thing is wrong, and you ought to quit it.

Letters from the Districts.

Dadeville District, Central Alabama Conference.

W. F. SMITH, P. E.

I have completed my first, second and third rounds with remarkable success. Glorious revivals have been carried on in every charge.

Dadeville Station, Rev. Emanuel Robinson.—They have enjoyed the reviving spirit for about eight months, which resulted in over 60 conversions, an altar built and the church carpeted.

Bethel and Tallassee, Rev. G. W. Wynn.—His revival resulted in more than 45 conversions.

Eclectic, Rev. W. H. Barnes.—His revival of four churches resulted in 71 conversions and many backsliders reclaimed. He is now buying the lumber with which to build a new church. He and wife are well beloved on his charge. All assessments will be paid.

Rockford.—This charge has suffered some on account of changing pastors, but in spite of opposition and the expelling of the preacher, there has been some success; 24 have been added to the church. Elbert Smith, local preacher, is now in charge.

Sandy Creek, Rev. E. Frazier.—He is trying to complete a new church started this year. He is a young man, an untiring worker, and makes all love him. Twenty-five have been received into the church.

Lafayette, Rev. A. N. Jackson.—This charge has enjoyed remarkable success. They have very nearly completed one church and have the lumber on the ground to rebuild Power's Chapel. More than 40 souls have been added to this church.

Roanoke Charge, Rev. B. Jackson.—His revivals closed with 70 conversions and a new church completed. All assessments will be raised. Our district conference was held at this place, and left a fine impression among both races. The SOUTHWESTERN is read very extensively by this people.

Ashland, Rev. G. H. Hamilton.—His revival closed with 53 conversions and 60 added to the church. He is now trying to complete his new church building. All the apportionments for this charge will be raised.

Nixburg and Central Institute, M. W. Williamson. This is a mission circuit. At the conference we had only one preaching point, but now we have four with 60 members.

Randolph, Rev. G. McLemore.—This charge has four appointments. The revival closed with more than 50 conversions, and 75 added to the church. Bro. McLemore is an untiring worker. He has organized one new church on this work with thirty-four members. All the assessments will be raised.

Wedowee and Union Chapel, Rev. James Yarnell.—He has succeeded admirably. He has been hindered a great deal on account of sickness and death. His step-daughter departed this life in triumph.

West Point and Bluffton, Rev. W. H. Nelson, D.D.—More than 50 have joined the church, and the revival is still going on.

Opelika, Rev. H. Matthews.—His revival is going on yet, and he is meeting with considerable success. A new church is also being built.

Alexander City.—Rev. M. M. McKinney was appointed to this work by Bishop Andrews, and stayed three weeks, and then went home. After waiting for him about two months, I appointed Rev. Emanuel Harrison, pastor of the Dadeville church, to take charge of the Alexander City Church. This is one of the strongest charges on the district. The three conferences held here were a success. Under Bro. Harrison's pastorate, more than 100 souls have been added to the charge, and all claims met.

Five Points Mission, Rev. H. M. Burrow.—This is a mission circuit.

I have not been able to reach these mission points, as I desired, but I kept them up by proxies.

Sylacauga—Two years ago we had nothing in this place, and our Baptist brethren said we were not needed. We have now a membership of between forty and fifty. I came directly from the Annual Conference and erected a temporary shanty here, in which to worship. I appointed Jeff Ingram and sent him the \$20 allowed for first quarter. He has not been heard of since. I then appointed W. P. Trammell, of Gammon Theological Seminary. He has four churches, his revival closed with 25 added to the church, and he organized one new church with fifteen members. Bro. Trammell is an untiring worker, and one of the aspiring preachers of the conference.

Talladega, Rev. J. H. Scales.—This charge was added to the district at the last conference. Rev. Thomas Mitchell was appointed, but soon became discouraged and deserted his flock. I then appointed Rev. Frank Johnson, but he was only on the charge a few months, when he left the flock in triumph of Christian faith.

Fredonia, Rev. Isaiah Perry.—Four churches on this circuit. There have been more than 30 souls added, and all the benevolences will be raised.

We are trying to swell the number of subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN to 300, and the outlook is good. Forty-five students entered our schools from this district, some to Clark University, some to Huntsville, and some to Nashville. Our Rockford Academy is in a fine condition, with Miss W. A. McElrath as teacher. Dadeville district is in fine trim all along the line.

Program.

Of the second district conference of the Holly Springs, Miss., district, to be held at New Midway Church, Vaiden circuit, Nov. 18-22.

To preach the opening sermon, Rev. J. W. Parks; alternate, Rev. Wm. I. Scott.

On educational system of the M. E. Church, Revs. B. F. Woolfolk, J. C. Coggins and A. G. Houston. The Sunday school and its benefits, Revs. W. H. Scott, C. W. Butler and S. D. Troupe.

The Church Extension Society and its work, Revs. B. H. S. Ferguson, L. C. McClelland and C. W. Walton.

The SOUTHWESTERN, E. H. McKissack, C. E. Libby and J. W. Parks.

The General Conference of 1892, Revs. D. P. Shaw, B. F. Penny and C. W. Whitehead.

Effectual preaching, Revs. H. A. Robinson, W. S. Gillespie and M. B. Sykes.

Rust University, Revs. C. E. Libby, D. W. Byrd and H. R. Revels.

Local preachers and Sunday school superintendents are expected to present subjects of their own selection.

Committee: B. F. Woolfolk, E. H. McKissack, B. H. S. Ferguson.

Program.

Of the second district conference of the Corinth district, Upper Mississippi Conference, to convene at Emporia, Miss., Nov. 19-22.

Nov. 19th.—Sermon by James Price.

Discussion: Benefit of district conference, H. A. Johnson, W. H. Golden and J. Burton.

Duty of pastor, O. Gillespie, G. Orange and H. B. Gladney.

The model pastor, J. M. Walton.

Night sermon by J. Burton.

Nov. 20th.—Discussion: Class leaders and their duty, W. M. Campbell, H. Y. Salter and S. M. Cain.

Pastors duty toward education, T. L. Inghram, W. Logan and H. York.

Preaching at night by I. M. Lampkin.

Nov. 21st.—Education, Miss M. E. Chisholm.

Discussion: The M. E. Church, B. L. Nevils and O. Gillespie.

The need of an educated minis-

try, W. M. Campbell and W. Logan.

The SOUTHWESTERN, Presiding Elder Rev. R. Sewell and S. M. Taylor.

Preaching at night by J. W. Washington.

Nov. 22d.—Love feast conducted by T. L. Inghram and H. B. Gladney.

Preaching by Presiding Elder R. Sewell, W. H. Golden and G. Orange.

Rome (Ga.) District Conference.

F. M. GORDON.

The fifteenth annual session of the Rome District Conference convened in the white people's academy, at Adairsville, August 13, Presiding Elder Rev. H. R. Allen in the chair.

F. M. Gordon was elected secretary, and S. C. Upshaw and J. H. Grant assistants.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Grant. The sermon was one of the best we ever heard.

The Presiding Elder's report showed an increase on all lines. Too much cannot be said of the grace and dignity with which he presided over the conference. He is one of the best types of a Christian gentleman; and has the utmost confidence of the brethren.

The pastors' reports showed they had done considerable work financially and spiritually. They had raised for benevolent purposes to date \$360.90. The Christian deportment of the brethren was excellent. No charges or complaints were brought against them.

The local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents and class leaders had good reports.

The district stewards' reports showed that all the charges were in good condition. The total amount raised for all purposes to date was \$3790.20.

The anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and the SOUTHWESTERN was largely attended. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent; and Revs. J. H. Grant, S. C. Upshaw and F. M. Gordon delivered able addresses in the interest of the two objects. They regretted very much that the SOUTHWESTERN representative was not present.

Dr. W. H. Hickman was in attendance and addressed the conference in the interest of Clark University.

Prof. T. A. Fortson delivered an able address on education and the future outlook of the Methodist Church.

There are no men in the Savannah Conference who we esteem more than Bros. R. F. Kent, Jas. McHenry, Joe Sands and Samuel Smith. They are four of the oldest men in the conference in the itineracy, and are model Christians.

Rev. S. C. Upshaw lectured before the Sunday School Convention and conference on the map of his travels to the Holy Land, which was of great interest and profit to all. On Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m., he preached one of his best sermons.

Too much cannot be said of the Rev. E. D. Giddens, pastor, his generous members and the white people of Adairsville. The white people gave flour, meats, sugar and coffee, etc., to assist in caring for the conference. We never were so well cared for at a district conference.

Mrs. R. J. Kent read an excellent paper on education. Mrs. Kent is the model of a true Christian.

Resolutions were adopted on the death of Rev. E. H. Gammon, and in regard to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Five young men were licensed to preach, and four applied for admission into the traveling connection.

Monroe (La.) District.

STEPHEN PRIESTLEY.

We have revivals at Washington Chapel, Bastrop and Mer Rouge, and Mt. Noto.

At Benlah Chapel and Mt. Sinai

we had a grand time. A general uplift all along the line. The Spirit of the good Lord has favored us on this district with many precious souls. We have over 53 converts at Mt. Sinai. There has been more work done at any one charge on the district in building and conversions, than has been done on the whole work for twenty years, and the people keep better order at the churches than ever before. You cannot smell any whiskey among them. Come and see. Noto has 8 or 10 converts, and Jones Chapel and Millhaven 7 converts. Our district conference has proved a great blessing to this part of North Louisiana. We need strong, single, good, young men, that will work, on this district. None of my brethren eat idle bread, and the Lord is blessing us.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Names and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

J. M. Moody, Henderson Circuit, Tenn.

I was appointed to this work by Elder B. F. Anderson, in May. I started a protracted meeting the first Sunday in August, and ran it eighteen days. Rev. J. L. Massey of Memphis assisted one week; 47 converts and all added to the church. Bro. Massey is a power in the pulpit. We got some of the worst sinners in this part of the country. The Sunday school is well attended, and we have a lot bought and paid for in the town of Lexington, and when we have a church in this place it will be one of the best points in the West Tennessee district.

T. R. Wamble, Hensley, Ark.

We have been hard at work all along this year. We began a meeting the first Sunday in August. After two weeks of hard fighting, we came off the field with 24 converts. I baptized 15. Some went to the Baptist, some to the A. M. E., and some to the C. M. E. Church, carrying the love of Jesus with them. We have received about 32 in the church this year, and more are coming. We have secured 10 subscribers this year to the SOUTHWESTERN, who take great interest in it.

G. Orange, Ackerman, Miss.

My third quarterly conference reports showed the work prospering. Number added to the church this year 136. Amount raised for all purposes \$66.70.

Rev. J. C. Hibbler, Vicksburg, Miss.

We have just closed a series of meetings which resulted in the conversion of 23, and 29 accessions to the church. We are pleased to feel that the Lord has attended our labors with great success. There have been 90 additions to the church since I came here in January last.

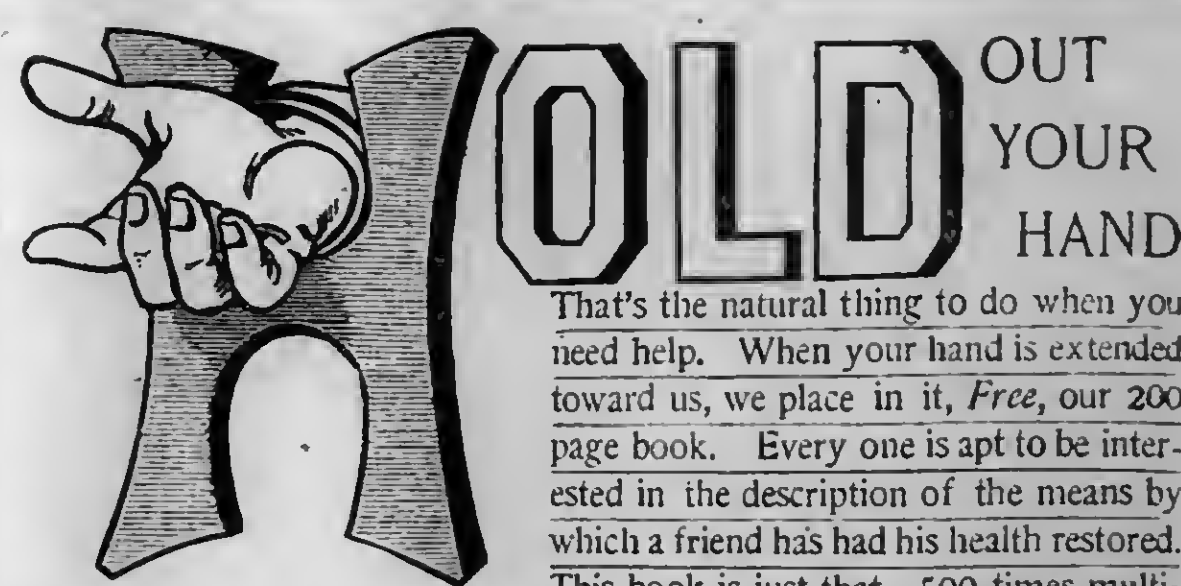
Rev. B. I. Goff, Sherman, Texas.

Six months ago we wanted a church in the city of Sherman. To-day we have just as good a church as there is in town among the colored people, and 25 new members. Now, I want 25 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN by conference time.

Geo. W. Lewis, English Eddy, Ga.

Our camp meeting was quite a success. Ten accessions. Presiding Elder Rev. A. P. Melton was with us and preached two able sermons. Rev. M. D. Spencer of Waresboro, and Rev. R. S. Stacy of Mt. Vernon, were also with us and gave much impulse to the work. Scores of people were on the camp grounds all the while. Total collection \$43.56. Good Tidings Day was observed here, and our apportionment of \$2 was raised. We have raised our entire benevolent monies, and the work is on the boom. Now we are going to put the SOUTHWESTERN in the homes of the members.

[The last mentioned should have been done first. It would have made all the other work so much easier.—Ed.]



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B. F. Woolfolk, Abbeville, Miss.

We are steadily moving upwards. We added 24 members to the church during our meetings. We have added to the circuit another point at Waterford, a little town on the railroad. When I first went there I found a few scattering members, but now we have 42. A house of worship is being erected, and will soon be completed. In time this point will be one of the strongest. We are also building a neat little church at Buford's Chapel, 23x40, 12 ft. walls, 18 ft. from floor to ceiling. When finished it will be a credit to the circuit. We have bought a bell, costing \$73, which can easily be heard 7 miles away.

C. C. Robertson, Rock Hill, S. C.

I have done some hard work here this year, but God has graciously rewarded me. Our protracted meeting was a feast of good things. Forty-four persons were brought from the path of ruin, and are now sitting at Jesus's feet. Fifty-two added to the church. I have raised \$218.25 to build and improve the churches. Our Sunday schools are organized into Epworth Leagues.

H. C. Houston, Caldwell, Texas.

Fourth quarter was held by Presiding Elder W. H. Logan. The Presiding Elder preached to a crowded house of both Baptists and Methodists, and gave sacrament to 102. Collection for the day \$114.50. Collected during the quarter for all purposes \$362.15. Please remember that my first collection here was 5 cents.

B. H. Johnson, Centrepont Circuit, Ark.

We have four preaching places. Twenty-five conversions and 35 accessions since conference. We often speak of the SOUTHWESTERN from our pulpits, and several have promised to take the paper.

A. Booker, Shelbyville, Ky.

We have just closed our revival with 75 conversions, 73 accessions, and 75 baptized.

E. W. Johnson, Little Bay, Ark.

There are about fifteen counties in the Pine Bluff district, in which there is a great call for the M. E. Church. The sister Methodist churches are failing to give satisfaction to the people. The district is large and the Presiding Elder cannot thoroughly cover it. I think there is a great need for a division of this district, which will give work enough for two presiding elders. I have just visited a new field, where we have neither church nor member, and a minister of the M. E. Church has never been there before. This work lies about 25 miles from the railroad. To make that trip I had to walk about 200 miles, and yet there were other such inviting places that I could not visit. I had four conversions while there.

J. A. Rush, Denver, N. C.

Our revival has just closed at Ebenezer, with 93 conversions. 23 have been received in full membership and 55 on probation.

G. W. Winn, Tallassee, Ala.

Our third quarterly meeting was held at Bethel, Sept. 26, 27, by Presiding Elder W. F. Smith. The work is in a prosperous condition.

Sunday morning the Elder gave the Sunday school a good talk, and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Collection for Elder \$11, pastor \$26.80. Baptized three.

A. J. McNair, Shubuta, Miss.

Rev. J. M. Shumpert, our beloved Presiding Elder, and Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, visited us on the 25th of September. Brother Mason gave a grand and interesting address in behalf of the Society, after which Elder Shumpert and the pastor took up a collection for Meridian Academy, amounting to \$20.15. After the meeting the parsonage was visited with a surprise by the sisters and brothers of Pleasant Grove Church. They came in with many baskets and buckets filled with good things for the pastor and family. Those that took part in bringing the 60 pounds of good things were: Rev. A. Houze, Mr. S. Hays, Sisters Julia Noiseweather, Laura Honze, Mollie Power, Matilda Honze, Katie Eanens, and many others. On Saturday night Bro. Mason preached a soul-stirring sermon. Many souls rejoiced. His visit to Shubuta will long be remembered. Total amount realized for Meridian Academy \$25.30.

S. H. Nevils, Greenwood, Miss.

Our grand revival resulted in many conversions and 27 accessions. Oct. 27 we collected \$48.25 for the building of our new church. The carpenters will begin work soon. The church is alive spiritually.

Rev. J. M. Walton, at Sturgis, Miss., reported at his last quarterly conference 40 souls added to the church, and goodly sums raised to carry on the work and for benevolences.

Rev. G. N. Johnson held the third quarterly at Conway, Ark., owing to the sickness of the Presiding Elder, Bro. Morris. W. J. Cumming's report showed 9 conversions and 13 received during the quarter.

F. G. Wilbon, pastor at McCool, Miss., rejoices in 134 accessions to his membership, one new church built, and his missionary apportionment met. Rev. J. W. Winbush rendered valuable service during the revival.

Rev. M. Martin, at Hickory, Miss., writes that the result of his revival was the addition of 49 members to his church and a general awakening. One new church has been built and they are at work on another.

Rev. M. Cooper writes a cheery letter from his work at Pandling, Miss. He has held four protracted meetings, and 24 souls have been converted, one of them aged 75 years.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says.

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Long ago the immortal Dante
sang—
"Come sa di sale
El pane altrui, e come e duro calle
Lo scendere e l'asir per le altrui scale."
(How salt is a stranger's bread
How hard to go down and climb
A stranger's stair!)

In exile like himself, and at home
as well, the great poet's countrymen
have had at best hard stairs to
climb, and saltiest bread. In 1861
the census showed in Italy a popu-
lation of twenty-one millions, of
which number sixteen millions
could neither read nor write. And
at the same time there were seven-
teen national universities, great
libraries, marble cathedrals, and
the finest art galleries in the world.

Ten years after this census the
people of Italy awoke to the cause
of their great ignorance and misery,
and dethroned the triple-crowned
tyrant of the Tiber—the vicegerent
(?) of God. Mazzini the statesman,
Garibaldi the soldier, Victor Eman-
uel the king began to make real
the life-long dream and dying words
of the great Cavour—"Obbia libra
in Stato libro"—"a free Church in a
free State." And Almighty God who
directs the migration of nations
with the swift unerring instinct of
the flight of birds turned a great
tide of Italian population to our
shores.

The land of the magnolia and
the orange, the clime so like their
sunny Italy, has had a peculiar
charm for them, and many thou-
sands have settled in the great cities,
and on the plantations of the Gulf.
New Orleans alone has to-day more
than twenty thousand of them.
They come from Italy impoverished
and degraded by centuries of papal
misrule. Quick to resent and avenge
an injury, no people are more grate-
ful for a kindness or more faithful
to a friend. The majority of them
are honest, hard-working people.
They are temperate and saving and
quickly amass a competency. Many
of them become very wealthy.
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bench on the sidewalk, they now
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"When he cometh, when He cometh
To make up His jewels."
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best tracts reprinted by our Tract
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great interest. *L'Evangelista*, our
Methodist paper published in Italy,
has many subscribers among them.

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of the people here, and they are
working by way of New Orleans.
They have the zeal of the ancient
Waldenses and the courage of
martyrs—but "the best of all is,
God is with them." But I must
hurry now to the telegraph office
with a cablegram which they have
brought to me to have sent imme-
diately. It reads as follows:

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Mr. Editor: I desire to find my
people. My father's name was
Daniel. He belonged to Alexander
Harris, who lived on the James
river, about fifteen or twenty miles
west of Richmond, Va. Mother's
name was Margaret, and at the
time had three children, Mat, Peter
and James. I and my cousin, a
little girl, were sold to Aaron
Branch, who carried me to Rich-
mond, Va., and sold me to a Negro
trader by the name of Gen. Moore.
My little cousin was left with
Aaron Branch, where we were first
sold. Her name was Annier. Her
mother's name was Dinah. I go
by the name of George Harris. My
postoffice address is Ocean Springs,
Miss.

Mr. Editor: Eliza John, who is
living with me, was born in Buck-
ingham county, Virginia, but was
brought to Hines county, Miss., by
Glover Johns, and was married to
Jesse Cassel. Her mother's name
was Rebecca Harvey. Her father's
name was Spencer Harvey. She
had three sisters, Jane, Silva and
Hannah, and two brothers, Robert
and Allen. They all went by the
name of Harvey. She had two aunts,
Charity and Amy. They were
parted at Clinton, Miss. Alfred
John, Glover John's son, carried
my relatives to Vicksburg, Miss.,
and then moved to Tensas parish,
La., and then farther up the river.
That's the last she heard of him,
but she had three children in Vic-
burg, Jordan, Martha and Betsy.
They were owned by Dick Feath-
erson. Their father was Nathan
Johns. Any information will be
gladly received. Address Charles
Cannon, Port Hudson, La.

Mr. Editor: Permit me to en-
quire for my uncle, whose name
was Wright Bright. He was born
in Florida. He, his mother, my
grandmother and his oldest sister
came over to Louisiana, and be-
longed to Sam Hall, a Negro trader.

He went by the name of Wright
Hall. He went off during the war
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Books and Current Literature.

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favored us with a copy of his re-
port embracing the period between
Jan. 1, and June 30, 1891. It gives
a detailed statement of the receipts
and expenditures of the city during
that period.

In its November number the
Cosmopolitan will publish a series
of letters written by Gen. W. T.
Sherman to one of his young
daughters, between the years 1859
and 1865 and covering most of the
important events of the war of
secession. These letters present
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amid some of the stirring scenes
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and in them the patriotic spirit of
the Federal general is seen to have
been most attractively tempered
by a strong affection for the
Southern people. The fraternal
feeling which glows in these let-
ters is in refreshing contrast to
the sectional bitterness which char-
acterized the period, and they will
constitute an interesting and im-
portant contribution to the litera-
ture of the war.

John Muir, the California
naturalist, contributes the first
fully illustrated description which
has been made of the great canon
of the South Fork of King's river,
California. The article, which he
calls *A Rival of the Yosemite*, will
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The Forum for November is a
number of especial political inter-
est, for it will contain articles on
The Degradation of Pennsylvania
politics, The Danger of the Farm-
ers' Alliance, by Senator John T.
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Death of Polygamy in Utah, by
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Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard
University, contributes an article
to the New England Magazine for
November, in which he discusses
the cause of the defeat of the Con-
federacy in the War. A number
of novel arguments are presented
in his view of the situation, both
before the shot of Fort Sumpter
and after Lee's surrender.

The Century has had in prepara-
tion for a year or two a series of
illustrated articles on "The Jews
in New York," written by Dr. Rich-
ard Wheatley. They deal with
many phases of the subject, includ-
ing occupations, festivals and
feasts, family life and customs,
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The Dardanelles incident has
called fresh attention to the danger
to the peace of Europe given by
Russo-Turkish relations. The his-
torian Edward A. Freeman, who is
perhaps the best informed student
of the Eastern Question in the
world, is preparing an article for
The Forum on the peace of
Europe, in which he will set forth
the delicate relations of all the
European Governments to one
another.

Littell's Living Age. The num-
ber of The Living Age for September
12th and 19th, contain The Revival
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Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1891.

East Tennessee Conference Notes.

In discussing the question of admission of a brother, an objector said: "The brother came to us from the Baptist Church. He got in trouble with us and went over to the A. M. E. Church. He got in trouble there, and went to the A. M. E. Zion Church. He got in trouble there, and he now returns to us. That brother has the spirit of getting into trouble and leaving. He does well enough, so long as he sticks, but it's just as I tell you, he has that spirit." A pretty bad spirit.

THE United States Government is considerably exercised over recent outrages perpetrated against American seamen by the Chilean authorities, and has demanded reparation. The situation is very critical and war vessels are being sent into Chilean waters by our government.

North Carolina Conference Notes.

Bishop Warren sought to impress the brethren to make accurate statistical reports. He said: "don't be ashamed of your charge, of yourself, nor of your conference in making your reports. Be sure that the names of each appear in your reports. If you have forgotten the name of your charge, look it up in your conference minutes." The bishop knows whereof he speaks.

THOSE of our people who are inclined to be deluded into emigrating to Africa should read and ponder well the following touching experience of a colored family from Georgia that has just returned from Liberia:

George B. Parks, a mulatto belonging in Atlanta, Ga., with his family, consisting of his wife and seven children, arrived here yesterday in the steamship Sorrento. He is an intelligent man and carpenter by trade, and tells an interesting story of affairs existing in Liberia. On the 22d of last May, lured by promises of the society for the promotion of colonization of Liberia, he sailed to that place. On landing at Monrovia he found the country in the most debauched condition. The American negroes who had already emigrated there had assumed the most tyrannical rule over the natives. No part of the ground was under cultivation. Parks had been a slave in the South, but he says the condition of slavery in Liberia is worse than in Georgia before the war. Children there offer themselves for sale. Parks, because he would not deal in human flesh, was ostracized by the negroes from America. After spending twenty one days there he sailed for Hamburg and then to this port. It cost him \$780 to bring his family back to America. When he left Georgia he had \$1250. He now has \$60, which, he says, will pay his way back to Atlanta.—New York Exchange.

Better suffer the ills we know than to fly to those of which we know nothing. Move from one accessible section of this country to another if you think you can thereby better your condition, but give a wide berth to oily tongued sharpers who are seeking your destruction by persuading you to enter the wilds of Africa. What Africa needs is missionaries and capitalists, not laborers. The whole country is made up of muscled.

WHAT a sorry spectacle some of the worthless carpet baggers, that the Negro used to risk his life for, are making of themselves. Some time ago it was Judge McClure of Arkansas, and ex-Gov. Chamberlain of South Carolina, who declared the Negro hobbies, upon whose backs they rode into power and prominence, as worthless savages. Now comes ex-Gov. Blalock, of Georgia, who declares "that when the South fought for its rights of property it was doing only what our forefathers did under much less provocation, when they made George Washington a patriot and the 'Father of his Country.'" Who has ever heard of such rank treason? The idea of Jeff Davis being put upon the same pedestal with George Washington! What a wretched set the receding waves of Union soldiers left down here when they returned to their Northern homes! No wonder that set is opposed to Negro soldiers being in the same Grand Army posts with themselves.

THE following defalcations were reported in this city last week: Mr. Eugene F. Garcia, paying-teller of the Louisiana State National Bank, \$190,000. He claims the shortage is the result of over-payments on checks. He was arrested, and released on \$25,000 bond. Major D. A. Given, secretary of the Mechanics Homestead Association, was found short in his accounts \$2,000. Alfred Lugenbohl, a trusted employee of Charles Ballojo, embezzled \$10,000. Thos. H. Kelly, employee of Richardson, Williams & Co., defaulted in a large sum, unknown as yet. All these are of the "superior race."

THE bishops are holding their semi annual meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, this week.

Political Review.

The following States hold their elections Tuesday, November 3, viz: Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa. In all but Pennsylvania the election is for Governor, and in that State for Auditor and Treasurer.

In Massachusetts the Democrats confess that the odds are greatly against them, and they have practically given up all hope of carrying it. In Pennsylvania, the Republicans having expurgated themselves from the charges brought against Mr. Quay, and the Bardley defalcation, are confident of carrying that State. In Iowa the Democrats have taken up the cause of the saloon, while the Republicans have entered into the canvass with the united support of every temperance and prohibition element, whose cause they champion, with every prospect of success. The greatest interest however has centered in Ohio and New York, where the real battle is being fought, as foreshadowing the prospects of the two great parties in the presidential election next year. A more determined fight was scarcely ever witnessed before, in an off year. The independent voters, and many of the respectable element of the Democratic party of New York, including the Democratic Lieutenant-Governor Jones, being disgusted with the rule of Tammany, have allied themselves under the Republican banner, in support of Mr. Fassett for Governor, and the party being in splendid trim, the prospects were never better for a sweeping Republican victory. In Ohio, the question seems to be as to the extent of Major McKinley's majority, some predicting that the State will take its regular place in the Republican column with a majority of from 30,000 to 35,000; for Governor McKinley, and the party of John Sherman and Foraker.

Gov. Fleming of Florida, claiming that the Legislature failed to elect a successor to Senator Call, has appointed ex-Congressman Davidson. The cases of the claimants will have to be decided by the U. S. Senate.

The Democratic party in this State is terribly wrought up over the Lottery Amendment, which seriously disturbs its unity, and a split in the party is reported in LaFourche parish.

THE failure of several of the applicants to pass the examination for teachers in the city recently, moved the *Crusader* to make the following timely criticism in the premises:

"It is high time for institutions where the colored youths are principally taught to drop the system of beginning the education at the top, and that it is of far more importance to instruct the pupils thoroughly in the primary studies than to cram a smattering of Latin and Greek and higher mathematics in their head before they are ready to receive such instructions. When well grounded in the elementary principles, those who wish or can pursue their studies farther, will have a solid foundation for the superstructure of a polished education. But the system in vogue in too many of the schools is simply making fools and asses of the Negro youths."

THE great Ecumenical Methodist Conference which was held at Washington, D. C., Oct. 7-20, was the grandest Protestant convocation of its kind ever held in this or in any other country. It called forth together many of the foremost Christian citizens of our age from every civilized land in the world. The program, which was fully abreast of the times, was fully and ably carried out. The reception by the citizens of Washington to the conference were worthy of the occasion and of this great nation. As usual "the colored man and brother was present and acted his part nobly. We regret that circumstances over which we had no control prevented

our giving anything like a detailed description of the work of this great assembly before this. We hope, however, to give our readers a resume of the whole, however, in our next issue; as also a full account of the proceedings of the North Carolina, East Tennessee and Tennessee Conferences which were held Oct. 15-26.

Epworth League.

Sixth General Conference District.

The Sixth General Conference District Epworth League will meet in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 17-19, 1891. This district embraces the following annual conferences: Baltimore, Blue Ridge, Central Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Holston, North Carolina, Savannah, South Carolina, Washington, Wilmington, and St. John's River.

The meeting at Chattanooga is very important, and all the conferences should have their full representation. Persons desiring further information may address Rev. Vaughn S. Collins, Centerville, Md.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.)

Remember that the Chinese supper and concerts at Valence street church are to be held during the week beginning Nov. 2d. Admission, 10c. It was stated Nov. 25 last week.

The reopening of LaHarpe Church takes place Nov. 8. A corner stone laying will take place at 3 o'clock p. m. on that day. The church is to be named after its founder, Scott Chinn Chapel. The following will participate: Revs. E. Williams, P. E., W. S. Harris, W. P. Forest, F. T. Chinn, J. W. Hudson, Dr. A. E. P. Albert, H. Taylor, E. Clark, W. Smith, D. J. Price, John Holmes, etc. A. J. Pickett, pastor; C. H. Derbigny, clerk.

The revival at LaHarpe Street Church is a success. Eighteen souls have been converted, and many more are at the mercy seat. Pastor Pickett and his people are rejoicing.

WE heartily second the *Crusader's* nomination of Judge Albion W. Tougee, the manly and persistent advocate of justice and equal rights, for the office of Interstate Commerce Commissioner. He is worthy and well qualified.

THE Rev. Dr. C. H. Payne, suggests that it would be a magnificent idea to post on our college doors, "No brains made here." If the fellow hasn't any, it cannot be provided by any college in the land.

"HAVE no feverish anxiety about your appointment. It is sufficient for you to know that if your character passes you will get one. Fix your expectation on a low key, and you will not be disappointed however apparently humble and insignificant it may be."—Bishop Nindé to the East Tennessee Conference.

THE sugar planters that are raising such a howl against the colored sugar inspectors, sent to inspect and weigh their sugar, so they can get their sugar bounty, should be made to understand that if they are too narrow in their prejudices to accept with becoming decorum, the inspectors sent them by Uncle Sam, that they should not hold out their hands for the bounty. Who has ever heard of such arrogance on the part of beggars?

How can you brace yourself up to whisper to a sinner to come to Christ, when your breath is so saturated with the smell of strong drink that you can't disguise it with all the orange peeling you can chew? The sinner may desire to come, but the invitation does not smell right, however well it may sound. So he hesitates and declines.

Personal.

—Mrs. Cora Knight Clifford, A. M., widow of the lamented Rev. N. D. Clifford, formerly of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, who has been spending the summer at her old home, East Rumford, Me., has returned with her two children to Chattanooga, Tenn., and resumed her duties as lady dean and professor of history and literature in the U. S. Grant University.

—Rev. Dr. Philander Wiley, brother of the late Bishop Wiley, and for many years professor of Greek in Asbury, now De Pauw University, died in Denver, Col., Sept. 23.

After several weeks absence, attending the Ecumenical Conference at Washington, D. C. and visiting the several annual conferences in our territory, the editor is "home again." Mrs. Albert preceeding him here several days.

—Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Houston District, Texas conference and member of the Book Committee, passed through this city on his way home from the Ecumenical Conference in Washington, D. C., last week. He spent a day and night in this city, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Albert, and left for home last Saturday. He called and expressed increased devotion and interest in the spread of the SOUTHWESTERN.

—Prof. Franklin C. Long, A. M., who graduated some years ago at Atlanta University and afterward taught some years at Leland University, this city, and later on at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, was in the city last week visiting old friends. He is now mail agent between Paris, Tex., and St. Louis, Mo., and resides at Ft. Smith, Ark. His many friends were glad to meet him. He made a pleasant call.

—Secretary Blaine is now in improved health and has returned to Washington. Thousands of admirers witnessed his return.

—Rev. W. B. Anderson and wife, of New Iberia, La., rejoice over the advent of a stranger in their home Oct. 9. Her name is Abbie Belle and is a nine-pounder.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Rev. J. C. Hibbler, of Vicksburg, Miss., to Miss Georgie Horner, of same city, on Monday evening, November 2d, 1891, at 3 o'clock.

THE Jim Crow car must go. The citizens committee to test the outrageous law has already succeeded in collecting \$1,751. Let contributors continue to send contributions to Mr. Paul Bonseigneur, treasurer, 117 Exchange Alley, New Orleans, La.

THE absurdities of some of our predictions are made supremely ridiculous at times, especially when we eliminate God from our calculation. Here is an illustration:

Lyman Abbott says, when Phillips Brooks graduated, he went to the then president of Harvard College to consult with him respecting a choice of profession. "It is a good plan," said the president, blandly, "in attempting to decide this difficult question, to lay aside at first the impossible professions. For instance, in your case, you never could become a preacher, owing to the impediment in your speech."

The facts are that this country has produced but few preachers that equaled, much less excelled Phillips Brooks, recently elected Bishop of Massachusetts. The great Matthew Simpson, was troubled with a similar impediment, but God wanted to make him a polished shaft and a master of assemblies, and he was; in spite of the impediment. "When we are weak, then we are strong."

RELIGION is not a conglomeration of distorted dreams, hideous groans, disorderly shouts and jumping in the church, but a new heart and a new life. Is that the kind you have?

DAILY BREAD.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever."

If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God.—George McDonald.

While you live right nothing goes wrong; a soul at peace with God cannot be greatly disturbed by the world, for it bath its pleasures in God and its blessings from God.—Jackson.

Wealth is not the way to heaven but the contrary; let all your care be to live well, and you may be sure you will never die poor.—Bishop Henshaw.

Never remain in ignorance for the want of asking. God and man are ready to teach the meek and humble.—Isaac Watts.

As the shadow in the early morning is friendship with the wicked; it dwindles hour by hour. But friendship with the good increases, like the evening shadows, till the sun of life sets.—Herder.

The test of every religious, political or educational system is the man which it forms.—Amiel.

"Give me the first five years of a child, and I will make it a saint or a devil."—A Catholic Priest.

"If I had my ministry to go over again, I would give more attention to the children."—Dr. Ashbel Green.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 32. 6.

"We can raise more Christians by juvenile Christian culture than by adult conversion—a thousand times more."—Dr. J. G. Holland.

"The time is coming when there will be two sermons preached to children and youths where there is one to adults."—Bishop Janes.

"After the observations and experience of a long life, I have come decisively to the conclusion that if I had my life to live over again I would pay ten times as much attention to the young of my charge as I ever did."—Dr. Samuel Miller.

"I am satisfied that the day is coming when, in our church, and in all churches of the world, we shall look chiefly to the conversion of children, and as a comparatively rare instance to the conversion of those in maturer years."—Bishop Simpson.

"I have, during the past year, received forty or fifty children into church-membership. Among these I have not had, at any time, to exclude a single one from church-membership. Out of a church membership of two thousand seven hundred members I have never had to exclude a single one who was received while yet a child."—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

Grace does not come to the heart as we set a cask at the corner of the house to catch the rain in the shower. It is a pulley fastened to the throne of God, which we pull, bringing the blessing.—Talmage.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds. All they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.—E. E. Hale.

If a man be faithful to the truth, truth will be faithful to him. He need have no fears. His success is a question of time.—Prof. Phelps.

"Praying causes a man to leave off sinning. Sinning causes him to leave off praying."

Whoever would be sustained by the hand of God, let him con-

stantly lean upon it; whosoever would be defended by it, let him patiently repose himself under it.—Calvin.

The Lord Jesus Christ has pledged himself and all his powers to defeat selfishness whenever it appears and in all its ways.—Kerfoot.

"Of all things which must be done, do those which are most distasteful first. Then you will have something to look forward to with pleasure."

A good conscience is to the soul what health is to the body.—Joseph Addison.

Oh, for the spirit which is content with nothing less nor lower than the highest help. To turn in temptation directly to the power of God; to cry out in sorrow for God's company; to be satisfied in doubt with nothing short of the assurance that God gives; to know that there is no real escape from sin except in being made holy by God's holiness—these are what make a man's complete salvation. It is your privilege and mine, as children of God, to be satisfied with no help but the help of the Highest.—Phillips Brooks.

It is safe to say that the cases in which a college education unfits a man for business are so few and far between as to deserve no consideration compared to the inestimable benefits which such an education really brings to all who are willing to profit by their early training. No one will attempt to assert that a college course will transform a born fool into a sound business man, but it is equally absurd to intimate that it will transform a born business man into a fool. The training in a collegiate course is largely mental, and its aim is primarily to teach students to think for themselves.—Boston Advertiser.

The minister who attempts to deal with the doubts of scientific men must know what he is talking about. If he has no clear and accurate conception, for instance, of the theory of evolution, let him never attempt to discuss it in the pulpit; but rather let him confine his preaching to the building up of character. The same may be said of social questions. To dogmatize in the pulpit upon the religion of capital and labor, without any adequate knowledge of the subject, leads the preacher into the commission of blunders that can only impair his spiritual influence. The great principles of justice between man and man, of fidelity in the discharge of duty, and the responsibility to wealth, cannot, however, be too earnestly insisted upon in the pulpit.—Christian Words.

Philip Macedon, wrestling in the games, was thrown on the sand. Rising, he saw the marks of his body, and exclaimed: "How little a parcel of earth will hold us, when we are dead, who are ambitiously seeking after the whole world while living."

Let our Lord's sweet hand square us and hammer us, and strike off all kinds of self-love, world worship and infidelity, so that he makes us stones and pillars in his Father's house.—Rutherford.

THE latest statistics of Protestantism in Italy are given by Bishop Walden as follows: Italy has above 30,000,000 of people, of whom between twenty-five and thirty thousand are connected with some Protestant organization—not more than one in every thousand of the population. In 1890 six Protestant bodies reported 23,452 members, but besides these there is the mission of the Plymouth brethren, who do not number their Israel, a few small, independent missions, and the several Anglican and other foreign churches. The entire Protestant force, however, must fall below 30,000. The Methodist contingent

is about 2,500, a little more than 1,500 in the Wesleyan, and a little less than 1,000 in the Methodist Episcopal Mission. The Waldensian church what it calls "the work of evangelization" 1848, and reports 18,000, the Free Church of Italy, united in one body in 1865, but existing in separate societies before, reports 1,800; the Baptist less than 900, and the "Italian Catholic Church" (Connt Campello's) about 100. Such is the numerical strength of Protestantism in Italy.

Schools and Colleges.

The appropriation by Congress for general education has resulted in the establishment of industrial, agricultural and mechanical schools in several Southern States. The one in West Virginia will be located in Kanawha county, near Charleston, the capital of the State. The Governor has recently appointed a board of regents, composed exclusively of whites, to manage the institution. It was hoped that he would appoint at least one colored man a member of the board, but in accord with the usual sentiment, he indicates that white men know more than colored men about the education of colored people.—Ex.

It is a sin and shame that such people should attempt to pose as the best friends of the Negro.

Colored girls from the schools of St. Louis have for four consecutive years held competitive drills with their white sister students, and each year won.

W. E. B. DuBois, of Harvard University, won the Roger's memorial fellowship of \$450 by his paper on "The Study of Ethics in its Relation to Jurisprudence or to Sociology."

Charles Garner, Jr., who was graduated from the Bellefontaine, Pa., high school last week, was awarded the board of education prize of \$15 in gold for excellence in scholarship and conduct. He is the first colored graduate of Center county.

The declining powers of old age may be wonderfully recuperated and sustained by the daily use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Those who indulged the folly, that Mississippi meant to deal justly by the colored people, when it adopted an educational qualification for voting, will probably see their error, when they read the following campaign rallying cry, which brought success to the Democratic nominee, for Superintendent of education, in Harrison county, Miss., recently. Read it:

"If you want to be relieved of the burden of supporting the Negro schools (costing about \$500 a year) and to see the term of the white schools lengthened in proportion, vote for J. L. Ladd, for County Superintendent of Education."

The State makes it a crime to be ignorant, and pays a premium to the man who offers to see that the Negro is kept in ignorance. The people guilty of this wickedness, send missionaries to the "poor heathen." Shame, isn't it?

Marriages.

Calvert, Texas.—Oct. 22, Mr. Frank LeZion, of Columbus, Texas, to Miss Mary Ella Davis, daughter of Rev. W. H. Davis; Elder Smith of the Texas Conference officiating. A grand reception was tendered the happy couple by their many admiring friends, who also remembered them with many presents. E. A. Durham, M. D.

Obituary.

Sister Caroline Logan, wife of John Logan, of Abbeville, Miss., fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 30. She was a member of Providence Church for a number of years, and lived a faithful Christian. B. F. Woolfolk, P. C.

Bro. James Golston departed this life Oct. 6. He was 60 years old, and a consistent member of the church since its re-establishment in the South. Rev. E. D. Giddens preached his funeral. John C. Posey, Adairville, Ga.

William Matthew Curtis, a son of Adam and Phebe Curtis, of Hensley, Ark., died Oct. 12, aged 23 years and 11 months. He was converted at Philander Smith College. He was a devout Christian, and one of our successful county school teachers.

T. R. Wamble, P. C.

Charles Trammell, of Fredonia, Ala., departed this life Sept. 24 in triumph, aged 76 years 3 months. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church 56 years, and a class leader 35 years. He was the father of 19 children. B. W. Trammell.

Died in LaFayette, Ala., April 29, Daniel Dent.

July 18, Sarah Scott.

July 31, Emma Stillwell.

Sept. 24, Squire Ervin, a local preacher.

Oct. 5, Smith Flournoy, found dead in his room.

Oct. 14, Nannie Scott.

All members of the M. E. Church. A. N. Jackson, P. C.

Conference Notices.

Forest City District.
Fourth Round.

Oak Forest.....	Nov. 7-8
Marianna.....	14-15
Forest City.....	21-22
Forest City.....	22-23
Crawfordville.....	23-24
Brinkley and Clarendon.....	Dec. 5-6
Brinkley.....	12-13
Cotton Plant.....	19-20
Batesville.....	26-27
Jacksonport.....	Jan. 2-3
Newport.....	10-11
Helena.....	13-14
Bledsoe.....	18-19
Oscola.....	21-22

Dear Brethren: This is the last round of quarterly conferences for this year. You cannot put off your benevolent collections to any subsequent quarterly conference. Report, my dear fellow laborers, in full during this last round of conferences. Some have already reported, others are ready to follow. Remember the fourth Sunday of November has been set apart for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education. Send to Dr. Hartzell, 190 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, O., for programs, etc.

W. R. R. DUNCAN.

Western District, North Carolina Conference.
First Round.

The district stewards' meeting will convene at Hickory, Nov. 7, at 2 o'clock p. m., and the quarterly conference at night.

Lenoir.....	Nov. 14-15
West Marion.....	at Mountain Home
Home.....	21-22
West Asheville.....	23-24
Asheville.....	29-30
Rutherfordton.....	Dec. 5-6
Shelby and Falleton.....	12-13
Gastonia.....	19-20
Newton.....	26-27
South Catawba.....	Jan. 3-4

Dear Brethren: Begin to take the benevolent collections at the first of the year, and do not stop until all are taken. The Lord bless you all in your work.

D. BROOKS, P. E.

Books and Current Literature.

Frank Leslie's Weekly will certainly interest every Methodist in this country, for it gives on its front page, in most attractive style, character-sketches of leading scenes at the great Ecumenical Methodist Council held at Washington. Grand Army boys will have their hearts filled with recollections of war days when they look at the picture of the historic tree under which Colonel (afterwards General) Ulysses S. Grant's first regiment was mustered out. The page devoted to the city of Hayti, where so many relics of Christopher Columbus are now held, is very timely. Those girls who wish a French doll for a Christmas present should not fail to write to Arkell & Harrison, 110 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Be Sure

If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar medicine, possessing, by virtue of its peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation, curative power superior to any other article. A Boston lady who knew what she wanted, and whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below:

To Get

"In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their would last longer; that I might take it on ten days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I knew what Hood's Sarsaparilla was. I had taken it, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other."

Hood's

When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable, suffering a great deal with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly stand. I looked, and had for some time, like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." Mrs. ELLA A. GORF, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

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No. 2. Your voices raise ye. Price, 10c.
No. 3. A wake my soul to joyful lays. Price, 20c.

Like all of this renowned composers productions, the anthems are very meritorious. A new organ book, containing 100 valuable and beautiful pieces for pipe or reed organ.—Young organists, especially those who are piano players, turned at short notice into organists, are very apt to think that they can extemporize a voluntary, when they really cannot, in crotchety and true organ style. The selections are from the best writers for the organ, good, and many of them easy. There is also a set of modulations from (C) into all the keys. Price, 75 cents. Published by J. Fischer & Bro., No. 7 Bible House, New York.

The Negro Problem and its Solution, an address by Hon. R. O. O. Benjamin, of San Francisco, Cal., has been received. It is an able exposition of a difficult problem.

O Little Town of Bethlehem! by Phillips Brooks, is a perfect practical gem from the pen of that matchless preacher and writer Rev. Phillips Brooks, D.D., recently elected Bishop of Massachusetts in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The illustrations which cover nearly every page are simply charming. No more appropriate holiday gift could be conceived. Published by E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. For sale by E. S. Upton, 94 Camp street, New Orleans, La.

All the Year Round, an art-catalogue for 1892, by E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, is the finest work of its character that we have seen in a good while. A complimentary copy has reached us through the courtesy of E. S. Upton, who keeps all such nice things on sale at his religious and school book depository 94 Camp street, New Orleans.

Dr. Guthrie's Select Works in Eight Volumes. Published by the late Robert Carter & Brothers at \$1.50 each.

The Gospel in Ezekiel, 12mo, 395 pages.
The Saints' Inheritance, 344 pages.

The Way to Life, 336 pages.
Out of Harness, 388 pages.
Speaking to the Heart, 492 pages.
Studies of Character, 436 pages.
Man and the Gospel, 478 pages.
On the Parables and His Memoirs, 278 pp.

A new edition is announced, and price reduced to \$1 per volume, by E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

The November number of the New England Magazine should appeal strongly to Southern readers, for it contains three fine articles from subjects drawn from the South. One is John Howard Payne's Southern Sweetheart. An account of the city of Atlanta, while the third is a philosophical review of the causes of the outcome of the war.

Among the interesting features of the last number of Harper's Weekly was a full-page illustration of the consecration of Bishop Phillips Brooks.

University Extension, which is undoubtedly the foremost educational topic of the day, has the first place in the November Popular Science Monthly. Mr. W. F. Darfee, in concluding his account of The Manufacture of Steel, takes the reader among glowing furnaces and the giant arms of powerful machines, and embellishes his impressive description with many striking pictures. An essay on Ornament among savage tribes, with many illustrations, is contributed by Prof. Frederick Starr. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

Decked in a new and unusually artistic Thanksgiving cover, the November Ladies' Home Journal comes as a reminder that the holidays are approaching. Everything about this issue of the Journal seems of the best. Ten cents a number or one dollar a year. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

Harper's Young People announces a World's Fair for boys and girls, in which no less than 4000 prizes are offered. The prizes include a bicycle and a library of 100 volumes, while not a few of even the lesser prizes are worth from \$8 to \$20. Every boy and girl is entitled to compete. The Young People sends a prize list free, which gives full particulars. Its address is Franklin Square, New York.

The opening article of the Century for October is the closing one of Mr. Keenan's series, and is entitled My Last Days in Siberia. Col. E. V. Sumner, of the army, gives a graphic account of the Indian massacre of 1879, under the title Besieged by the Utes, to which Mr. Remington lends the aid of his pencil. A concluding paper on the Custer massacre shortly to appear will complete a group of papers on a class of frontier warfare which is almost, if not quite, in the past. J. G. Nicolay writes of Lincoln's Personal Appearance, and Gen. H. V. Boynton discusses The Relation of the Press and Public Men. In fiction, there are three short stories in addition to the conclusion of Dr. Edward Eggleston's novel, The Faith Doctor. In Topics of the Time are editorials on A Cheap-Money Retrospect, Presidential Voting Methods, The Key to Municipal Reform, and a tribute to Mr. Lowell as poet and citizen, etc.

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This thing on which thy heart was set,
This thing that cannot be,
This weary, disappointing day that
dawns, my friend, for thee—
Be comforted; God knoweth best, the
God whose name is love,
Whose tender care is evermore our
passing lives above.

He sends thee disappointments! Well,
then, take this from his hand!—
Shall God's appointments seem less
good than what thyself had planned?

'Twas in thy mind to go abroad. He
bids thee stay at home!
O happy home! thrice happy if to it
thy guest he come.

'Twas in thy mind thy friend to see.
The Lord says: "Nay, not yet."
Be confident; the meeting-time thy
Lord will not forget.

'Twas in thy mind to work for him.
His will is, "Child, sit still!"
And surely 'tis thy blessedness to mind
thy Master's will.

Accept thy disappointment, friend, thy
gift from God's own hand.
Shall God's appointments seem less
good than what thyself had planned?

So, day by day, and step by step, sus-
tain thy failing strength;
Indeed, go on, from strength to strength,
through all the journey's length.

God bids thee tarry now and then—
forbear the weak complaint;
God's leisure brings the weary rest,
and cordial gives the faint.

God bids the labor, and the place is
thick with thorn and brier;
But he will share the hardest task,
until he calls thee higher.

So take each disappointment, friend,
'tis at thy Lord's command!
Shall God's appointments seem less
good than what thyself had planned?

The Household.

Things Here and There.

Never leave vegetables in the
water after they are cooked,
Cover a nail with soap and it
will drive in hard wood easily.

The best lap rugs to be used
while bathing the baby are of white
canton flannel.

Keep to your right in going up
and down stairways. You lose
much time because you overlook
this necessity.

It may not be generally known,
but it is said to be a fact neverthe-
less, that ordinary rubber ink-
erasers remove rust from polished
cutlery without injury. Try it and
be convinced.

Do not allow the horses to stop
at the creek either to bathe or to
drink, as they come in from work.
Cool them off first and then there
will be no danger of injury, and
both the drink and the bath will
do them good.

There are many simple and
effective disinfectants, among which
are coffee pounded and burned on
an iron plate, sugar burned on hot
coals, vinegar boiled with myrrh
and sprinkled on the floor and
furniture of a sick room.

COOKIES.—One cup butter, one
cup flour, one and one-half cups
sugar, two eggs, one-half cup sweet
milk, one teaspoon soda, and season
to taste. Mix the butter and flour
together as for pie crust, then add
the other ingredients and mix well.

CHOCOLATE CAKE.—Dissolve
two ounces of chocolate in five
tablespoonsful of boiling water,
beat a half cupful of butter to a
cream; add gradually to it one and
a half cupsful of sugar, then add
the yolks of four eggs, beaten until
very light; add half a cupful of
milk, then the melted chocolate,
and last, two cupsful of sifted flour.
Beat thoroughly, and then stir in
carefully the whites of the eggs
beaten to a stiff froth; add a tea-
spoonful of baking powder and one
of vanilla. Bake in three layers.

BREAKFAST OMELET.—Soak one
cupful of bread or cracker crumbs
until soft in one cup of sweet milk;
then add three well beaten fresh
eggs, one-half teaspoonful of salt, a
dash of pepper, beat well together,
cook in a hot, well-buttered frying
pan.

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General Church News.

A gentleman walking with a
friend one day through a commis-
sariat store-house, in Hong Kong,
China, came to a part of the es-
tablishment where four Chinamen
were engaged in emptying a large
tub of rum and carrying it in
gallon measures to another portion
of the building. Addressing him-
self to one who seemed to be the
leader of the party, he asked: "Do
you like rum, John?" "No sir,"
said the Chinaman, promptly.
"Why not?" "Rum not proper,
sir; make Chinaman number one
fool!" There is a sad truth in the
Chinaman's answer. Many a man
who might have lived happily,
acted wisely, and died peacefully,
has made himself a "number one
fool" by the intoxicating cup; has
died as the fool dieth, and been
buried in the drunkard's dark,
dishonored grave. Let us learn
from the Chinaman that rum is
"not proper."

The grave of Barbara Freitchie
in the German Reformed Church
cemetery near Frederick, Md., is
marked simply with a headstone
bearing her name, age, and "1862." There is a tangle of briars and
creeping vines running wild over
the mound.

Intelligence has been received
that in consequence of the repre-
sentations made by the diplomatic
body at Pekin, the Emperor of
China has signed a decree ordering
the Chinese authorities to protect
all foreigners and foreign mission
stations in the Empire. The decree
further orders the punishment of
the instigators of the late anti-
foreign riots at various points on
the Yangtze river.

The proprietors of Ely's Cream Balm
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General News Items.

Miss Helen Cloak, a pure-bred
Indian of the Blackfoot nation, has
been appointed by Secretary Noble
as a special allotting agent in the
Nez Perce reservation. She is a
well-educated woman in every re-
spect, qualified to perform the
duties that will devolve upon her.

The old home of John Howard
Payne is still in a good state of
preservation. It is a lowly dwelling
with quantities of roof to it, covered
with gray shingles. There is a
garden attached in which holly
hocks grow, and there is a pictur-
esque well nearby.

Two large redwood trees grow-
ing side by side support the tim-
bers and rails of a railroad in
Sonoma county, Cal. It is at a
point where the road crosses a
ravine seventy five feet high.

The Bremen postmaster is trying
to find means of support for 200
German paupers who have come
back from the United States, having
been refused permission to land by
the American authorities.

Gen. Manly is the third distin-
guished Confederate officer to have
a desk in the War Records Office
in Washington. The other two
are Gen. Marcus Wright and Gen.
George Field.

Eastern capitalists have bought
640 acres of land near Pomona,
Cal., and will set out 73,000 fig
trees. They will equip the orchard
with irrigation pipes, ditches, etc.,
and put up extensive drying houses.

The proportion of sane to insane
persons in the United States is
one to every 562; in Scotland it is
one to every 574; in agricultural
districts of England it is one in
820; in London the proportion is
one in 400.

On July 24th, Miss Bertie Burr,
of Lincoln, Neb., saved the lives of
two young women, friends of hers,
with whom she had gone bathing
in the river. Miss Burr learned
to swim last year at Lassell Sem-
inary.

A prize of fifty dollars for the
best original design by a woman,
of an article of furniture, has been
won by Miss Gertrude E. Fonda,
of Vermont. A bookcase in form
of a book was the shape she gave
her design.

Our Symposium.

Do not try to be a complete
encyclopedia of all human knowl-
edge, for you will never succeed;
and, if you could succeed, you would
only make an encyclopedia by spoiling
a man. He who uses his knowl-
edge, however little it may be, to
a good purpose, is far more useful
in the world than any walking
dictionary could be, which contains
much knowledge, but whose strong
binding and iron clasps effectually
prevent that knowledge from being
of any use to anybody.—S. S. Times.

A veteran christian, once a Pres-
byterian, now a Methodist, brimful
of sanctification, requests me to
write a comment on the text, "Owe
no man anything." He is not an
exegete, but thinks the passage
means, pay your debts. One thing
is certain, every creditor will agree
with him. No use to quote Greek
to him to show that the original
means something else. He is rooted
and grounded in the belief that it
signifies "pay as you go." He has
an idea that sanctification abolishes
the credit system and writes over
the door, "Terms Cash," and that
every note, mortgage and subscrip-
tion should be paid promptly on
maturity. Say the old man is in
his dotage, if you will; one thing
is settled—no man, saint or sinner,
is going to think much of my sanc-
tification or yours if we do not pay
our debts.—A. Lowry, in Divine
Life.

Lowell's Power as a Poet.

The chief element of Lowell's
strength was the intensity of that
moral sympathy which makes his
best poetry distinctly didactic.
The best chords of his lyre are
exactly those in which he means
to preach; and it is his main glory
that he stood in the forefront of
that radiant band of mighty orators,
and ethereal poets, and heaven-born
rulers, whose eloquence and wis-
dom emancipated eighty thousand
slaves, and whose names are there-
fore written, like those of Clarkson
and Wilberforce, on the noblest
page of their country's history.—
Nor was it only for the slave, and
against the slave owner, that Lowell
could plead. He was one whose
heart bled for the sorrows of the
poor. He saw the glory of God's
world, and in some of his noblest
verses has fulfilled that function
of the poet which consist in using
his fine sense to interpret to our
blundering conceptions the meaning
of its beauty, as in the prelude of
his "Vision of Sir Launfal."—Arch-
deacon Farrar, in the October
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Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little boy 7 years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I am a member of class No. 6. John Davis is my teacher. I have a nickle my sister Emma gave me for bringing a bucket of water. I am going to give it to the missionary cause. Papa takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I love to hear him read the Children's Legion.

Your Nephew,
JOSEPH SHAW.

Vaiden, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my third letter to you. Papa takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I delight in reading it. So many little boys and girls have written to the SOUTHWESTERN, I thought that I would write again. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Our teacher's name is W. M. Williams. Mamma, papa, and two of my sisters are members of the M. E. Church. I am not a member of the M. E. Church, but I hope to be one. My brother is secretary, and one of my sisters is librarian. Our superintendent's name is E. D. Williams. We have a good pastor. His name is J. S. Jenkins, and he is loved by all of us.

Your Niece,
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Letters from the Laity.

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GOLDEN TEXT.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. (John 15: 8.)

LESSON HYMN, 7, 61.

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Died that I might never die;
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his and he is mine.

O the height of Jesus' love!
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Love that found me,—wondrous thought?
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Time—Thursday night, the night before the crucifixion.

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QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. Fruitful Branches, v. 1-8.

To what does Jesus liken himself and his Father?

How does the Father treat the branches?

How were the disciples made clean?

Where did Jesus bid them abide?

Why?

How only can the branches bear fruit?

What will be done with those who abide not in Christ?

What promise of answer to prayer did Jesus make?

How could the disciples glorify the Father?

What fruit ought every Christian to bear? (Gal. 5: 22, 23.)

2. Faithful Friends, v. 9-16.

In what were the disciples urged to abide?

What was the condition of abiding?

Why had Jesus thus spoken to them?

What commandment did he give?

What is the greatest test of love?

How would Christ's friends be proved?

What new title is given to the disciples?

Why?

For what had they been chosen?

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

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Read a parable about a vineyard given by one of the ancient prophets.

Find who it was that taught men to regard God as their father.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What does Jesus say he is: "I am the true vine."

2. What does he tell us to do? To abide in him.

3. What shall be the result of abiding in Christ? Much fruit.

4. What does Christ call those who obey him? His friends.

5. What is the Golden Text? "Herein is my Father glorified, etc."

EXPLANATIONS.

True vine—In a land of vineyards this was a familiar figure. It shows the relation of Christ to every disciple. Taketh away—God has no use for idle Christians. Purgeth it—Prunes and cleans it that it may be strong. Cast forth as a branch—Cut off and thrown away. My words—My teachings. If Christ's words abide in us his Spirit will control and sanctify our lives. Ordained you—Not ordained as is done in some churches to church officers, but set apart in the sense of being commanded to do a special thing, namely, to preach the Gospel.

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100. What is our Lord's precept, commonly called the Golden Rule? "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matt. 7: 12.)

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Mikesville.....Oct. 31, Nov. 1

Newmanville.....Nov. 7-8

Hague Station....." 14-15

Gordon....." 21-22

Sampulaski....." 28-29

Arredondo.....Dec. 5-6

Waldo....." 12-13

Stark....." 19-20

Cedar Keys....." 26-27

Otto Creek....." 28

Archer.....Jan. 1

Pleasant Plain....." 2-3

Gainesville....." 9-10

Connell Pond....." 13

Micanopy....." 16-17

Levyville....." 16-17

Dear Brethren: Take due notice of the above and be likewise governed. I may make some changes; if so, you will be notified. Remember, brethren, that the year is more than half gone, and what have you done towards raising your benevolent monies? The pastor of Gainesville, Rev. P. Swearington, has raised \$100, the full amount, and has vouchered in hand. This brother leads the district. As you pay in your money I will have it published. Now is the time to put your words to work. Remember the "Southwestern" in the way of subscribers, and see that it is in as many families as possible.

A. DFOSE, P. E.

Greensboro District, North Carolina Conference.

Raleigh and Oberlin.....Nov. 1-2

Goldsboro....." 7-8

Kingston and Newberne....." 11-12

Oxford....." 14-15

Townsville....." 21-22

Durham and Creedmore....." 24-25

Empire....." 28-29

Center.....Dec. 5-6

Home and Rankins....." 9

Greensboro and Jonesboro....." 20-21

Summerville....." 12-13

Mt. Pabor....." 21

Caswell.....Jan. 5

Wesley Chapel....." 2-3

Reidsville....." 9-10

Leaksville....." 16-17

Stonesville....." 21

Madison....." 23-24

Preslingville and Airsville....." 26

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Editorial Notes.

I know—Blue, modest violets,
Gleaming with dew at morn—
I know the place you come from
And the way that you are born!
When God cuts holes in Heaven
The holes the stars look through,
He lets the scraps fall down to earth—
The little scraps are you.
WILL S. FAIRS.

HAVE you paid up your SOUTH
WESTERN account?

REGISTER, and get ready to
wipe out the Louisiana State Gam-
bling Company.

LAST Sunday, All Saints Day,
was generally observed by Roman
Catholics and others in visiting
the cemeteries, which were, as usual,
cleaned and decorated for that
occasion.

GEN. McKinley, candidate for
Governor in Ohio, did a handsome
thing when he refused to go to the
Gibson House, Cincinnati, when he
found out that that establishment
would not entertain without dis-
crimination, the Hon. John P.
Green, a prominent colored citizen
and member of the Ohio Legisla-
ture.

THE Chantiquan for Novem-
ber, in an article on the "Progress
of the Colored People in Washing-
ton, D. C.," calls attention to the
fact that the first Chantiquan cir-
cle in Washington was formed by
young colored women, and the first
Chantiquan diploma granted there
was taken by one of them.

A BIBLICAL INSTITUTE will be
held at New Orleans University
Nov. 29th to Dec. 2d, inclusive.
All the preachers, local and trav-
elling, and all candidates for the
ministry, in this city and as far
out in the neighboring towns as
can possibly attend, are earnestly
requested to do so. President
Thirkield, of Gammon, and other
distinguished biblical lecturers,
will help to make the occasion of
special value and interest. Let
no one miss the opportunity to at-
tend.

Gov. HOGG, of Texas, has issued
a proclamation offering \$1000 re-
ward for the apprehension of the
leaders and \$200 for each of the
other lynchers of the Negro Lee
Green, who was so brutally burned
at the stake in Linden county, Tex.,
last week. The Governor is out-
spoken in his denunciation of the
crime, and calls upon all good citi-
zens to assist in the arrest and
conviction of the criminals, and in
vindication and maintenance of
law and order. Gov. Nicholls
and others of our Southern Gov-
ernors should read and pattern
after the example thus set them
by Gov. Hogg.

Tennessee Conference.

The Tennessee Conference met
in Murfreesboro, Tenn., Wednes-
day, October 21st. Bishop Good-
sell conducted the opening devo-
tional exercises. The roll of the
conference was called and nearly
all the members answered to their
names. C. B. Wilson was elected
secretary and Charles Alexander
assistant. W. D. Denny was elected
treasurer. After some minute busi-
ness had been attended to, Rev.
Dr. C. H. Payne, corresponding
secretary of the Board of Educa-
tion, was introduced. He spoke
on the "Higher Education of the
Members and the Ministry, as a
need of the Methodist Episcopal
Church.

The church requires one thou-
sand ministers every year to keep
up the supply from her pulpit. Of
the 1065 students in our schools
who were aided last year by the
Board of Education, 872 proposed
to enter the ministry, 200 to enter
the foreign missionary field. 158
of the students aided last year
were women, and the amount
given to each student averaged
\$45.42. This is a loan without in-
terest and no security is required
only the honor of a Christian stu-
dent. The Children's Day collec-
tion had raised the permanent fund
of the Board of Education to
\$225,000.

Children's Day originated with
the Methodist Episcopal Church,
although all churches now have
Children's Day. The Tennessee
Conference raised \$131.70 and re-
ceives about \$1000 for aiding stu-
dents in the bounds of the Ten-
nessee Conference. Dr. Payne
made a very happy impression upon
the conference and also at night,
when he spoke on Method-
ism and Higher Education he had
the close attention of the crowded
house.

Rev. Dr. A. E. Albert was intro-
duced to the conference and ad-
vocated the cause of the SOUTH
WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
in an earnest address which im-
pressed the conference favorably,
and no doubt aided largely in the
collections which followed. The
conference vote on the admission
of women stood for the principle,
48 for and 3 against.

Dr. Davidson spent a short time
with us during the session of the
conference and addressed the
brethren in an afternoon meeting.
He stated that he represented a
church with 29,000 Sunday
schools, 296,000 officers and teach-
ers, 1,313,000 Sunday school
scholars and 120,000 conversions
in these schools during the last
year.

Assistant Corresponding Secre-
tary of the Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education Society, Rev.
Dr. Gray, spoke on the Freedmen.
He stated that we had 41 schools,
337 teachers and 10,000 students
in our schools; that emancipation
gave freedom to 4,500,000 slaves,
that they were the poorest of the
poor; ignorant of all that per-
tains to a high, noble industrious
life, and the only way they could
be educated was for the Christian
North to come to their rescue.
The South was impoverished, and
could do nothing in the way of ed-
ucating this mass of ignorance as
they had been impoverished by
the war, and not only the means
was lacking to do this work, but
also, largely, the disposition.

The vote of the laity on the ad-
mission of women was very light,
for admission 544, against admis-
sion 389.

C. B. Wilson, pastor at Murfrees-
boro, and an alumnus of Central
Tennessee College, was elected
delegate to the General Confer-
ence and H. W. Key reserve. The
laymen elected Thomas Johnson,
of Nashville, delegate and G. D.

Fields reserve. It is encouragingly
to the friends of the colored
people, that at the close of Dr.
Gray's address, a subscription was
taken up for the purpose of laying
the foundation of a chapel at Cen-
tral Tennessee College, Rev. H. W.
Key promising the first \$100, pro-
viding the conference would raise
the other \$900. In a few minutes
the subscriptions reached \$176.
The bishop appointed Rev. H. W.
Key financial agent to assist the
brethren in raising money in their
respective charges. The confer-
ence received \$500 from the Book
Concern, which was a very great
boon to the superannuates, wid-
ows and orphans. Sunday morn-
ing conference love feast was held,
the house being crowded and a
great many testifying to the love
of Christ. The bishop at the
church where the conference was
held and other pastors supplied
the pulpits in the other colored
churches. The bishop's sermon at
11 o'clock will long be remembered
for its depth of thought and excel-
lent spirit. At night the bishop
preached in the M. E. Church
South.

On Monday morning the confer-
ence met at 8 o'clock, Thomas Al-
len and J. W. Richmond were ad-
mitted on trial.

The collections for missions was
\$483.63; for Freedmen \$276.50.

The conference adjourned with
the benediction by the bishop,
after the appointments were read.
The people seemed to linger about
the church as if it was a very dear
place to them. The conference
has been a very pleasant one, the
weather delightful. At the close
of the preaching on Sunday night
there were perhaps fifty persons
forward for prayer.

The following are the appoint-
ments:

CUMBERLAND RIVER DISTRICT.

Andrew Phillips, Presiding El-
der; Postoffice, Nashville, Tenn.
Alexandria—Miles Williams.
Clarksville—To be supplied.
Cookeville Circuit—To be sup-
plied.

Gainesboro Circuit—To be sup-
plied.
Gallatin—F. W. Puryear.
Gordonsville Circuit—Elijah
Guthrie.

Hartsville—W. P. Goodner.
Lebanon—J. P. Gregg.
Liberty Circuit—R. A. Donnell.
Mitchellville Circuit—To be sup-
plied.

Mt. Zion Circuit; Postoffice,
Grant—Thomas Belcher.
Braden Chapel—James F. More
land.

West End Brierville—A. P.
Blakemore.

North Lebanon Circuit—B. F.
Whitley.

Springfield Circuit—Thomas
Ward.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

J. Price, Presiding Elder; post
office, Nashville, Tenn.
Beech Grove and Snmmitville
—J. D. Davidson.

Farmington Circuit—Willis Eli-
son.

Fox Camp Circuit (postoffice,
Murfreesboro)—Thomas Allen.

Hillsboro and Manchester—J.
R. Snmmerhill.

McMinnville—J. W. Richmond.

McMinnville Circuit—J. W.
Hall.

Murfreesboro—C. B. Nelson.

Murfreesboro Circuit—James
Pickett.

Nashville—Lumsden Hill and
Flat Rock, W. B. Denny; Seay's
Chapel, W. A. Vanghn; Thomp-
son Chapel, John Braden.

Nolensville Circuit—G. C. Har-
din.

Shelbyville—Samuel Knight.

Sparta—Jacob Wade.

Sparta Circuit—E. F. Douglas.

Spencer Circuit (postoffice, Mur-
freesboro)—P. R. Woodson.

Stones River (postoffice, Mur-
freesboro)—To be supplied.

Tullahoma and Decherd—Jos.
Reasonover.

John Braden, president; Wesley
Patterson, professors Central Ten-
nessee College, members of Thomp-
son Chapel, Nashville Quarterly
Conference.

TENNESSEE RIVER DISTRICT.

J. E. Bradford, Presiding Elder,
postoffice, Nashville, Tenn.

Adamsville Circuit—Andrew
Swift.

Brentwood Circuit—L. M. Moore.

Clinton Circuit—C. L. Fields.

Columbia Circuit—To be sup-
plied.

Cumberland Furnace and Char-
lotte—G. W. Marsh.

Dickson Circuit—C. H. Bulling-
ton.

Dover Circuit—Hiram Robin-
son.

Flatwood and Linden—To be
supplied.

Franklin—S. L. Hickerson.

Lawrence Circuit—S. B. Dan-
ley.

Lewisburg Circuit—C. E. Alex-
ander.

Paris—Thornton Woods.

Clark's Chapel, Nashville—H.
W. White.

City Mission, Nashville—To be
supplied.

Petersburg Circuit—Henry
Primm.

Spring Hill Circuit—Jesse Stan-
field.

Thompson's Station and Beech
Grove—S. J. Boone.

Waynesboro Circuit—To be
supplied.

WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

B. B. Anderson, Presiding El-
der, postoffice, Martin.

Alamo and Cypress—George
Sandford.

Atoka Circuit—Henry Dnnlap.

Brownsville—To be supplied.

Clarksburg Circuit—To be sup-
plied.

Crockett's Mill—John Kaiser.

Fowlkes, Yorkville—J. H. Cop-
page.

Friendship Circuit—F. J. Year-
gen.

Galloway Circuit—Andrew
Porter.

Gardner and Sharon—R. A.
Flotcher.

Huntington Circuit—Ambrose
Bland.

Kenton Circuit—A. F. Lane.

Martin—Peter Martin.

Mason—J. S. Foster.

Mason Circuit—Alexander Bur-
dett.

Memphis—Centenary—Charles
Seward; Mission—To be supplied;

Warren Chapel—H. W. Key;

Memphis Circuit—David Scott;

Porter's Chapel—To be supplied.

J. A. W. Moore and J. B. Booth
were left without appointments to
attend one of the schools.

East Tennessee Conference.

The twelfth annual session of
the East Tennessee Conference
convened in the First M. E. Church,
Morristown, Tenn., Oct. 15, 1891,
Bishop W. X. Niide presiding.
The sacrament of the Lord's Sup-
per was administered to eighty-
three communicants. J. S. Hill
secretary of the last conference
called the roll, to which every
member of the conference respond-
ed. He was unanimously re-elected
secretary; S. W. Moore, assistant
secretary; F. L. Donohoo, statistical
secretary, with W. T. Marley, P. P.
Brooks, J. L. Whitten and D. T.
Turner assistants; R. J. Buckner,
treasurer, with G. H. Pettis, O.
Hysher, G. W. Branner and J. W.
Zeller assistants.

A draft for \$30 from the char-
tered fund and \$272 from the Book
Concern were received.

The decease of George M. Hill,
Henry S. Priestley, and John
Woods was announced.

Twentieth Question was taken up

and the character of each preacher
examined.

A committee was appointed to
investigate the financial condition
of Heath Chapel.

D. W. Harth was located.

I. R. Hill, J. L. Whitten, A. A.
Porter, and S. D. Brown were ad-
mitted in full connection.

W. H. Perkins was continued as
a deacon of the second class.

W. J. Hall was admitted on trial
and elected to deacon's and elder's
orders under the Missionary Rule.

D. C. Cook and Wm. Golston
were admitted on trial.

George H. Pettis, Wm. T. An-
derson, and G. W. Alexander were
elected Elders.

J. L. Whitten, R. Hill, S. D.
Brown, and A. A. Porter were
elected to Deacon's orders.

D. W. Hays was elected delegate

Wm. E. Mitchell, R. A. Swan,
and R. E. Smith were continued
and advanced to second class.

To General Conference, J. S. Hill,
reserve.

James Arnold continued in year
of first class.

A. W. Randolph, J. G. Dins-
more, J. A. Guthrie, R. D. Wash-
ington, E. Knott, F. A. Hatcher,
J. H. Gardner and A. Martin were
advanced to second class of travel-
ling deacons.

J. H. Butler and C. W. Walter
were continued as deacons of first
class.

F. L. Donohoo and A. A. Porter
were granted a supernumerary re-
lation at their own request.

Wm. Bluford and D. T. Turner
were continued in the supernumer-
ary relation.

Rev. C. H. Payne, D., D. L. L.
D., of the Education Society; Dr.
G. W. Gray, of the Freedmen's
Aid; Dr. A. E. P. Albert, of the
SOUTHWESTERN; Dr. T. O. Carter,
editor Methodist Advocate; Dr.
Spencer, of the Church Extension
Society; Dr. W. F. Davidson, of
the S. S. Union and President W.
P. Thirkield, of Gammon Theologi-
cal Seminary, were present, and
addressed the conference.

B. H. Johnson was transferred
to the Arkansas Conference, L. M.
Moons to the Tennessee Confer-
ence and M. Seaman to the North
Carolina Conference.

J. M. Hall and G. R. Williams
were transferred from the Wash-
ington to the East Tennessee Con-
ference.

NOTES.

The president and faculty of the
academy gave the conference a re-
ception on Thursday night. J. S.
Hill made a short address of wel-
come, to which Bishop Niide re-
sponded. On the question, "Shall
women be eligible to the lay
electoral and General Conference,
the conference voted in favor by
a vote of twenty-three to eighteen.
The proposition to change the se-
cond restrictive rule was carried by
a vote of twenty-nine for, to twelve
against.

The amendment proposed by the
Philadelphia Conference failed to
pass; none in favor, thirty-seven
against.

Two hundred dollars was raised
on Sunday morning to pay for
improvements on the Morristown
Church.

The ordination of deacons and
elders took place after the sermon
by Dr. A. E. P. Albert, Sunday
afternoon.

The conference subscribed five
hundred dollars to the new build-
ing fund.

November 26, Thanksgiving
Day, was fixed for the laying of
the corner stone for the handsome
four-story stone building being
erected for the Academy. The
name of every person giving one
dollar is to be placed in the stone.

The members of the First Church
of Morristown proved their ability
to entertain the conference with-

out crowding, and satisfactory and
pleasant to all.

Robert Howard, of Chattanooga,
was elected Lay Delegate to the
General Conference, Prof. A. F.
Fulton, of Morristown, reserve.

It was the most largely attended
session in the history of the Con-
ference.

APPOINTMENTS.

BRISTOL DISTRICT, C. BOYD, P. E.

Abingdon—P. P. Brooks.

Bristol—O. Hypsher.

Elizabethton—To be supplied.

Fall Branch—To be supplied.

Gate City, Va.—To be supplied.

Glade Springs, Va.—J. H. Butler.

Greeneville—G. W. Staples.

Johnson City—S. L. Mann.

Jonesboro—To be supplied.

Kingsport—To be supplied.

Marion—J. L. Whitten.

Montgomery—To be supplied.

Mountain City—E. T. Smith.

Rogersville—A. Gillespie.

Rural Retreat, Va.—F. A. Hatcher.

Russell, Va.—To be supplied.

Stokelyville, Va.—To be supplied.

Warrensburg—J. H. Guthrie.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT, D. W.

HAYS, P. E.

Athens and Sweetwater—A. Roach.

—Chattanooga

Heath—To be supplied.

Wiley Memorial—W. T. Marley.

St. Elmo—J. W. Zellender.

Chnrohville—J. G. Dinsmore.

Cleveland—To be supplied.

Dayton—I. R. Hill.

Georgetown—C. W. Walton.

Hill City—J. F. Henry.

Jasper—A. W. Randolph.

Kingston—S. D. Brown.

Pikeville—To be supplied.

Rioville—To be supplied.

Soddy—Wm. Golston.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT, E. PROVINCE,

P. E.

Clinton and Coal Creek—L. Diggs.

Ebenezer—To be supplied.

Grays and Edgewood—George W.

Hamlett.

Knoxville—S. J. Harris.

Knoxville Circuit—A. Martin.

Morristown—W. T. Anderson.

Morristown Circuit—To be sup.

Mossy Creek—Geo. W. Branner.

Newport—To be supplied.

Oliver Springs—E. Knott.

Russellville—To be supplied.

Tazewell—To be supplied.

J. S. Hill, president Morristown
Normal Academy and member of
the Morristown Quarterly Confer-
ence.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT, G. T.

WRIGHT, P. E.

Bland—Supplied by G. W. Mayer.

Bramwell—W. E. Mitchell.

Christiansburg—D. C. Cook.

Independence—James Arnold.

Max Meadow—R. A. Swan.

Newborn—A. J. Weems.

Parrishburg Circuit—To be sup.

Pocahontas—E. D. Washington.

Pulaski—R. J. Buckner.

Pulaski Circuit—G. W. Alexander.

Radford, Va.—W. H. Perkins.

Tazewell—W. H. Pleasants.

Thompson's Valley—To be sup.

P. O. Kuob, Va.—G. H. Pettis.

Wytheville—G. R. Williams.

L. M. Moors transferred to Ten-

Letters from the Districts.

Shreveport District.

S. DUNCAN, P. E.

Bro. Bolden and his people collected \$201.80. Paid pastor \$66.80, Presiding Elder \$20, benevolences \$15. The church is clear of debt, and will be dedicated Dec. 28.

At Boyce, Rev. P. C. Cotton has paid \$80 to pastor, and \$10 to Presiding Elder.

At Allenville, Rev. H. J. Pierre paid \$83.80 to pastor in charge, and \$8 to Presiding Elder.

Bro. S. Green has had a successful year on the Robeline circuit. Built a new church at Bayou Seal, and furnished the parsonage handsomely.

Has received sixteen converts. Churches are in excellent spiritual and financial condition.

We expect to buy a piece of land for building a church at Victory Mill.

Epworth League Convention of Orangeburg District, S. C. Conference.

J. W. MOULTRIE.

The second annual convention of the Orangeburg District Epworth League met at Trinity M. E. Church, Camden, S. C., Sept. 17, at 12 o'clock.

President Grice opened the convention with appropriate devotional exercises. At the conclusion of which, he, in behalf of the convention, thanked the good people of Camden for their open doors and warm hearts. Revs. J. P. Robinson and J. W. Monttrie were elected secretaries pro tem on the first day. Short addresses were delivered by J. W. Monttrie, J. B. Middleton, J. A. Brown, and E. Forrest. The program was interspersed with music.

At night Rev. J. L. Grice, of Orangeburg preached from I Sam. xvii, 48, 49. At the conclusion of which two persons joined the church and one was happily converted. The second and last day was full of interest. It was unanimously resolved to establish the league at every point possible, at once.

The literary program which included an outline of the various mountains of Palestine, by J. L. Grice, was very interesting and entertaining. Rev. E. C. Brown, Presiding Elder, addressed the convention on points of Epworth League work, touching organizations, etc.

At night Rev. B. G. Frederick preached an excellent sermon on John 1, 29.

Officers for the year: president, J. L. Grice; first vice-president, J. A. Brown; second vice-president, J. P. Robinson; third vice-president, J. P. Clarke; fourth vice-president, Thos. Sims; corresponding secretary, B. G. Frederick; recording secretary, J. W. Monttrie; treasurer, J. B. Middleton.

The following were elected delegates to the General Epworth League Convention to meet at Chattanooga in November: Revs. E. C. Brown, P. E., J. L. Grice, J. B. Middleton, J. A. Brown, J. W. Monttrie, B. G. Frederick. Alternates: J. B. Thomas, J. W. Brown, J. P. Robinson, J. W. Connelly, Thos. Sims.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered to the good people of Camden for their hospitality, and to the president and secretaries for faithful service.

Mrs. A. Gordon of the Camden Industrial Home, and Mrs. D. E. Bulkeley of Orangeburg, were present and favored the convention with short but timely addresses. The convention was a success and a blessing.

Gainesville, (Ga.) District Conference.

W. H. HARRIS.

The Gainesville District Conference held here Aug. 12-16, was a grand success, and showed the progress being made by the M. E. Church in Georgia, and especially in this part of the State. Rev. J. W. Fisher preached the introductory sermon, which was an able and instructive effort.

The business of the conference

was expedited in a quiet and rapid manner, evincing the executive ability of Rev. M. M. Alston, Presiding Elder of the district, and showing that the men who composed this body were well informed in parliamentary usage. The reports all showed that the district was in a progressive condition and that all were working hard to further the cause of Christ.

Many able sermons and addresses were delivered during the session. The Rev. Nixon, Presiding Elder of the Elberton district of the M. E. Church South, was introduced to the conference and made an able, broad, and liberal address. In the course of his remarks, he said that the M. E. Church was the large ship and the other Methodist Churches were only small boats.

Friday night was given to Dr. Hickman, president of Clark University, and Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. These gentlemen were greeted by a large and appreciative audience in the spacious hall of the Bowman Institute, the church being too small to accommodate the people.

To say these gentlemen did well would be a mild way of expressing a fact, plain to all present. Dr. Hickman succeeded admirably in making known the advantages held out by Clark University. Bro. Mason made an eloquent speech in defense of the M. E. Church and her institutions. Friday evening the conference was again made happy by the presence of Prof. T. A. Fortson of Clark University. The professor spoke on the education of our boys and girls, to the benefit and encouragement of many. Prof. Fortson is one of the conference favorites. On Sunday there was preaching at all of the churches in town, by the preachers of the conference. Among the many resolutions passed, was one compelling all local preachers to take the SOUTHWESTERN, and one expressing grief at the unexpected demise of our friend and benefactor Rev. E. H. Gammon. After tendering thanks to the Presiding Elder and secretaries for their work, and to the pastor, Rev. S. B. Buford, and the people of Elberton for kind entertainment, the conference adjourned to meet at Union Grove, near Social Circle, Ga.

The people of Elberton were highly pleased with the conference and extend them a hearty welcome to come back whenever they like.

Texarkana District.

A. J. PHILLIPS, P. E.

We shall soon be on the fourth round, and we shall soon close another year's work. We hope to see the reports of the brethren come up full on all lines. Make good reports. Do not neglect the financial part of your report. Try to bring up every dollar assessed your charge for every benevolent cause. Do not forget the dear old SOUTHWESTERN. Let every brother try to increase its circulation on every charge. Let us make the paper what it ought to be in point of circulation. Please have all the deeds of each charge at the fourth quarterly conference, that I may be able to see them and report intelligently at the Annual Conference.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

John W. Fisher, Union Grove Cir., Ga.

My work is in the finest condition spiritually and temporally. This is my first year on this circuit. Our protracted meeting resulted in 52 conversions. I shall be able to carry up a first-class report to the annual conference. My fourth quarter was held Sept. 26, 27, by our beloved Presiding Elder M. M. Alston. The Elder's visit was a benediction to everybody. Rev. R. T. Adams, of Covington, was with us in our quar-

terly conference. The Elder preached one of his best sermons. Collection \$35.70. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. A resolution has been passed in my stewards' and leaders' meeting that no brother shall hold office in Union Grove Church unless he takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I shall see that the resolution is carried out. May the SOUTHWESTERN live long to do much good.

L. J. S. Bell, Edwards, Miss.

Thursday night, Sept. 24, members of Kinsey Chapel M. E. Church and their friends, and also members of the Baptist Church, agreeably surprised the writer and his family with 75 lbs. of eatables. Then they all went to the church, where ice cream and other refreshments were served to the large number of friends who had come to honor the pastor and his family. Bro. Bell says: "Come again, and don't let it be too long before you come."

A. Gray, Lake Providence, La.

Our third quarterly conference was a grand one. The Presiding Elder, Rev. S. Priestley, came unexpected, just in the midst of a great revival. Twelve souls were converted to God Sunday we baptized 9, and had a tribe meeting which resulted in a collection of \$72.65. Tribe of Judah, Sisters Lone and Cook, \$12.70; Tribe of Reuben, Sisters Burton and Partier, \$9.75; Tribe of Gad, Sisters Witherspoon and Hurd, \$10.75; Tribe of Manasseh, Sisters Jackson and Tyler, \$12.60; Tribe of Benjamin, Sisters Lee and Lewis, \$7.40; Presiding Elder's collection, \$15.05; Collected for Rev. Morant, \$4.40. This is the best work that has been done for many years. The Lord is blessing our work this year. We have prayer meetings before day Sunday mornings.

S. Carroll, Vanceville, La.

At a grand tribe meeting held October 18, at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, the following tribes, with the following preachers, took up the following amounts: No. 1, Rev. H. Daniels, \$39.85, Oliver Cromwell leader; 2, Geo. Johnson, \$24.90, R. T. Trimble leader; 3, Ned Baker, \$14.10, Thos. Saxson leader; 4, A. W. Harrison, \$20.55, Steve Lawson leader; 5, F. S. Seagurdy, \$20.55, A. Cole leader; 6, H. J. Lawson, \$20.65, H. E. Williams leader; 7, T. J. Johnson, \$41, Frank Brown leader; 8, L. W. Woods, \$26.05, Edward Thomas leader; 9, J. B. Bland, \$15, Robt. Johnson leader; 10, Renben, \$42.05, A. G. Miller leader; 11, G. F. Huntley, \$25, I. S. Ross leader; 12, Monroe Claiborne, \$16.75, Sam Green leader. Total collection, \$315.65.

A grand rally indeed.

W. J. Cunningham, Conway, Ark.

Our protracted meetings resulted in 7 converts. All were baptized and joined the M. E. Church. We are also finishing up the second church built on this charge this year. I am doing all I can to raise all of the benevolent money. I have 100 en elopes for Self Denial Week distributed on the charge. I am also pushing the SOUTHWESTERN.

A. Butler, Waynesboro, Miss.

I have just closed a revival meeting which was a grand success. Young and old were happily converted, 50 were added to the church, and the good work still goes on. We received an old brother about 70 years old. Last Saturday and Sunday 33 were baptized.

D. F. Dudley, Garlandsville, Miss.

Third quarterly conference was held Sept. 18, Rev. J. M. Shum-pert presiding. Forty members and a large audience in attendance. Bro. Mason failed to come, but we had our protracted meeting and 21 joined the church. The Lord's Supper was administered to 123.

J. Jones, Anderson, Texas.

On the fourth Sunday in September we rallied and raised \$50 to finish paying for Freiborough Chapel.

Simon Mitchell, St. Charles, La.

Sunday, Sept. 27, was our grand tribe rally, which resulted in the collection of the sum of \$67.75. We have been blessed to witness in our midst the two former pastors of St. Charles, our well beloved father W. P. Forest of Thompson Chapel, New Orleans, and S. Evans of Camp Parapet, La. Also, Elder E. Baptist of St. John the Baptist, Wiley Jones and W. Gross of the Baptist Church of St. Charles, and C. Pierson of Plaquemine, La. We have on hand \$160.75 cash ready to build a parsonage. Four conversions.

E. D. Hubbard, Pittsburg, Texas.

Our third quarterly conference convened Sept. 26, 27, Rev. Wade Hamilton presiding. He preached to a crowded house on Sunday, and administered the Lord's Supper to 65. Collection, \$13.90 for benevolent purposes.

G. N. Matthews, Lutherville, Ga.

Elder N. S. Sterling held the quarterly meeting at Lutherville, Ga., Sept. 19. The church is prosperous, having had 45 accessions and 35 converts. 123 partook of the Lord's Supper.

Jacob Gay, Farmington, Tenn.

Fourth quarterly was held Sept. 29, Rev. J. P. Price. On the 30th Bro. Price preached an interesting farewell sermon, after which 60 partook of the Lord's Supper. Our new church is nearly finished and will cost \$700.

T. J. Thompson, Claw, Ark.

Our third quarterly was held Sept. 5 by Elder A. J. Phillips and everything is prosperous. He preached on Sunday to a crowded house. Closed our revival and the Lord has blessed us with 60 converts.

G. J. Izard, Kendleton, Tex.

The Newman Chapel is nearing completion, and was dedicated Oct. 25. The members have wrought manfully and built this church at a cost of \$1600 within 6 months. They have not neglected the pastor during this time, and on the 31 Saturday in Sept. they presented him with a handsome suit of clothes and new hat. The benevolent fund has not been overlooked and we feel proud of our work.

Rev. Wm. Bell, Thornton, Miss.

We gave a grand entertainment at Bee Lake on Oct. 2 and 3. Collection, \$55.25. Organized one new church on the circuit, and have taken in 11 members.

A. A. Lacey, Slaughter, La.

We are closing a year of peace. Have nearly all our missionary money raised, and the Sunday school camp meeting was a success. The SOUTHWESTERN is doing a grand work among our people. It is a shining light in our homes.

J. Burton, Cotton Plant, Miss.

My revival closed with great success. Sixty-three joined the church.

R. A. Swan, Max Meadows, Va.

I came here last October and found 4 members. We have since bought a lot and built a new church 25x40. We have sixty Sunday school scholars. Gave two rallies during the year and realized \$125.92. Our fourth quarterly was held on Sept. 20th, and our faithful Elder, G. T. Wright, was with us. We cannot get along without the SOUTHWESTERN. It has been said that there was no room here for the M. E. Church, but thank God our banner is unfurled.

Henry Dickson of Huntsville, Tex., circuit, seems to be having a good time on his charge. At his last quarterly he reported \$105 raised, and the benevolences liberally met. He is coming up to the conference full-fledged. The SOUTHWESTERN was remembered with 3 subscribers.

H. B. Gladney, P. O., at Trim Cane, Miss., says times were never better on the Tampeco circuit. Ninety-three have been added to the church and 67 baptized.

The Sunday school of our church at Theodore, Ala., Rev. E. G. Gib-

son, P. O., recently had a picnic. \$3.76 raised and a good time generally.

Bro. John H. Coppage is in the midst of a revival at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Sixty-one converts; 40 have joined, and 26 mourners still pleading. We like such reports as that. Short, but full of interest.

Bro. D. H. Flowers of Pearlinton, Miss., has been having a revival with good results. Bro. Kennedy of Handsbow, and Bro. A. Conerly of the Louisiana Conference assisted. \$390.77 raised during the last quarterly, \$250 of which being for building and improvements.

Elder W. H. Logan held the fourth quarterly conference at Miliken, Tex., Oct. 3rd and 4th. He preached two splendid sermons that gladdened the hearts of the congregation.

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Books and Current Literature.

Baptismal Remission, or the Design of Christian Baptism, by Rev. G. W. Hughey, A. M., D. D., the enlargement of an able sermon on the subject, before a district conference in Missouri, is the best exposition of the subject that has ever come to our notice. It demolishes the unscriptural absurdity of baptismal regeneration, and gives in the most graphic style the scriptural design of Christian baptism. Its wide circulation would be of incalculable advantage in all our Southern work. Price, 60c. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe; New York, Hunt & Eaton.

James Strong, S. T. D., LL. D., has contributed several able works upon the several doctrines of Christianity, but in no instance has he displayed such scholarship and ability as in his recent volume on The Doctrine of a Future Life. The doctrine is sustained from a scriptural, philosophical and scientific point of view, including especially a discussion of immortality, the intermediate state, the resurrection and final retribution. Price, 60c. New York, Hunt & Eaton; Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

Children of the Church, by the Rev. B. F. Baazell, D. D., is a splendid brochure, which will be found very helpful for the instruction of the baptized children of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in families and children classes. It is neatly gotten up in the size and style of our regular church catechism. Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe; New York, Hunt & Eaton.

False God's and Sabbath Desecration, is the title of an excellent sermon by Rev. James A. Johnson, preached in the M. E. Church at Lacon, Ill. Single copies, 5 cents. Ten copies, 35 cents. Fifty copies, \$1. Rev. J. A. Johnson, Lacon, Ill.

The Friendly Five, by Mrs. Mary O. Hufferford, illustrated. Cloth. 12 mo. Price, by mail, post-paid, 90 cents. A girl's juvenile. The scene is a select boarding-school and the heroine is a very plain mountain girl, who, by a peculiar circumstance, has come into the school, and who proves her right to be there by a neat bit of shrewd and brave detective work. Hunt & Eaton, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Cranston & Stowe, 190 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati.

Among other articles of interest to be noted in the November Lipincotts are: Some Colonial Love Letters, by Anne H. Wharton, an article embodying specimens of love letters from William Penn, James Logan, and other worthies; Association Foot-Ball, by Frederick Wier; and Modern American Humor, by William S. Walsh. Poems are contributed by Clinton Scollard, Barton Hill, Harrison S. Morris, and others.

The Chantaguan for November has several illustrated articles and the portraits of a number of prominent women. The following are in the table of contents: The Battle of Long Island, by John Clark Ridpath; Domestic and Social life of the Colonists, II., by Edward Everett Hale; Thomas Jefferson, by Prof. Charles J. Little, Ph. D.; The Adulteration of Foods, by Guilford L. Spencer; Social Science in the Pulpit by John Habberton; Progress of the Colored People in Washington, D. C., by Margaret W. Noble; Among the Crookes, by Mary L. Schaffter; The Prevention of Crime, by Mrs. Kate Tannatt Woods; The edito-

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entials treat of Closing the Columbian Exposition on Sunday, Signor Crispin, and Our Popular American Poets. There are the usual departments devoted to the Chantaguan Literary and Scientific Circle.

Among the religious publications, The Pulpit occupies a unique position as the only exclusive sermon magazine on this continent. The current issue contains a leading sermon by Archdeacon Farrar on Harvest Thanksgiving. The Pulpit is undenominational and its sermons are able, practical and in rapport with the times. \$2 a year, 20 cents a copy. Edwin Rose, publisher, Buffalo, N. Y.

Littell's Living Age. The numbers of The Living Age for October 10th and 17th contain many excellent articles from the most popular reviews published.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with the Living Age for a year, both post paid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

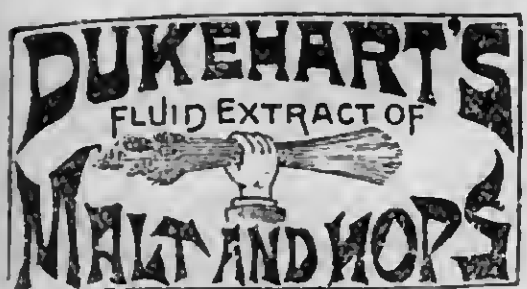
The Review of Reviews for October, 1891, contains an excellent group of articles. These articles are written appropos of the decennial meeting of the Methodists of the world in Ecumenical Conference at Washington. The account of the Conference and its programmes is given by the American Editor. An essay on the progress of Methodism and its value as a factor in the unification of the English speaking race is furnished by Mr. W. T. Stead, English editor of The Review of Reviews. This is followed by a brilliant and extended character sketch of the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, M. A., of London, who is, perhaps, the most conspicuous delegate from the ranks of British Methodism to the Washington Conference. A full account is given of Mr. Hughes' remarkable work and its methods in London, and the sketch is a most timely contribution to current religious thought and history. These articles are illustrated with portraits showing the faces of more than fifty prominent Methodists, including the bishops of the Northern and Southern branches of American Methodism, the editors of prominent Methodist papers, and a number of the most prominent of the British delegates, including Mr. Hugh Price Hughes, Rev. Dr. Stephenson, and various others. The Review of Reviews is published simultaneously in London and at 13 Astor Place, New York.

The Pansy, Isabella M. Alden (Pansy) G. K. Alden, editors, is as bright and cheering as ever. Everybody enjoys Pansy's writing. No publications of D. Lothrop Company are more deservedly popular. Boston, Mass. \$1 a year.

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Tract Society	50,000
Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,659
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Praise Ye the Lord! Sing the Doxology.

BY C. C. McCABE.

When the Treasurer's monthly statement was read at the meeting of the Missionary Board on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 20, and a supplementary report was made of the receipts for the current month up to date, it was found that the Missionary Society was free from debt; all appropriations of the General Committee, all outstanding drafts by the Secretaries for work in foreign lands provided for, and money in the treasury.

Dr. Crawford proposed that we sing the Doxology. It was done devoutly and gratefully. What a burden has fallen from us! What a millstone is loosed from our neck! The Lord has been with us.

Now, let us all conspire to keep out of debt forever. This hour of prosperity is, however our hour of peril. The pressure upon us from all our Foreign Missions is very strong for very largely increased appropriations. Some of them have been unwise enough to ask for eighty per cent. advance for 1892. We must cut them off rigorously, relentlessly, sorrowfully, and then a wail will again go through the church: "The general Committee is cutting us down; the Senior Secretary is opposed to Foreign Missions." Nevertheless we propose the following toast in this feast of love: "Twelve hundred and fifty thousand dollars for 1892 by collections only, and no more debt on the Missionary Society till millennium."

When the General Conferencee wants the opposite policy adopted the way is easy, for nothing is easier than spending other people's money. All the comment I would make upon it would be the words of Abraham Lincoln when the woman read him an original poem: "For them as like that sort of thing I should think 'twas the sort of thing they'd like."

But that General Conference or General Committee that honestly desires to carry out the wishes of the people will sterily refuse to hang the mill-stone of debt about the neck of the Missionary Society again.

General Church News.

All the inhabitants of Bethlehem, the town of the nativity, are now said to be Christians.

In the English mission to British Guiana there are 3,000 Christians among the Accowio tribe of Indians.

Twenty five years ago there were no professing Christians in the Chinese province of Shantung; now there are 300 places where Christians meet regularly on the Sabbath.

At Ningpo, China, Rev. Mr. Suthill, Wesleyan, recently baptized 100 persons, and received 500 on probation. Ningpo is not far from Shanghai, and our missionaries anticipate similar results at that place.

Christians should not forget that their first great work is carrying the gospel to sinful men. They ought never to lose sight of this fact, nor turn aside for anything. Other lines of work are inviting

and interesting, but this must be the first great work.

Robert Morrison went to China in 1807, and died after twenty-seven years of labor in 1834. At his death there were only four converts and four Protestant missionaries in the whole Empire. Now we find Morrison's converts replaced by a host numbering 35,000 church members, who last year gave \$44,000 for the spread of the Gospel in their own land.

General News Items.

Very few people are aware that Talleyrand was a resident of Brooklyn for several years. His headquarters, in 1794, was on Fulton street, about a block from the ferry.

Mrs. Julia Filmore Harris, sister of President Millard Filmore, and the last survivor of a family of eight brothers and sisters, died a few days ago at San Francisco.

A Negro was flayed alive and cut to pieces, hit by bit, near Arcadia, La., not long since. Our model governor is so busy fighting the lottery, he nor no one else in authority has taken the time to investigate the matter or to say anything in denunciation of the atrocious crime.

Ex-President Cleveland's little daughter is named Ruth.

Serious eavings in the river bank in front of the second district in this city are reported.

The monument to the White Leaguers that overthrew the regularly constituted Kellogg government Sept. 14, 1874, has been completed.

H. A. Villard, whose ups and downs leave him a power in the Northern Pacific railroad, earned his first money as a reporter.

Sidney Dillon, whose name is always associated with Gold's and Sage's, was errand boy in the employ of the New York Central railroad.

C. M. Depew rose to his present unique position from a law office. He was admitted to the bar in 1858.

Jay Gould, it is well known, was a surveyor and school teacher in Delaware county.

Ex Judge Noah Davis first felt the delights of making money of his own on his father's farm.

Inspector Williams, the best known police officer in New York, began to earn his living in a fish yard near Nova Scotia, spreading the fish on flakes to dry.

Vice President L. P. Morton was, as a boy, clerk in a village dry goods store, and aided his father, a poor clergyman, with a goodly share of his seven-dollar-a-week salary.

T. A. Edison was once a telegraph operator in Boston.

W. H. Vanderbilt remained on his father's farm until he was thirty years old, when the Commodore put him in training for a railroad career.

Andrew Carnegie began life at the trade of an engineer. Then he drifted into telegraphy.

Finally, everybody knows that the foundation for the Astor affluence was laid by a fur peddler; that the Vanderbilt millions have their origin in a vegetable garden and a country tavern; and that J. D. Rockefeller, whose wealth exceeds \$100,000,000, a few years ago kept a small grocery in Cleveland.

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Venison is sometimes deer at any price, but oftener it isn't.—Elmira Gazette.

Adam was proudly conscious that he never made a mistake in his boyhood.—Texas Siftings.

Books and Current Literature

The following recent publications have been received: Protection or Free-trade? by Henry George; price 25 cents. New York; Henry George & Co., 42 University Place.

The 32d annual report of the Lord's Day Rest Association, 13 Bedford Row, London, W. C.

Our Veterans, Jay Benson Hamilton, editor, Hackettstown, N. J. Proceedings of the New England Methodist Historical Society, Eleventh Annual meeting. Society's Room, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

Romance for July, \$3 a year. N. Y. Story Club, W. H. Benton, publisher, New York.

The Sibylline Oracles, translated from the Greek into English book verse, by Rev. Milton S. Terry, D. D., have recently been published by our book concern. The Sibylline Oracles are a collection of pseudopigraphical poems, venerable for their antiquity and valuable for their exhibition of the spirit and thought of the early Christian centuries. These books have been quoted by Josephus, Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria and other Christian fathers, and were treated by some of them, as if they were as authoritative as the Holy Scriptures. The present is the best English translation extant. We bespeak for the work an extensive circulation. Price, \$1.50. New York: Hunt & Eaton, Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

The Sideral Messenger for August is as interesting to the astronomers and average star gazers as ever. Per annum, ten times a year, \$3. Northfield, Minn.

The Methodist Magazine for September is brimful of good things. It is devoted to literature, social progress and religion. Toronto, Canada News Company. \$2 a year. Single number, 20 cents.

The Fourth Number of the A. M. E. Zion Church quarterly, shows manifest progress in its general make up and composition in all departments. It is a credit to all concerned. Single copy 40 cents. Per year \$1.50. Pittsburg, Pa.

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Meeting of the Educational Commission.

The Education Commission, authorized by the last General Conference and appointed by the bishops to consider the subject of reorganizing the educational work of the church so as to give it more of unity, breadth and effectiveness, and to report a plan for the same to the next General Conference to meet in Washington, D. C. Oct. 6.

The delegates appointed were as follows:

From the General Conference Districts, Principal George M. Steele, Professor Wm. Wells, Professor John R. French, President D. H. Wheeler, Professor Wm. G. Williams, President J. F. Goncher, President Alexander Martin, President H. W. Rogers, President George H. Bridgman, Hon. John Evans, Rev. Dr. D. W. Hays, At-large, Secretary C. H. Payne, Secretary J. C. Hartzell, Secretary J. H. Reid. Bishop H. W. Warren was appointed president of the commission.

It was the decided opinion of the commission that the time had fully come when an advanced step should be taken and our educational work should be strengthened by being systematized and brought to a closer federation with a more direct and helpful connectional supervision.

A plan was outlined and agreed upon which it is believed will aid in promoting this most important department of church work and help to place our institutions of learning on a better footing. A sub-committee was appointed to formulate the proper legislation necessary for the whole educational work; this committee will meet in Cleveland November 11, and an adjourned meeting of the whole commission will be held in Omaha at the opening of the General Conference session.

Second Ecumenical Methodist Conference, Washington, D. C.

A Call to Prayer.

Believing that the great need of the Church of Christ is a plentiful baptism of the Holy Spirit; that such a baptism would give energy and efficacy to all our agencies and organizations, and that without it all our efforts must fail of their one high purpose—the salvation of men; believing, moreover, that such a baptism may certainly be secured by those who will humbly and diligently wait upon God for it in persistent and faithful prayer, we earnestly and affectionately invite the ministers and members of the Methodist churches to devote the week commencing on Sunday, November 15, so special supplication for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. We earnestly beg that such prayers be offered in private, in the family, in day and Sunday schools, and in such social or public services as may be arranged by the authorities of the several churches.

T. Bowman Stephenson, vice president of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; J. Woods Ballard, vice president of the Irish Methodist Church; Henry T. Marshall, president of the Methodist New Connexion; Joseph H. Ferguson, president of the Primitive Methodist Church; Frederick W. Bourne, president of the Bible Christian Church; M. T. Myers, president of the United Methodist Free Churches; Thomas Bromage, president of the Wesleyan Reform Union; Bishop Thomas Bowman, Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop A. W. Wayman, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop J. J. Moore, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; Bishop J. C. Keener, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Genl Supt. A. Carman, Methodist Church, Canada; Bishop W. H. Miles, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

WHATEVER else may be said of Bishop H. M. Turner, he has a way of impressing his views upon the nation in a way that is certainly

very pronounced and emphatic. Not long since he spoke to a large congregation of colored people in Boston, Mass., in which he advocated the emigration of 100,000 or 150,000 colored people from this country to Africa.

His observation, he said, had taught him that there was little hope for the colored race in this country; that the best thing a number of them could do was to get some other country, set up a government of their own and demonstrate that they had in them native ability to administer the affairs of State.

In Africa he saw such a country. It was rich in gold, silver, precious stones and minerals of all descriptions, and with such a people starting to govern themselves would need to make them strong and mighty. He solemnly believed that the black men and women in America would finally be the instrument to redeem and Christianize Africa and plant on her soil one of the greatest governments on which the sun ever shone. A few weeks ago, in a conversation he had with President Harrison, the latter wondered why the colored people took so little interest in the subject. The bishop stated that in his talk with the President on the subject he suggested an appropriation by Congress to purchase a tract of land in Africa and the appointment of a commission of twelve, seven colored and five white to carry on the negotiations.

Political Review.

While we go to press (Tuesday) the flakes that execute the free-man's will are falling in the ballot boxes of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Iowa, and one or two other States. We will give the result next week. The indications, however, point to great Republican gains everywhere.

Since the great lottery parade in this city last week, Tuesday night, the antis have made enormous gains. It made them more enthusiastic and determined for their cause to contemplate the possibility of the State and city government falling into the hands of such a crowd.

The Democratic primary election comes off on the 10th, when it will be seen which faction, pro or anti, will be put in command.

Is it not about time the Republicans were taking a hand in this fight—not the Democratic faction fight, but in the struggle for the honor of the State? Opposition to the lottery is a main-brace in its present stricture, and the party should now make no delay in expressing itself. It is not invited and does not want to join with the Democrats in their fight, its dignity would not admit of that, but the time has come when it should thoroughly arouse and organize its forces on the anti lottery line.

North Carolina Conference.

The recent session of the North Carolina Conference was without doubt its best session. Conversions were reported by the hundreds; one district alone, that of Rev. E. M. Collett, reported over 700 conversions. Many new churches and Sunday schools, and much improvements generally.

Bishop Warren presided, to the joy of all the brethren, and made lasting impressions. Dr. O. N. Grandison was unanimously re-elected secretary, and delegate to the next General Conference.

They followed Dr. Grandison in its vote in favor of the admission of women to the General Conference, by a vote that was practically unanimous.

Drs. C. H. Payue, of the Board of Education, Gray of the Freedmen's Aid, Spencer of the Ohio Extension, and Albert of the SOUTHWESTERN, were among the welcomed visitors.

The Conference pledged unanimous support to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Appointments of the North Carolina Conference.

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Kingston and Newberne—Snp. Leakesville—L. J. McDonald. Madison—S. M. McDonald. Mt. Tabor—To be snp. Oberlin—E. C. Campbell. Oxford—David Connell. Prestonville—To be snp. Raleigh—Wm. Chavis. Reidsville—J. D. Hairston. Stoneville and New Hope—K. H. Williams.

Summerfield—W. R. Zeigler. Townsville and Henderson—J. H. Hunter.

Wesley Chapel—Chas. Harshaw.

C. N. Grandison president, J. P. Morris and J. B. Chavis professors in Bennett College, members of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

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Jefferson—To be snp. Lenoir—S. P. West. Lincolnton—To be snp. Marion—To be snp.

Newton—To be snp. Patterson—To be snp. Rutherfordton—Franklin Bost. Shelby and Fallston—Marcus Mundy.

South Catawba—J. A. Rush. West Asheville and Waynesville—G. W. Brower.

Wilsboro—J. W. Jones.

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E. M. Collett, Presiding Elder; P. O. Charlotte.

Cedar Grove—F. S. Stitt. Columbus—To be snp.

Cool Springs and Beaver Dam—O. Letterbough.

Fayetteville and Prospect Hall—L. B. Gibson.

Hamlet—J. D. Murphy. Lenoirburg—G. W. Morehead.

Lumberton—W. P. Hays. Maxton and Salem—A. H. New some.

Monroe—To be snp. Mt. Zion—O. W. Blaylock.

Piney Grove and John Station—G. W. Byers.

Swan's Station and Winder—Snp. Wilmington and Burgaw—W. H. Hairston.

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High Point—Alexander Clark. Jonesville—S. A. Gibson.

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Mt. Pleasant—To be snp. Statesville—Elisha Howard.

Thomasville—Dorsey Moore. Walnut Cove—J. K. Knight.

Winston—W. W. Pope.

Publishers' Department.

[Pastors are requested to read this department each week.]

Rev. W. H. Whitlock calls our paper "the Herald of Freedom and Salvation." That's what it is, Brother. Thanks for the seven names and the money you sent.

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City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

Mrs. Eliza Gant, matron of the Old Folks' Home, returns sincere thanks to the members of Mt. Zion M. E. Church who surprised the Old Folks' Home on south Rampart between Seventh and Eighth streets last Friday night with many pounds of assorted groceries: sugar, coffee, tea, meat, grits, flour, lard, salt, etc.

The grand financial rally at Williams Chapel for rebuilding their church October 11, resulted in the collection of \$773.60. Company A. Mrs. C. Matthews captain, collected \$132; B. Mrs. L. Parker captain, \$103.25; C. Mrs. R. Fisher captain, \$119.55; D. Mrs. D. C. Mead captain, \$129; E. Mrs. Nellie Sanlbury captain, \$82.95; F. Mrs. V. Haymon captain, \$17.80; G. Miss A. Messiah captain, \$76.20; H. Mrs. F. Bostick captain, \$83. Friends, \$30. Rev. Henry Taylor, pastor, is happy over this victory and the liberality of his good people.

A generous donation. Mayor Shakespeare recently received a check for \$10,000 from Mrs. C. B. Surget, a philanthropic lady of Bordeaux, France, with the request that it be distributed among the charitable institutions of this city. The same was distributed to several charitable institutions in this city, both Roman Catholic and Protestant. Of this amount our Old Folks Home, corner of Eighth and St. Dennis streets, received \$500; for which the thanks of our people are hereby tendered.

Wesley Chapel, Rev. F. T. Chinn, pastor, which has been undergoing extensive remodeling and repairs, is now nearly completed. The cornerstone laying on Monday, Oct. 26, was a grand affair, and but for its tragical termination would have been the most creditable held on a weekday in this city. As it was, Mr. Meine, editor of a scurrilous sheet, *The Ferret*, ended the services in a panic, by his dastardly firing four pistol shots at an antagonist, whom he had "written up" in his paper, and from whom he expected an attack. The shot flew widely off their marks, and wounded four persons, three men and a child, not at all concerned in the difficulty. It is to be hoped that an example will be made, in this case, such as will forever deter all such as make it a point to come to such places and such occasions to settle their differences, by firing into each other, from ever repeating such a scene. It is a monstrous shame that our people can never assemble in large crowds without having their meeting thus broken up by such murderous behavior on the part of some of our young people. It was fortunate however that no one was really killed or dangerously wounded; and that the disturbance took place after nearly all the exercises had been concluded. Nearly all our city pastors and Elder Williams and Dr. Albert were present and took part in the services. The sermon by Rev. J. W. Hindson was masterly. The Grand Lodge of Masons and Patriarchs and several benevolent societies took part in the services. The crowd was immense.

Personal.

—Prof. A. W. McKinney of Huntsville Academy lectured in New Bern, Ala., on the 22d and greatly pleased his audience.

—On Oct. 2, fire was discovered in Rev. H. B. Moore's desk, in his residence at Gainesville, Texas. He lost a number of valuable books before the fire was extinguished.

—At Tallahoma, Tenn., Oct. 2, a colored boy was arrested and put in jail. During the night the white caps took him out and hung him. Great indignation is aroused among all citizens. The colored people have offered \$100, the town \$600, and the Governor \$600 as a reward for the arrest of the perpetrators of this outrage.

—Christian people of all names and lands will rejoice to learn that the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, the great London preacher, is so far recovered as to leave Mentone for the south of France.

—Our venerable friend Rev. W. D. Godman, D.D., of Gilbert Seminary, Winsted, La., mourns the death of his aged father. His death occurred while the editor was absent, hence no notice has been published of the same. We extend to the doctor our heartfelt sympathy. We hope next week to furnish our readers an obituary notice of Gen. Godman, the deceased father of Dr. Godman.

—Mr. Wiley Holmes, of Pass Christian, Miss., on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Rev. W. S. Harris, called last week.

—Mrs. E. Bridgett, Poland, La., informs us that her husband, Rev. J. H. Bridgett, is very sick, and that his recovery is very uncertain. We hope he will survive his present illness.

—Rev. Stephen Priestley of the Monroe district, is home on a short visit. He expects to start out on his fourth round in a few days. He brings cheering news from his district.

—Rev. J. F. Marshall, of the Baton Rouge district has every Sabbath engaged for work on his district until conference. He comes in and out during the week and reports gratifying results from every point.

—Rev. Ernest Lyon, A.M., Sunday School Agent has returned from an extended tour in North Louisiana, and reports progress in his work. His Sunday school convention in Mansfield, was a grand success.

—Bishop Mallalien's tireless activity may be in a manner appreciated by the following from Rev. J. C. Gowan, of the Southern California Conference, over which the bishop recently presided: "Bishop Mallalieu went to Santa Barbara as soon as the conference closed, and preached Tuesday evening. Next day he dedicated the Methodist Church in Peru. Thursday he laid the corner stone of a new church at Ventura. Friday he was at Pasadena. Saturday and Sunday he was in San Diego, preaching twice. Monday he was in Riverside, planning for a new church; and Tuesday he was on his way to Flagstaff to preside over the Mission Conference."

—Rev. O. H. Tiffany, D. D., for many years one of the most distinguished of Methodist pastors and eloquent preachers, died at Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 24. *Zion's Herald* truly says: "He was the preacher for great occasions, and rarely disappointed the most sanguine expectations. He died as pastor of Hennepin Ave. Church, Minneapolis. He was born in Baltimore, Md., July 3, 1825. A graduate of Dickinson College, he first joined the Baltimore Conference. He has served the most important churches in the connection at Baltimore, Washington, New York and Philadelphia. He leaves a wife, two daughters and one son."

As we go to press we learn that Bishop Mallalien will hold the Louisiana Conference. We will publish episcopal plan of visit for spring conferences next week.

When an opportunity comes your way, don't grease your fingers and let it slip through them.—Richmond Recorder.

A man gets too old for a great many things, but the ability to make a fool of himself is never outgrown.—St. Joseph News.

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Apostles never wasted a moment on a gospel of patchwork. Their twofold text was, "Turn to the Lord," which meant repentance, and "Cleave to the Lord," which meant a life of faith and holiness.

"He cites from every authority except from Almighty God," was the terse comment of a listener to a sermon which had bristled with quotations from Huxley, Shakespeare, Renan and other lights of literature.

It is glorious work to preach for souls. No throne ever built for a man comes near the dignity of the pulpit which proclaims Christ and the great salvation, and that pulpit is best filled which helps most to fill heaven.

The pastor who allows slight difficulties to change his schedule will find himself sidetracked so often that he will never reach success. Follow your program in all cases except where invincible obstacles arise. Invincible obstacles seldom arise to thwart an earnest man.

Morality is a good thing, and a moral man is far more admirable than an immoral man; but morality alone can not save. Christ says, "Ye must be born again."—Exchange.

Love cannot be hid any more than light, and least of all when it shines forth in action, when ye exercise yourselves in the labor of love, in the beneficence of every kind.—John Wesley.

It is a great thing to love Christ so dearly as to be "ready to be bound and to die" for him, but it is often a thing not less great to be ready to take up our daily cross and to live for him.—John Caird.

It is self-absorption that carves wrinkles in the face and streaks the hair with gray. Kindly thought and labor for others dependent and beloved—the living out of and not in the petty round of personal interests—keep heart and energies fresh.

Success is the world's criterion of merit; Fidelity is God's. The reward of being "faithful over a few things" is just the same as being "faithful over many things;" for the emphasis falls upon the same word—it is the "faithful" who will enter into "the joy of the Lord."

In a sermon of Bishop Foss, he says: "Some say, 'I really feel as if my heart-strings would break.' Well, who made your heart-strings? Does He who made the instrument not know how much tension it will bear? Why, He is, in fact, tuning it to concert pitch!"

Christ always sails in the ship of prayer; he steers safely; he sees the hidden rocks and secret shoals, and needs no star or compass. He fills the sails of the Church's ship with prosperous gales, to bring her into safety. He turns calms into storms, to obey his Church's cry; and raises the waves of the sea, so that saints are glad because of a storm to bring them to a calm haven. Oh, happy storms that drive a saint to heaven! Oh, happy heaven that enjoys a perpetual and everlasting calm.—Lee.

Would people who take the back seats in prayer meeting feel at home near the throne in heaven? If God is good why should any body be ashamed to have it known that they love him? Did you ever know any body who repented on a sick bed who didn't backslide when they began to get better? If God, angels and good men are all anxious about the salvation of your soul, isn't it about time you were becoming anxious yourself.—Selected.

Rules For Church Goers.

Come.
Come early.
Take a front seat.
Bring somebody else.
Do not start a discussion.
Make the stranger welcome.
Talk the meeting up and not down.

If the meeting drags, do not you drag; make it snap somehow.
Do not think of that engagement to-morrow. Too much world in your heart will act like water on a fire.

Look just as pleasant as you can. It is contagious. Remember that it is God's service and not the human being service.

Sing. Suppose you do not know one note from another, you will feel better for having tried, and it will encourage others.

Finally, take home that part of the meeting that hit you the hardest and think it over. Do not pass it over your shoulder to the one back of you.—Selected.

Schools and Colleges.

Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss.

Opened September 29, with twice the number of students as a year ago.

The new Rust Hall, in process of erection, is giving an added inspiration to this already popular institution of the South.

Four years ago next March was a trying time for the university, and there were many sad hearts, when Rust Hall, a pride of the school, was seen rapidly melting away in the all-devouring flame. It has been a marvel how the school has been held together since then; but so it has, and that without the loss of interest on the part of its patrons. Had there been a waning of interest, there is now abundant reason not only that that waning should cease, but that new interest should be awakened like the looker-on beholds the massive walls and broadened dimensions of new Rust Hall, as it rapidly rises story after story, until there shall be brought forth "the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, grace, grace unto it."

While old Rust Hall was a magnificent building, much more so will be the new; especially when it shall be taken into consideration its enlarged capacity and more modern improvements and appliances for the convenience, comfort, and safety of all who may occupy it. Its recitation, assembly and normal department rooms, dining room, kitchen, dormitories, and chapel with seating capacity of twelve hundred, its steam heating apparatus for heating the whole building, are worthy of mention.

"Beautiful for situation," is Rust University, "on the sides of the north." Its line of buildings, Industrial Hall, McDonald Hall, new Rust Hall, and Elizabeth L. Rust Home for girls, crown the summit of this highest land in Mississippi. Fronting which are the many acres of campus carefully kept, over whose grassy Southern slope are scattered here and there the stately oak. A thing of beauty do all these appear from the city which they overlook. As necessary as are all the attractive features that might be placed upon and around an institution like this, were all that could be said of it, it might find no place in the heart of any one desirous of the intellectual and moral improvement that would naturally be expected, especially from a higher institution of learning. How is it with Rust University in regard to the more important particulars to which we are now referring?

The grade of scholarship demanded for matriculation exceeds that of most schools in the South. Students lower than a grade of the fourth English have not been received. While this may have had the effect to considerably lessen the numbers that might otherwise have been in attendance, it has given the university an opportunity to attend to the work of education in higher English and the lan-

guages. Completing the English course, which embraces the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, the student is permitted at once to enter upon the normal course of four years instruction—a magnificent course to fit for teaching,—or college preparatory, a three years course, to be followed by a regular college course of four years, either classical or scientific. That these courses have been well carried out in the past is proven by the scores who have graduated from the various departments of this institution, and, as lawyers, physicians, preachers, or teachers, have gone out doing grand work towards the uplifting of the race. And that the same or better results may still be reached, we have but to refer to the able corps of teachers who now fill the various chairs. Special mention is to be made of the worthy president of Rust, who has so ably and wisely conducted its affairs, that, under some of its trying times, it has not ceased to advance, and besides, has received the support and gained the respect of all, both colored and white, who have known of this institution.

Graduates who are proud of their Alma Mater because of what she has done in the past, will have greater occasion to be proud of her for what she will do in years to come.

Besides the literary work accomplished, the industrial is by no means forgotten. Competent instructors are found in their places to teach carpentry, printing, shoemaking, farming, sewing and house-keeping.

The following are the various departments of Rust University: College, College Preparatory, Normal, English, Commercial, Musical, Nurse Training, and Industrial; and the following are the instructors for the same: Rev. C. E. Libby, S.T.D., president and professor of Mental and Moral Sciences; Rev. D. W. Byrd, A.B., professor of Ancient Languages; Rev. L. D. Bragg, A.M., B.D., professor of Mathematics; Cora F. Murphy, preceptress and professor of History, Literature, and French; Rev. D. H. Sawyer, A.M., principal of Normal Department; Eliza Robinson, assistant in Normal Department; Sarah J. Bragg, M.L.A., assistant in History and Literature; E. H. McKissack, principal of Commercial Department; Juliet Caldwell, M.D., instructor in Nurse Training; Mand Kellar, principal of Musical Department; L. D. Bragg, Librarian; W. L. J. Jones, instructor in Carpentry; T. A. Green, instructor in Printing; J. C. McGee, instructor in Agriculture; J. M. Mulvany, instructor in Shoemaking; Sarah C. Libby, instructor in Needlework; Sophia L. Johnston, superintendent of Elizabeth L. Rust Girls' Industrial Home; Ida M. Gibson, instructor in Millinery and Dressmaking, and principal of Art Department.

Wiley University, Marshall, Texas.

Wiley University has just received from Rev. Mr. Stover, through his agent J. L. Langdon, Muskotah, Kan., a very fine library containing nearly 500 books, and the best books in print. They will furnish unlimited advantage to all students who may come to Wiley. If God would raise up some friend who would build a monument for himself or herself that will give them a start on the new building, a thing that is so much needed it would be one of the grandest monuments that a Christian man or woman could desire.

They expect this year the largest enrollment that Wiley has ever had. So says a note from President P. A. Cool.

Our school opened with our new president and a host of students, Saturday, Oct. 10. On the call of our worthy professor, Henry B. Pemberton, an Epworth League was organized in Wiley University.

Officers were elected as follows: Prof. H. B. Pemberton, president; Mr. Walton Brown, vice president; Miss Roberta L. Allen, secretary. The league was named Whittaker Epworth League, in honor of our ex-president's wife Harriet Whittaker.

Marriages.

In Bastrop, La., Oct. 13, at the residence of the bride, Mr. Lee Jamison, of Delhi, and Miss Mattie Floyd.
M. H. Hunter, P. C., officiated.

On the evening of Oct. 23d, at Military Chapel, Columbus, Miss., James Dickerson to Eliza Hado, by the pastor.
W. H. Whitlock.

At Hubertville, La., Oct. 3, Miss Phyllis S. Felton was married to Mr. Peter Butler. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. S. Carr, at Boynton Chapel.

At Donaldsonville, La., Oct. 7, Mr. Victor Alin was married to Miss Mella Brooks.
Rev. H. J. Wright officiating.

At the M. E. Church, near Klotzville, Oct. 8, Mr. Frederick Gibbs was married to Miss Pauline Ross, by Rev. H. J. Wright.

At Hahnville, La., Oct. 3, Mr. Paul Smith to Miss Marceline Brown.
Rev. S. Mitchell officiating.

At Slaughter, La., Oct. 2, Mr. Gilbert Williams, Jr., was married to Miss Ella Hickman.
Rev. A. A. Lacey officiating.

Mr. Henry Wells, of Bee Lake, Miss., was married to Miss Grace Powell, of Starkville, Sept. 23.
Rev. Wm. Bell officiating.

Obituary.

Anderson, Texas.—It is our mournful duty to record the death of two of our faithful members during September. On the 11th, Sister Nanie M. Field. On the 17th, Sister Jane Bryant.
J. Jones, P. C.

Cookville, Tenn.—Sept. 20, Miss Mattie Burton, one of the young members of our church, died in her 19th year.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 30, Sister Mary A. Ryan died in her 78th year. She had been a devout Christian for 40 years.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 25, after a long and painful illness, Sister Josie D. Bryant died, leaving a husband and many friends to mourn. She was a teacher in the public school and a faithful member of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Jeremiah Smith died at Houston, Texas, Sept. 20, aged 50. She was an active worker in the church, and leaves a bereaved husband and many friends to mourn.

Sister Bettie Warden, of Browns Wells, Miss., departed this life Oct. 19, aged 27 years, a good member of St. Morris M. E. Church for 8 years. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. H. Cook. She said she was ready and willing to go, as she was resting in the Lord.
P. Hirth.

Sister Matilda Hays, of Compton, La., departed this life Oct. 21, aged 40 years. She was converted to God under the pastorate of Rev. E. Hayward, and has stood a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. Church ever since. Her last hours were spent in a love feast with her husband and children.

Waco, Texas.—Mr. Edmund Stamps, a well-known citizen here, departed this life Oct. 21. His wife and all of his children are members of our church. He was an attendant. The family has our sympathy.
Moses Smith, P. C.

Sister Rebecca Childes, of Compton, La., passed from labor to reward Oct. 24, aged 74. She lived a Christian and died in the faith.
B. J. Reddix, P. C.

WHAT IS SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, accumulating in the glands of the neck, produces painful lumps or swellings, which causes painful running sores on the arms, legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the ears, nose, often causing blindness or deafness; which is the origin of pimples, cancerous growths, or the many other manifestations usually ascribed to "humors," which, fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption and death. Being the most ancient, it is the most general of all diseases or affections, for very few persons are entirely free from it.

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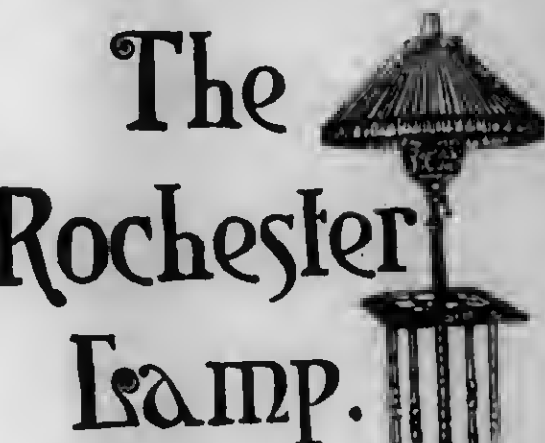
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Conference Notices.

Holly Springs District Conference.
Members of the Holly Springs District Conference are hereby notified that their second district conference will be held at New Midway, Vauden Circuit, seven miles west of the town of Vauden, on the 1. C. R. R., commencing Thursday, Nov. 19, at 11 o'clock a.m., and closing on Sunday, the 22d. On Wednesday, 18th, there will be a meeting at Vauden in which the conveyances to the church, in which the conferences will be held, and hence they must be at Vauden on the above named day or fail to be met. As no day Passenger train stops at Vauden, they are advised to go to Winona, ten miles to Vauden, on local freight train. We trust that all will come prepared to do well what is assigned them on literary program.
H. R. REVELS, P. E.

Greenville District, Upper Mississippi Conference.
Fourth Round.

Helm	Oct. 31, Nov. 1
Arcola	Nov. 1-2
Greenville	" 7-8
Waco and Mount Bayon	" 14-15
Woodburn	" 15-16
Indianola	" 21-22
Faonia	" 22-23
Heathman	" 25
Clarksdale	" 28-29
Shelby	" 29-30
Hollytown	Dec. 2-3
Webbs	" 5-6
Dublin	" 12-13
Gunnison	" 14-15
Sormerville	" 19-20

Dear Brethren: This is the fourth quarter, and we look for a good report on all benevolent claims. Send what you have for Freedmen's Aid at once to Dr. C. E. Libby, Holly Springs, Miss.
J. W. DAVIS, P. E.

North New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference.
Fourth Round.

Aubrey	Nov. 8
Mandeville	" 15
St. John and Pearlville	" 21
St. Charles	" 22
St. John	Dec. 6
St. Matthew	" 13
Grota	" 20
Lower Coast	" 23
Briarcliff	" 24
White Hall	" 26-27
St. Zion	" 29
Thompson	" 31
Union Chapel	Jan. 1
Wesley Chapel	" 4
La Harpe	" 8
Mallahan	" 8
Pleasant Plain	" 42

EMPEROR WILLIAMS, P. E.

Bristol District, East Tennessee Conference.
First Round.

Warrensburg	Nov. 7-8
Fallbranch	" 14-15
Greenville	" 20-21
Elisabethton	Dec. 5-6
Mountain City	" 12-13
Kingsport	" 19-20
Bristol	" 26-27
Gate City	Jan. 2-3
Stickelville	" 9-10
Montgomery	" 16-17
Abingdon	" 23-24
Marion	" 30-31
Rural Retreat	Feb. 6-7
Russell	" 13-14
Johnson City	" 20-21
Jonesboro	" 20-21

The district conference will convene at Glade Springs, Nov. 19-23, 1891, and all members will please be on hand the first day.
C. BOYD, P. E.

Yazoo River District, Upper Mississippi Conference.
Fourth Round.

Maehnlaville	Nov. 7-8
Dacon	" 8-9
Deerbrook	" 14-15
Crawford	" 21-22
Kosciusko sta.	Dec. 2
Kosciusko cir.	" 3
Goodman	" 8
McCool	" 5-6
Durant	" 11-13
West sta.	" 12-13
Ex-Prairie	" 19-20

Pickens	Nov. 19-20
Bee Lake	" 23
Greenwood	" 24
Lexington	" 26-27
Tohnia	" 26-27
Minter City	Jan. 1
Ittahas	" 2-3
Caulton	" 9-10

The second district conference will meet in Crawford, Miss., Nov. 25. A full attendance is desired the first day.
W. McDONALD, P. E.

Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference.
First Round.

Liberty cir.	Nov. 7-8
Alexandria sta.	" 14-15
St. Zion	" 21-22
Gallatin sta.	" 28-29
Hartsville cir.	Dec. 5-6
North Lebanon cir.	" 12-13
Lebanon sta.	" 19-20
Mitchellville cir.	" 26-27
Gordonsville cir.	Jan. 2-3
Braden Chapel	" 9-10
Nashville, West End and Briarville	" 12
Gainesboro cir.	" 16-17
Springfield cir.	" 23-24
Clarksville Mission	" 25
Cookeville cir.	" 30-31

Our district conference will convene at Cherry Valley, Nov. 24. I wish all of the pastors and district stewards to be present.
A. PHILLIPS, P. E.

West Tennessee District, Tennessee Conference.
First Round.

Martin sta.	Nov. 7-8
Alamo and Cypress	" 14-15
Crockett Mills	" 21-22
Friendship cir.	" 28-29
Memphis cir.	Dec. 5-6
Warren Chapel	" 6-7
Memphis sta.	" 12-13
Memphis Mission	" 16
Porter's Chapel	" 17
Galloway cir.	" 19-20
Mason sta.	" 25-27
Mason cir.	" 26-27
Atoka and Big Creek cir.	Jan. 2-3
Funkles cir.	" 9-10
Kenton	" 12-13
Clarksburg	" 16-17
Huntington	" 20-21
Brownville	" 26-27

Dear Brethren: As we have begun another year's labor for the Lord and the Church, let each pastor push his benevolent collections in the first part of the year. You must remember that the Tennessee Conference pledged itself to raise \$1000 for Central Tennessee College. Let the West Tennessee District raise \$250 of that amount, which we can do. Don't forget the "Southwestern." Let every pastor put a copy in every family on his charge, and it will aid him in his work.
B. F. ANDERSON, P. E.

Martin, Tenn.

Notice.
To the pastors of the Central Alabama Conference: As soon as your fourth quarterly conference has elected the lay delegate from your charge to the Annual Conference, send his and your name to me, that I may the more readily notify you of the place you may stop at during the session of the Conference.
J. R. TODD.

"There is a good deal of sarcasm in that," remarked a man suffering from ague, as the druggist handed him a bottle of medicine labeled "Shake before taking."

The brusque and fussy impulse of these days of false impression would rate down all as worthless because one is unworthy. As if there were no motes in sunbeams! Or comets among stars! Or cataracts in peaceful rivers!

Because one remedy professes to do what it never was adapted to do, are all remedies worthless?

Because one doctor lets his patient die, are all humbugs? It requires a fine eye and a finer brain to discriminate—to draw the differential line. "They say" that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription have cured thousands.

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A LONGING.

Oh, for the light of those eyes,
So tender and blue;
Oh, for the love of that heart,
So warm and so true.

Oh, for the sound of that voice,
So soft and so low;
Oh, for the blush of those cheeks,
Like roses that glow.

Oh, for the touch of that hand,
So small and so white;
Oh, for a kiss from those lips
That thrill with delight.

Oh, for a word from that mouth,
As pure as the snow,
Oh, for one tear, for one smile,
From her, ere I go!

—RICHARD LINCOLN.

The Household.

Buttermilk for Freckles.

There is nothing that equals fresh buttermilk for removing tan, freckles, sunburn or moth spots, says *The Ladies' Home Journal*. It has the great advantage that it does not injure the skin, but renders it soft, like a little child's. Take a soft cloth or sponge and bathe the face, neck and arms thoroughly with buttermilk before retiring for the night; then wipe off the drops lightly. In the morning wash it thoroughly and wipe dry with a crash towel. Two or three such baths will take off all the tan and freckles. It will keep the hands soft and smooth.

How to Wash Colored Dresses.

Nothing spoils colored fabrics so much as to begin them and let them remain waiting for a convenient season to be finished. After being once wetted they should be rinsed and dried as quickly as possible, otherwise the colors will run. Everything that is hot should be avoided also. They should not be washed in hot water; they should never be boiled; they should never be dipped into hot starch; they should not be ironed with a hot iron, and they should be hung to dry, not in the sun, but in the shade. A cloudy day when there is a slight breeze, is the best day of a day for drying colored goods. Soda and all chemical washing compounds should scrupulously be avoided. Soap must not be rubbed on them. Wash quickly in two soapy waters, and rinse in clear, cold water. Colored dresses should always be hung to dry with the inside outwards. Salt, alum, ammonia and ox gall may be used to "set" the color; but with good materials carefully washed in this manner no such aid is necessary.—*Cassell's Family Magazine*.

I like a new hat. I am still enough of a girl for that, and I like to see the girls in their pretty new hats; but I want to say this to them: Don't get a hat that is too fine for your frocks. Don't spend all your money in elaborate laces and plumes and jets, when a simple little turban, made of cloth like your frock, or a black felt trimmed in shape to your face, and trimmed with a wing or two, or some loops of ribbon, will not only be becoming, but will stand the winter's wear, and, by being brushed often, look almost as good as new.—*Mrs. Mallon, in The Ladies Home Journal*.

Have large, strong bags to put the dirty clothes in as you take them off. The bags should be of substantial brown linen or ticking, with a string of strong tape sewed to the side seam, a little below the hem at the top. If the clothes are left lying loose in the bottom of the closet, they may be injured by mice or roaches.

Strawberry, Raspberry and Pineapple Water-Ice.—Sweeten the water, put it into the freezing can, then mash and stir the berries or grate the pineapple, press the juice out through muslin, add to the water in the can, sweeten again to taste, and freeze; allow a quart and a half of berries to each quart of water, and a large pineapple to two quarts.—*St. Louis Republic*.

Letters from the Laity.

Mrs. E. Bell, Morgan City, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference has been held. Also a grand jubilee on the Tuesday night following for the benefit of education. Our Presiding Elder and his charming wife were present. During Mrs. Landry's stay here she made many warm friends.

Mrs. H. R. Russell, Seguin, Newton county, Ga.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held by Presiding Elder Alston. There are 3 Sunday schools and 280 scholars. The elder preached a grand sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to 121.

Alfred Ward, New Iberia, La.

We are moving along nicely with our church work. Our pastor, Rev. W. B. Anderson, is the right man in the right place, and the whole membership love him. Some one joins our church nearly every time we have service. We are laboring hard to raise our benevolent collections.

Sister E. A. Lacey, of Slaughter, La., received many handsome presents and the hearty congratulations of her friends, on her birthday, Oct. 7th.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me to enquire for my grandmother. My mother left her in Mississippi. Master Conrad Stevens died and the slaves were divided among the children. Sam Stevens had the baby. Her name is Ellen Stevens. Any one having information will please address Taker Tatums, Lockwick, Marion county, Texas.

Mr. Editor: Permit me to enquire for my son, A. E. Scruggs, age 19 years. He left us Dec. 2, 1890, and went to the Black Hills in South Dakota. He left Central Tennessee College last January and went to Little Rock, Ark., then to Chicago, and then to Nebraska. His father and mother are anxious to hear from him. Address A. S. Scruggs, 212 W. 9th street, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Editor: We belonged to Bob Moore, who lived on High-tower river in Cherokee county, Ga. Father was Lon and mother Mary Moore. Sisters, Millie, Jane, Amanda and Fanny. Brothers, Andy, Benson and Wiley. Millie belonged to Jim Harben, Jane to Ben Straint, Fannie to our young mistress, who married Bill Dawson. Bob Moore sold me to Jno. R. Ganit. He sold me and my husband Harrison to Wm. O. Bell, who brought us to Texas. Harrison is dead, and I have married Jacob Blackwell. Any one knowing them will kindly address Olara Blackwell, care of Rev. B. I. Adams, Tyson, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I lost my people in Atlanta, Ga. We belonged to a widow King, who married a Mr. Bolds. We were then divided among the children. Martha, brother and I fell to Sam King. Mother's name was Isabella and father's John Harper. Brothers were Jim, Lee and Barton. Sisters, Epphie and Emma. Sam King sold us to old Benben Harrington. He brought us to Texas, where he sold us to Hazard Anderson. If any one knows of any of them, please write to Rebecca Anderson, care of Rev. B. I. Adams, Tyson, Tex.

Mr. Editor: Mrs. Lila Penny, of Greensboro, N. C., is anxious to find her son, separated from her many years ago.

Our Symposium.

Home Life in Jail.

Meeting in a county prison a physician sentenced for two years for malpractice, the writer was as founded with this conversation. The prisoner was a man who had been noted for his enjoyment of the luxuries of existence. He said: "It is a great mistake you fellows make in thinking you are inflicting punishment when you send men here. I have been here a year, and can truly say I have enjoyed it so much that I shall not feel sorry if my pardon is not obtained. You see, it has been vacation, with just enough to do to amuse me. The novels in the prison library are entertaining, and I am very fond of dominoes and checkers, and find some first-rate players among them. Now it strikes me in this way, you have been accustomed to every luxury, how must it be to the poor devils who never have a square meal outside! Do you wonder that they flock by hundreds and thousands to the jails in winter! My only surprise is that you can keep any of them out at all."—William P. Andrews in the October Forum.

"They Say."

In dealing with rumors, the following rules may be of value:

1. Hold in suspense all rumors, especially evil ones, until traced to their origin or proved by sufficient evidence.
2. Don't spread a rumor unless you know it to be true, and not then, unless by so doing some good will be accomplished, or at least no harm will be done. Some one has suggested that a rumor be put through three sieves: First, is it true? second, is it kind? and thirdly, will it do any good to tell it?
3. Spread good news far and wide, as you would the sunshine.
4. Always believe the best, and discount all evil reports. Don't be a pessimist or a croaker.
5. Don't run after rumors, and especially in times of excitement, or you may find time for little else.
6. Don't worry about personal rumors, the truth will be known in time, and character counts in the long run.—*Evangelist*.

Let Negro preachers preach less of the "mysteries of the Kingdom," and discourse upon the duty of a man and the possibilities of existing more. Stop teaching our people to prepare for death by neglecting life.—*Meridian, Miss. Fairplay*.

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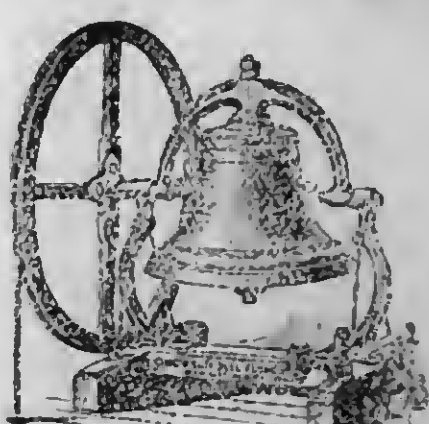
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Man is his own star, and the soul that
can
Render an honest and a perfect man
Commands all light, all influence, all
fate;
Nothing to him falls too early or too
late.
Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,
Our natal shadows that walk by us
still.

—John Fletcher.

THE new Edison Electric Motor, superior to anything now extant for the propulsion of city street cars, is about to be utilized on the Carrollton Railway in this city.

W. R. MORROW, Littig, Texas, contributes to our column an article on "Books and Reading," in which he gives valuable suggestions which we would have been glad to have given to our readers, but for the length and the crowded condition of our columns.

THE Chilean complications continue to disturb the relations of the United States to that country, and no solution has yet been reached. It is to be hoped however that the Chilean government will readily see the justice of the claims of our government, and pay the indemnity called for, in satisfaction of the massacre of our seamen by the police and others in the streets of Valparaiso.

THE joint anniversary of the Sunday School Union and of the Tract Society, will be held in Kansas City, Mo., from Friday, November 20th, to Monday, November 23rd. The speakers will be the Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., editor of the *Christian Advocate*; the Rev. Henry M. Butts, D. D., president Drew Seminary; the Rev. J. M. Caldwell, D. D., of Chicago; the Rev. J. F. Berry, D. D., editor of the *Epworth Herald*; the Rev. J. C. Davison, of Japan; Dr. J. M. Free man, and Dr. J. C. W. Cox.

A GLANCE over the spring plan of episcopal visitations exhibits the fact that Bishops Foster, Nide, Merrill, Hurst, Newman, Vincent, Walden and Mallalien, are to hold our Southern conferences. They have all, at one time or another, most strikingly manifested their deep interest in our work in this section, and our people look forward with joyful anticipation to the pleasure of having them to preside over the next session of their conferences. This is especially true of Bishop Mallalien, whose residence among us during the past two quadrenniums has been such a source of grand and glorious results. In the name of all our people we most cordially and heartily welcome them.

Ecumenical Conference.

The great Ecumenical Methodist Conference at Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., Oct. 7-20, has come and gone, and left impressions which will shape the future for unborn millions. It was composed as follows:

EASTERN SECTION—Wesleyan Methodist, 76; Irish Methodist, 12; New Connection, 12; Primitive, 30; Bible Christian, 10; United Methodist, 21; French, 2; Australian, 9; Independent, 2; Wesleyan Reform, 4; South Africa, 1; West Indies, 2. Total, 181.

WESTERN SECTION.

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British M. E. Church.....	3
Independent Methodist Church.....	2
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Total.....	295

Total membership, 486. They represented the following constituencies:

EASTERN SECTION—Europe: Ministers, 4,431; members, 915,284; adherents, 4,209,691. **Asia:** Ministers, 538; members, 34,334; adherents, 114,968. **Africa:** Ministers, 294; members, 71,147; adherents, 233,376. **Australasia and Polynesia:** Ministers, 788; members, 93,140; adherents, 488,183. **Totals for Eastern Section—Ministers, 6,094; members, 1,113,905; adherents, 5,096,128.**

Western Section—Ministers, 36,601; members, 5,380,494; adherents, 20,281,976.

Grand totals—Ministers, 42,695; members, 6,494,399; adherents, 25,378,104.

In the well diversified and rich program rendered were especially to be noted the following:

Sermon: Rev. William Arthur, M. A. Celebration Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Addresses of Welcome: Rev. Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church. Jas. H. Carlisle, LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church South. Rev. George Douglass, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Church of Canada.

Responses: Rev. T. B. Stephenson, D. D., LL. D., President Wesleyan Methodist Conference. William Beckwith, Esq., J. P., Primitive Methodist Church. Rev. B. Abercrombie, M. A., United Methodist Free Church. The Present Status of Methodism in the Western Section, Rev. Bishop Charles H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church. First Address, Rev. Bishop C. B. Galloway, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church South. Second Address, Rev. William Briggs, D. D., Methodist Church in Canada. Third Address, Rev. Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Christian Unity, Rev. T. G. Selby, Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. A. S. Hunt, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Thomas Mitchell, Primitive Methodist Church. Christian Cooperation, Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church South. Rev. W. Redfern, United Methodist Free Church. Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Methodist Protestant Church. Rev. James Le Huray, Methodist New Connection Church.

The Influence of Modern Scientific Progress on Religious Thought, Perry W. Bunting, Esq., M. A., Editor *The Contemporary Review*, Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Attitude of the Church Toward the Various Phases of Unbelief, Rev. M. S. Terry, D. D., Methodist

Episcopal Church. The Bible and Modern Criticism, Rev. W. T. Davison, M. A., Tutor in Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Richmond College, Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Memorial Sermon on John Wesley, Rev. Bishop J. P. Newman, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Responsibility and Qualifications of the Preacher, Rev. Bishop R. H. Foster, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. William Howard Day, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The Religious Press and the Religious Uses of the Secular Press, Rev. H. P. Hughes, M. A., of the London Mission, Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Place and Power of Lay Agency in the Church, Rev. James Travis, General Missionary Secretary, Primitive Methodist Church. The Deaconess Movement, Rev. M. D. C. Crawford, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church. Woman's Work in the Church, Rev. Berj. St. James Fry, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Sunday-school, Hon. John Evans, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Temperance, Rev. R. H. Mahon, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church South. Legal Prohibition of the Saloon, Rev. C. H. Phillips, D. D., Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

Christian Work in Agricultural Districts, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church. Missions in Christian Lands, A. B. Leonard, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. C. N. Grandison, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

Legal Restraint on the Vices of Society, Hon. B. W. B. Hill, Methodist Episcopal Church South. Marriage and Divorce Laws, Hon. Hiram L. Sibley, Methodist Episcopal Church. The Lord's Day, Rev. T. G. Steward, D. D., African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop C. D. Foss, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

Christian Resources of the Old World, Rev. J. S. Simon, Wesleyan Methodist Church. The Church of the Future, Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., LL. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

General Conference Delegates.

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Echoes From the Ecumenical Conference.

In the course of this address on "Christian work in Agricultural Districts," after treating in a masterly manner our work among both races in the South; made this telling remark in reference to organic union:

He said he was glad that the Methodist were coming together in Canada, but he thought it would be better if they would now unite the whites and blacks in Canada in one Methodism, and they would lead the world in the matter of union. He recommended a return to the circuit system, and a more generalization of the laymen. The triumphant test of Christianity would be to reach the last man on the outer rim of the world.

Bishop Foss regarded the question of amusements as being appropriate among the great topics of the conference. He recognized the need of amusements, cordially approved them when harmless and noninjurious, condemned demoralizing amusements, believed in the utilization of home as the world's great pleasure garden, and in the leading of Christian men and women into such religious activity as to occupy their minds, and so polarize their hearts against debasing amusements. He favored the Christian standard based on the New Testament, which allowed large personal liberty, and at the same time enjoined certain things, including a surrendering of per-

sonal liberty for the general good. Finally, he inveighed against those diversions which could not be enjoyed in the name of Christ.

Bishop Hurst's address of welcome and of farewell to the Ecumenical Conference were highly commented upon as masterpieces of Christian eloquence. He welcomed the delegates in three languages—English, French and German.

Church Polity.

Question. 1. Is it right for a Presiding Elder to go to any charge and tell the people that the pastor should get them in order to have success on his work?

Q. 2. Is it right for a Presiding Elder to tell the preacher that he must go from house to house and joke and play with the members in order to have success on his work?

Q. 3. When the Sunday school superintendent does not discharge his duty in the Sabbath school, whose place is it to take charge of the Sabbath school?

HOOSIER.

Answer. 1 and 2. The preacher in charge is not called to pet or play, nor crack jokes with anybody, but to visit from house to house and lead the people to Christ. No true Presiding Elder will give such advice to any people. We judge however that Bro. Hoosier has given only one side of these questions. While the preacher in charge is not to be "petting and joking" his people, he should not be everlastingly abusing and quarrelling with them. This is probably what the elder meant when speaking against the pastor's present demeanor. Now, wasn't it?

A. 3. When the Sunday school superintendent fails in his duty, the preacher in charge is in duty bound to take care of the Sunday school himself until another superintendent is secured or the present one amends his ways. This, however, does not justify any capricious and unnecessary officious conduct on the part of a pastor, who wants to be superintendent, steward, class leader, trustee, and everything else in his church. There is always two sides to every such question.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

The corner stone laying and the changing of the name of LaHarpe Street Church to Scott Chinn M. E. Church, last Sunday, was a grand and solemnly impressive service. Rev. J. W. Hudson preached the corner stone sermon, and A. E. P. Albert, D. D., delivered the biographical address of the church and its founder, Father Scott Chinn. Presiding Elders Emperor Williams and Landry, Sunday School Agent Lyon, Revs. F. T. Chinn, Reese Thompson, of Franklin, and other brethren, were present and assisted Rev. A. J. Pickett, the pastor, in the services. The church was literally packed, so immense was the crowd. The collection was a very handsome one.

REFERRING to the National University at Washington, and the correspondence between Bishop Hurst and Dr. Meeks, as to whether Negroes of competent culture will be admitted, the *New York Independent*, says: "Of course they will be admitted, and we should not be surprised if Bishop Wilson (of the M. E. Church South) voted for them. That is an old and played out fight. Dr. Meeks would not like to see the Negroes rejected, and then have them go over to the Catholic University." We don't know. The tone in his talk is such as to lead us to think that he expects a separate heaven to be provided for the Negro, so as to keep him out of social reach of his white brother.

Letters from the Districts.

Program for the Yazoo River District Conference.

To be held at Crawford, Miss.
To preach the opening sermon, C. P. Head.
Missionary sermon, F. G. Wilbon.
Origin of sin, A. McBeth.
Intemperance, Wm. Bell.
How to build churches, D. A. Bragg.
Rule for trying members, D. L. Tibbs.
Panotnality, M. Lockman.
Sunday school work, D. Green.
How to succeed in pastoral work, S. R. Gipson.
The holy Trinity, J. W. Winbush.
The origin of the M. E. Church, S. H. Nevils.
Infant baptism, J. M. Nevils.
Manner of receiving members into the church, R. Hays.
Causes of the divisions in the Methodist Church, A. W. Wright.
Romanism, L. F. White.
Duty of the church to superannuated preachers, L. L. Shumpert.
Need of an educated ministry, L. W. Washington.
Rebuilding of Rust Hall, W. S. Leake.
Home mission work, G. F. Leatherwood.
SOUTHWESTERN, A. Lemmons.
Local preachers' duty, W. T. Wright.
Committee: A. W. Wright, D. Green, F. G. Wilbon.
Baton Rouge District.—Notes on the Fourth Round.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

The work of a gospel minister is ordered of the Lord. For that reason Satan busies himself to thwart the plans of God's servants and impede the progress of the good work. But facing the enemies of the Cross with faith and confidence, the preachers on this district have braved every opposition to push forward the work of the Redeemer's kingdom. The result has been the conversion of a goodly number of precious souls, the increase, improvement and development of the Sunday school work, building and improvement in church property, and an outlook for an increase in all directions in benevolent collections. Merrill Chapel is near the line of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and a few miles within the territory of the latter. The fourth round has begun here. Bro. J. Benn has been an acceptable pastor to these people for one year. He has had difficulties to encounter, but is a true and faithful servant of Christ. The quarterly meeting was a delightful one.

New Roads is in a beautiful section of country on False River. Here is where the next meeting was held, with the assistance of Bro. A. A. Lacey, of Slaughter, who did us good service.

Bro. R. Turner is always cheerful and is doing well.

Bro. H. C. Gair has had a good year at Letsworth. He is a true minister of the gospel.

The church at Red River Landing has enjoyed a year of great prosperity under the pastorate of Bro. R. J. Thomas. While others have had conversions, Bro. Thomas has excelled them all in these parts, having had 42. He has also raised all the apportionments for benevolent collections.

Sumner Chapel, though some distance from any M. E. Church, is filling an important place, and bids fair for much future usefulness to Methodism. Aro. G. J. Rogers is the experienced and zealous pastor, who has done well this year. Bro. Adolph Sumner, who gave the site and contributed largely to the erection of the building, during Bro. Priestley's presiding eldership, and after whom the church takes its name, is the leading and most important member. He is a man of means, being the owner of two plantations, valued at not less than \$8000. His less fortunate and weaker brethren find in him a friend ready to help the needy.

Bro. Sumner's sunny face gives you a welcome to his "latch string" which is always out—before he utters the word.

We have but little at Melville, but Bro. W. E. Hill promises to try to increase it before conference.

Bro. J. H. Rylander has been serving the people at Wiley Chapel three years, and is much respected and beloved.

Musson and Shiloh have been pastored by Bro. D. G. Pharris, with whom the people are highly pleased. He is closing up the year in good shape.

Bro. E. P. Harris, pastor at Hartzell Chapel, sustains the reputation of a good preacher and pastor. The people he serves know this and are loud in asking his return. He is planning to build a new parsonage.

Plaquemine is a growing place, and Hurst Chapel, our church here, is destined to be one of the best on the district. Bro. J. D. Pool, the pastor, is active and full of plans and work. He proposes to remodel and improve the church, and has part of the money on hand for that purpose. The people and pastor are mutually satisfied.

We have nothing at Indian Valley, but Bro. S. Williams is trying to secure a lot of ground.

Bro. Jos. Jones is loved by the people at Bayou Goula. He has had a good year, and will close up well.

More as other places are visited.

Huntsville District, Texas Conference.

W. L. DUNCAN.

Met in Thomas Chapel, Willis, Tex., Oct. 7, Rev. F. Parker presiding.

W. L. Duncan was elected secretary; L. J. Hogan and S. H. Grant assistants.

The conference resolved to observe temperance in all its forms, as recommended by the Discipline; and that no one will be licensed to preach who will not wholly abstain from the use of tobacco.

All local preachers and exhorters who expect to continue as such, must read the SOUTHWESTERN (that is, subscribe and pay for it).

C. G. Curtis was elected conference treasurer.

A paper on "Justification" was read by A. Alexander, and discussed by the conference.

Revs. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder of the Navasota District, and James A. Featherston, were introduced to the conference.

The following papers were also read and ably discussed:

Regeneration, by E. Holliday.
The SOUTHWESTERN, H. Dickson.

Church Extension, L. J. Hogan.
Sanctification, L. Felder.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, W. L. Duncan.

How shall we revive the interest of our quarterly meeting occasions? Tobias Ward.

Home Missions, O. O. Adair.

Relation of the benevolences to the growth of the Church, C. G. Curtis.

The relation of the church to the laboring classes, S. H. Grant.

The Presiding Elder, pastors, and other members of the conference, made good reports, which showed great prosperity.

During our pleasant stay in the town of Willis the good old SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. Some cash subscribers were taken.

Sunday was a blessed day. Love feast at 9 a. m., conducted by Revs. H. Dickson and T. Ward.

W. L. Duncan preached at 11 a. m. At 3 p. m. Rev. Mr. Lafavey, of the M. E. Church South, preached. At night, S. H. Grant. S. Kelly preached the missionary sermon.

The different collections were sent off by C. G. Curtis.

Local preachers and exhorters were assigned to work by the different pastors.

The conference pledged to stand nearer the SOUTHWESTERN than ever.

Collection during conference, \$60. The brethren are going to give the Presiding Elder a nice present.

Many thanks and good words were given to the people of Willis and the good pastor, C. G. Curtis, for good treatment.

Sunday School Convention.

S. S. ROGERS.

The Shreveport District Sunday School convention passed off nicely. Rev. E. Lyon, A. M., Sunday School Agent, opened the meeting and explained the object of the convention, after which Mrs. M. J. Wilson, of this city, made the welcome address.

The convention accomplished much good in the upbuilding of Sunday school work. Collection, \$25.75.

Papers on different subjects were read.

On Sunday night Brother Lyon preached a grand sermon to a crowded house.

Program: Nashville District, Tennessee Conference.

To be held at Tallahoma, Tenn., Dec. 2, 9:30 a. m.

Opening sermon by Rev. P. R. Woodson.

Missionary sermon, J. W. Hall. The benefit of a district Theological Institute, J. P. Price, Presiding Elder.

Adoption, G. C. Harden. Original sin, J. C. Wade. Shall children be baptized? If so, why? J. B. Sumnerhill.

Free will, J. W. Hall. Good works, E. F. Douglass.

Pastoral visiting, J. D. Davison. Method and manner of preaching, J. R. Reasonover.

Duty of a pastor, T. Allen. Duty and work of a steward, J. W. Richmond.

Duty of class leaders, P. R. Woodson.

The Lord's Supper, Jas. Pickett. How to pastor a church successfully, S. Knight.

The resurrection of Christ, W. Ellison.

Sin after justification, W. H. Vaughn.

How to try preachers, W. B. Denney, M. D.

Purgatory, O. B. Wilson.

The rites and ceremonies of the church, Dr. J. Braden.

Saving faith, W. Lillard.

Local preachers, exhorters and other members of the conference are requested to select their own subjects, and to be ready to discuss them when called for.

Committee: J. P. Price, Presiding Elder, G. C. Harden, P. R. Woodson.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

B. H. S. Ferguson, Holly Springs, Miss.

As it is well known, Holly Springs is the educational centre for the State of Mississippi, and partly so for some of the adjoining states. We were assigned here in 1889, and under feelings of sadness came and entered upon the duties of a pastor so far as I knew how. We had heard so much of the place being a hard one that naturally we expected to find it so, but trusting God, we expected to stay. We began immediately collecting money to build a new church, which was much needed, and though we had a hard struggle, we went forward and are now holding services in the new (though incomplete) building. The 27th of September was rally day, at which time we collected \$125 in cash and subscriptions to upwards of \$150. On Oct. 14 we laid the corner stone of new Asbury M. E. Church. The services were conducted by Dr. Revels, Presiding Elder, assisted by Rev. Mr. Miller, president of the State Normal School, and Rev. Mr. Honnoll, pastor M. E. Church South and principal of Malone Institute. Collection, \$72.55 cash. The white friends contributed liberally, among them

Dr. Malone contributing \$20, Dr. Libby \$25, and Mr. L. H. Johnson \$10. Rev. Mr. Miller delivered a short but grand and appropriate address. Mr. Monnoll followed with another, in which he referred to 22 years ago, when passing through Holly Springs, there was "a little revival going on." Several of our standard bearers of the church were converted then. Oct. 25th was the day set apart for "class leaders' rally" for first place in rank of leadership, and every leader was trying to come out ahead. It resulted as follows: Class No. 1 (whose leader died a few days before), \$2.50; No. 2, R. W. Miller, \$11; No. 3, J. C. McGee, \$55.70; No. 4, Sarah Wilkins, \$21.75; No. 5, Foster Wilkins, \$6; No. 6, B. Bell, \$3; No. 7, Lou Bill, \$6.75; No. 8, E. H. McKissack, \$9.55; No. 9, "Asbury Volunteers," pastor, \$50.05. Total including public collection, \$220 cash. The Sunday school, under the superintendency of E. H. McKissack, collected \$15. We might well boast of having the best Sunday school in the State. At night Misses Addie Talbot, Ada Revelo and Fannie Phillips read essays pertaining to Sabbath school work. The pastor and Presiding Elder addressed the school. At 11 a. m. Rev. Dr. Libby preached an able sermon. At 3 p. m. the Presiding Elder preached a grand sermon, and at night the pastor.

Collections in one month's time, \$449. The faculty and scholars of Rust University are always our great help under such circumstances. We praise God for such a blessing as Rust University and its faculty. There was placed in the corner stone, one copy of the Bible by Mrs. Dr. Revels, one copy of "The House of Bondage," by Mrs. B. H. S. Ferguson, our church and college papers, etc.

J. C. Hibbler, Vicksburg, Miss.

We have closed a series of meetings which resulted in the conversion of 23 souls and 29 additions to the church. We have put gas lights in our church, at a cost of about \$70.

W. M. Kenzie, Williston, Texas.

The third Sunday in October was our rally day. We raised for the pastor and church \$134.40. Mrs. M. L. Liples was awarded the prize, she having raised the largest amount.

Red Oak and Longview Circuit, Texas.

Rev. J. Jordan, pastor, had a grand financial rally Sept. 27, in which many of the members and friends contributed from 25 cents to \$1 each towards the pastor's support.

Our people at Kendleton, Tex., have been having a good time of hard work. They commenced in June to build a church, and have completed one worth \$1600, with a debt remaining of less than \$50, and only \$200 help from the Church Extension Society. They have also purchased an \$80 bell of us. They are to be praised for their efforts. Rev. G. J. Izard is pastor.

Three hundred accessions on the Exprairie Circuit, Texas, where Bro. S. R. Gipson is in charge, is the result of revivals held this year. 175 were converts. All were baptized by pouring or sprinkling. All benevolent claims will be raised. A banner charge. Bro. Gipson says he was greatly aided by his local preachers.

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Books and Current Literature.

Littell's Living Age. The numbers of The Living Age for October 24th and 31st contain: The New Emperor and his New Chancellor, National Review; Modern Astronomy, Contemporary Review; Science and Society in the Fifties; Temple Bar; etc.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$3) is low; while for \$30.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with the Living Age for a year, both post paid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

The Antinatal number of the American Sabbath, the official organ of the American Sabbath Union, contains the addresses of Drs. Patton, Henson, Fernelly, Major-Gen. O. O. Howard and others, delivered at the late hearing before the National Commissioners of the World's Fair in Chicago. The number is full of valuable matter bearing upon the question of Sunday opening during the Exposition in 1893. Every citizen, every citizen, indeed, would do well to procure a copy. It can be obtained by enclosing 15-cents, and addressing The American Sabbath, 23 Park Row, New York.

By perusing the pages of the French Fashion Journal republished in English by A. McDowell & Co., 4 West 14th street, New York, it can readily be understood how they have become "the favorites" with Ladies. Issued in Paris by different publishers, they are the leading Fashion Journals of the "Old World." It is not, therefore, a matter for surprise that unbiased critics should have pronounced them the best Fashion Journals ever offered to the American public. La Mode de Paris and Album des Modes are rivals for the first place, single copies being 35 cents each, or \$3.50 per annum. La Mode, the Family Magazine, is only 15 cents a copy, or \$1.50 a year. Do not allow new agents to substitute inferior publications for these, which can be mailed to you from New York at the prices here given.

Harper's Magazine for November opens with a strikingly original Thanksgiving story, The Inn of the Good Woman, written by Elizabeth Butterworth, and appropriately illustrated by W. T. Smedley. An appreciative paper, with portraits and illustrations, on the character and career of the famous Confederate General, Stonewall Jackson, is contributed by the Rev. Henry M. Field, D.D. The Treatment of Cancers and other Tumors is discussed in a brief popular article by Drs. B. Farquhar Curtis and William T. Bull. Charles Dudley Warner opens the Editor's Drawer with some pleasant allusions to the "tall girl," and the tendency of the new generation towards unusual height and gracious slimmness.

The A. M. E. Church Review (quarterly) for October has a well diversified table of contents that fully sustains its well earned reputation for scholarship and special interest. Single copy, price 40c. Per year, \$1.50. A. M. E. Publishing House, 631 Pine street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Forum, which month after month usually has discussions of the most important subjects that engage the public attention, comes for November with a thorough review of the politics and the armies of Europe, which consist of two leading articles: one, Dangers to the Peace of Europe, by Prof. Edward A. Freeman, the eminent historian, the other is, The Armed Truce of Europe, by Mr. William R. Thayer, the well-known American student of foreign affairs, who has made a fresh study of the subject in Europe. Political articles

of a domestic sort are, The Degradation of Pennsylvania Politics, by Mr. Herbert Welsh of Philadelphia. Mr. Josiah Quincy of Massachusetts, explains the interesting act of the Massachusetts Legislature regarding the lobby. Judge Charles S. Zane, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah, explains how the Edmunds law has killed polygamy in the Territory. Another article somewhat of a political nature is an instructive review by Mr. Charles H. Cramp, the celebrated shipbuilder, on the rise of American shipbuilding and the chance for commercial supremacy. Likewise, the danger that the Farmers' Alliance is in of losing its original purpose, and becoming a mischievous organization, is pointed out from a friendly point of view by Senator Morgan of Alabama. Other articles of interest in this number are, The Profit of Good Country Roads, by Mr. Isaac B. Potter, secretary of the New York State Roads Improvement Association. A description of English University Life for Women, by Miss Clough, principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, Eng.; and a forecast of the Commercial Future of the Pacific States, by Captain William L. Merry, formerly secretary of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The first number of the Nineteenth Volume of St. Nicholas contains the beginning of a serial for boys, by Brander Matthews. It is called Tom Pudding, and deals with the search of a New York boy for buried treasure in the upper part of Manhattan Island. Local color is given in the first chapter by the bright flames of an election-night fire. This is Mr. Matthews' first venture in writing a long story for the young.

The Century has just "come of age," and in its November number begins its twenty-second year with some notable "features." The Century will soon print a series of letters by Gen. W. T. Sherman, written in 1866, setting forth his view of the same events, and giving his view for opposing the work of the committee. Prof. Wilbur Fisk, Tillet, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, writes upon Southern Womanhood as Affected by the War, in the course of which he quotes letters from half a dozen representative Southern women in response to a number of questions addressed by him to them on this subject.

Primitive Paths in Prophecy, prophetic addresses given at the Brooklyn Conference of the Baptist Society for Bible Study, edited by Geo. C. Needham, is a work of great value, which calls the reader from his own notions of Bible truths to the ever supreme "Thus saith the Lord." The addresses were delivered by prominent ministers of the Baptist denomination. Chicago: Gospel Publication Co., 10 Arcade Court.

Departed Gods. The Gods of Our Fathers, by Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh, Ph.D., D.D. This is one of Dr. Fradenburgh's best works. It is a concluding volume in a series which are treated in a popular way, and yet with great thoroughness, the great religions of the world, both living and extinct. The work must be seen and read to be appreciated as it deserves. Price, \$1.20. Cincinnati: Crans-ton & Stowe. New York: Hunt & Eaton.

We have received the great sermon preached by the Rev. Thos. H. Pearne, D.D., before the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, entitled, Fifty Years in the Itinerary. It is a production worthy the great "master of assemblies," from whom it emanates. Cincinnati: Western Methodist Book Concern.

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Lastly, I would say a word on

So, then, in proportion as our understandings are opened to understand the Scriptures, in so far as we know Christ in the fellowship of his sufferings and in the power of his resurrection, and in the degree in which we "receive power" from the pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit—in that same proportion shall we strive to preach the Gospel "among all nations," and be witnesses of Jesus "to the uttermost part of the earth."

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The Election of a Colored Bishop.

This question has been discussed with perfect freedom and remarkable coolness by many of our most thoughtful, faithful and loyal ministers of both races, in our territory, for several months; and we doubt not that before the sitting of the General Conference next May, others will insist upon getting a hearing through our columns upon the same subject.

Thus far, the discussion has been practically unanimous, in the expression of the faith that the election of the right kind of a man, of African descent, to the Episcopal office in our church, would prove of immense benefit to the whole church, and especially to our colored work. That such would be the case scarcely admits of a question from any source. The *West ern*, the *California* and the *Northwestern Advocates*, the *Epworth Herald*, and several other of our papers, have practically admitted this much, and have admitted, too, the perfectly logical foundation of this "modest request;" while even our good friend Dr. Potts expresses readiness to consider the question, whenever a man, whom the church might deem worthy and well qualified, appears within the range of his telescopic vision.

Indeed, it is this possibility, yes, probability, that retards the crystallization of more vigorous efforts toward the organic union of our Methodism with that of the Church South. We are "the ebony wedge," the insuperable barrier. The Church South will not in this generation consent to organic union with us, so long as the Methodist Episcopal Church recognizes the Negro as a man, and upon terms of perfect equality, as she does; and there are men and women in our church to-day that would suffer their right arms to be cut off rather than consent to repudiate that principle. The election of a man of African descent in the Methodist Episcopal Church is written among the moral certainties of the future. How early in the future we dare not predict, but it is in the very logic of events, and will come, unless we frustrate present necessary premises by our own rashness.

Let the race churches, separated by imaginary lines, enter into organic union among themselves if they so desire; but our people do not believe in race churches. We go in for the unity of only one race, and that the human race, especially in ecclesiastical matters. Let the church ever be the nearest visible picture of heaven. Let our people continue to discuss, like intelligent men, the great question that they deem of importance to the greater development of the work among them; but let them guard against any spirit of impatience or restlessness as to immediate results. "Time," as Bishop Newman remarks, upon other important matters, "is an essential element." With her schools, colleges, universities, and her multiplied agencies among us, the great church to which we belong is fitting the men and women that will demand and command, by their towering superior qualifications, the honor and preferments that any other race enjoys in any church on the footstool. Prepare, discuss, wait; "let patience have her perfect work;" and the future, remote or immediate, will prove the correctness of our prediction.

The N. Y. *Independent*, in its anxiety for the organic union of the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, cries out:

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will not leave the old Church, she is not ready to renounce her righteous principle in the premises; and the Church South has not sufficiently grown in grace to accept our standard; neither can our Church afford to backslide upon common grounds with our brethren of the Church South in this matter. Hence the impossibility of union for still another generation. This is the "profound philosophy" of the whole matter.

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THE present state of Europe suggests to the thoughtful man scores of questions which the ordinary student of foreign politics finds it hard to answer. Why has Italy allied herself with her old enemy, Austria? Why does Russia threaten the peace of Europe? Why are France and Germany hereditary enemies? What is the exact status of Turkey in European affairs? Why is war said to be imminent? and where and how is it most likely to break out? All these questions are answered in the November *Forum* by Edward A. Freeman, the imminent English historian, than whom no one probably is better qualified to discuss them. Incidentally he throws interesting light on the foreign policies of Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury, and the efforts of interested parties to embroil England in continental quarrels.

THE practice of working convicts in work such as properly belong to free citizens for a livelihood is just now bearing its legitimate fruit at Briceville, Tennessee, where the populace have arisen in a mob, liberated the convicts, given them citizens clothes and bade them escape. The Governor has offered a large reward for the arrest and conviction of the leaders of the mob, and also liberal reward for the arrest and conviction of all participants in the riot that resulted in the burning of the stockade and release of the convicts. The convicts were employed in the mines in that section. The matter has created great excitement, and the outcome is looked forward to with interest. The failure of the Legislature to adjust the difficulty is the foundation of the present lawlessness in the mountains, and the public are indignant in their expressions.

Children's Day Collections Wanted.

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Articles in the *Epworth Herald*.

Political Review.

Tuesday, November 3rd, elections for various State officers were held in the States of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Massachusetts, Iowa, Maryland, Illinois, Mississippi, Michigan and New Jersey.

The Republicans were successful in Michigan, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Colorado, South Dakota, and secured the Legislatures of New York, Massachusetts and Iowa. It was a great day for the Republicans.

Pennsylvania swung back into the Republican column with one of her old time majorities; Kansas repudiated her Farmers' Alliance heresies, and followed suit, while the others named above did the same.

In Massachusetts, the personal popularity of Gov. Russell, Democrat, secured his re-election, while the balance of the Republican State ticket was elected, with a Legislature of the same faith.

In New York, Tammany and Mr. Flowers "barrel" prevailed over Mr. Fassett, Republican, for Governor. The Legislature however is claimed by the Republicans. Gov. Boies, Democrat, re-election in Iowa was largely due to the fact that he was the candidate of the "saloons," which was determined to elect him. The only State wherein the election was carried almost exclusively upon national issues, was Ohio, where Major, William McKinley representing the national policy of the Republican party, upon the questions of honest election by national protection, protective tariff and an honest dollar, was elected over Gov. Campbell by 25,000 plurality. This is prophetic of victory for the Republicans in the Presidential election next year; and places McKinley in the foremost rank among Presidential possibilities. The Legislature being composed of 43 Republican majority on joint ballot, insures the election of a Republican to succeed John Sherman. Foraker and Sherman are now the most prominently mentioned. While we think it due to the nation as well as to Senator Sherman that he be re-elected; it would be a splendid thing for the Legislature to elect both of them; Senator Sherman as his own successor, and Gov. Foraker, in place of Brice, of New York, (a non-resident), whom the Democratic Legislature of Ohio elected as Senator for Ohio some months before.

Personal.

—Rev. Nelson Burton, Palmetto, La., kindly remembered the editor with a fat Thanksgiving turkey Thanks.

—News comes from Waynesboro, Miss., that Bro. Richard Hough, had his thigh broken on Oct. 16. He has the sympathy of many friends.

—Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, left last Friday evening for points in Iowa and Wisconsin, in the interest of the cause he represents. He will be gone about four weeks.

—Rev. William Arthur, who preached the opening sermon at the Ecumenical Conference, is the oldest member of the Wesleyan Conference.

—Bishop Newman's memorial sermon on John Wesley, was the great effort of his life. It was worthy of the charming pulpit orator and of the character he portrayed.

—Presiding Elders Landry and Marshall were in the city last week. They reported the work on their district in splendid shape. They are now in the midst of their fourth round.

—Our people will rejoice to learn that Bishop Vincent, who has gone to Europe for his health, is slowly but steadily recovering.

—We were glad to grasp Bishop and Mrs. Walden's hands at the Ecumenical Conference, after their long sojourn in Europe, where the

bishop has been holding conferences.

—Bishop Goodsell has returned from China, and is in excellent health. He has gained several pounds in flesh, notwithstanding his constant and onerous labors, and is full of missionary tidings fresh from the field.

—Rev. Allen Luster, of Woodlawn, La., was in the city last week and made a pleasant call.

—O. W. Sterry, Esq., a trustee of New Orleans University, and one of our best friends, whose winter residence is in this city, but who remains the balance of the year in Illinois, was in to see us from Pontiac, Ill., last week. He was looking the picture of health, and exhibited his accustomed interest in every feature of our work.

—Rev. Reese Thompson of Franklin, is in rather feeble health, and has come to this city for special treatment. We hope he will be greatly benefitted.

—Rev. Frank Harvey, of Central, called last Monday, and reports great prosperity in his charge. They have had over 100 conversions, and made \$400 of improvements on the church this year. Good!

—A telegram from Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, informs us that Mrs. Shallowhorne is very sick, at her home in Donaldsonville. We prayerfully hope for her recovery.

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

Rev. C. C. Robertson of Rock Hill, S. C., sent twelve subscribers, and Rev. W. McDonald of Mississippi, sent twenty cash subscribers in the month of October.

WILLOW, La., Nov. 3.

I received my machine to-day and was glad. Found it all right. There are three or four more who say they are going to send for one as soon as they can. ROLIN CHAPMAN.

This machine came to New Orleans by rail, then went up the river to a plantation landing, but it "got there" all the same, as they all do, though occasionally one is delayed a little on the road. Nearly 200 have been furnished in this way by us. All have been received and all give satisfaction.

In his excellent paper on the relation of the day school teacher to the Sunday school, read before the Shreveport District Sunday School Convention, Bro. S. S. Rogers showed plainly how such teachers can enlarge their usefulness if they will but enter fully into the aid of the Sunday school work in their neighborhoods.

LEAVE to the hidden providence of God whatever you find troublesome, and believe firmly that he who watches over all his creatures will take a loving care of you, of your life and of all your affairs. Drive from your imagination whatever annoys you; think no more of that which will happen to-morrow; for the same eternal Father who has care for you to-day will watch over you to-morrow and always. If he sends you trials or afflictions he will give you invincible courage to bear them. Grasp firmly the hand of his providence and he will ever lovingly bear you up. Where you cannot walk he will carry you. It is the privilege of his children to claim his protection in times of trial and danger. What should you fear, since you belong to a God who has assured you that, to those who love him, everything turns eventually to their greater happiness?—Selected.

Reproducing an editorial of ours denouncing the lottery, the *Southwestern Presbyterian* says: We are glad to see that the religious organs of our colored people, who have the domicile in our city—the *SOUTHWESTERN* (Methodist) and the *Christian Herald* (Baptist)—are openly opposed to the continuance of this pernicious institution, from whose demoralizing and impoverishing influence no race are greater sufferers than theirs.

We regret to learn that some of the officials of Centenary Church, Memphis, Tenn., have arisen in arms against the pastor, Rev. C. L. Seward, appointed there by Bishop Goodsell at the recent session of the Tennessee conference; and denied him admittance to the pulpit. This is rebellious in the extreme, and deserves the most summary action on the part of the authorities of the church. Every Methodist pulpit in Methodism, white or black, is subject to episcopal appointment annually, and no man or set of men can prevent his occupancy of the same. The civil authorities will strictly enforce this claim, and the men that countenance or participate in such action make themselves liable to civil and criminal prosecution. We regret to notice such disloyalty on the part of some in whose loyalty we have hitherto reposed the most unlimited confidence; and trust that everything will soon be satisfactorily adjusted. Take your discipline as your guide and you will never err in such matters.

GOVERNOR Tilman, of South Carolina, has set his face against the lynch and mob law. He recently called out the Morgan Rifles to protect the black man who shot the mayor of Spartanburg, and laid down the following mandatory law for the guidance of the sheriffs: "It may be as well understood once for all in South Carolina that the law must be enforced and that sheriffs, instead of dodging real or imaginary mobs, must defend the prisoners with their lives if necessary. If an officer of the law can not protect a prisoner, then he has no business to arrest him, and the prisoner once arrested must be safe from molestation of any authority except that of the courts."

When South Carolina and Texas come out thus against mob law as Gov. Hogg did a few days ago, there is room for hope in the Negro's future in the South. Let us keep our trust in God and continue to demonstrate our worth and manhood.

The Epworth League was given a tremendous uplift by the Ecumenical Conference. Let all our people join it.

Books and Current Literature

Living Thoughts of John Wesley, a comprehensive selection of the living thoughts of the founder of Methodism, as contained in his miscellaneous works, by Rev. James H. Potts, D.D., has recently been published by our Book Concern. In this work Dr. Potts has rendered incalculable service to the Church. As he justly says in his preface, "Everything that Mr. Wesley wrote is worth reading," but since it is next to impossible for the average reader to read all of Wesley's works, it was a happy thought which led Dr. Potts to cull from the rich mines of his many works the many choice gems which he has here gathered into one volume. No Methodist preacher's library is complete without it, and every layman, as well as minister, of whatever church, would be greatly benefitted by its possession. A moment's notice of this great book is sufficient to convince any one that the selections were made by an experienced master's hand. The essentials of what Mr. Wesley really wrote are nearly all compacted together in this one handy volume of 562 pages. Price \$2. New York: Hunt & Eaton; Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe.

The King's Messenger, by Emily Huntington Miller, is an interesting and instructive volume, with the most wholesome moral lesson. Price, 90 cents. New York, Hunt & Eaton; Cincinnati, Cranston & Stowe.

"My son," said a preacher to his nine year old boy, "I wish you would always, if possible, select, as your most intimate companion, a boy that is above yourself, so that you may be made better by his association with you." After a little thought the boy replied: "Well, how about the other boy?"—Selected.

DAILY BREAD.

Afflictions are not only to be endured, but to be considered, that good may come from them. They have their purposes in the economy of life.

1. They quicken our sympathies and promote a fellow feeling.

2. They tend to wean us from this fading world.

3. They humble our pride and bring us to a sense of our real dependence.

4. They remind us of the source of all our blessings, and cause us to lament our ingratitude. Adversity has taught many a man to think of the former days of his better life and repent the follies of his wicked career.

"Afflictions, though they seem severe, In mercy oft are sent;
They stopped the prodigal's career,
And caused him to repent."

—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Children should be taken to church once every Sunday, not more until they are old enough to desire it. The habit is invaluable, and this invests it with the charm of association. The remembrance of the father's reverent manner and the mother's earnest devotion, the stillness and the calm of the sacred atmosphere, will form a chain too strong to be broken to bind them in the after life to the service of God's house.

—Elizabeth Scovil.

Keep up your spirits by thoughts. Enjoy the pleasant company of your best friends, but in all employments be temperate. Learn the art to be preferred before all others of being happy when alone—which consists in the encouragement of good hopes and rational pursuits—in leading an industrious life, and in having constantly before you some object of attainment. In your converse with the world be ever careful for the sake of peace, to speak ill of no one, treat your known enemy with civility and to shut your ears against evil reports of all kinds.—Stan dard.

If your hair is thinning and fading, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. It restores color and vitality.

Schools and Colleges.

The Cemetery Hill School of Montgomery, Ala., of which E. M. Jones is principal, opened its tenth session Oct. 5.

The school never had a better opening. The enrollment the first day was 343, and up to date, Oct. 28, 405 pupils have been enrolled. The indications are that 500 will apply for admission this school year.

The school is well graded—covering eight grades, and has a faculty of experienced and faithful teachers. The work is thorough, and the school has a prosperous outlook.

Montgomery is destined to lead the State in school facilities. There are a half a dozen schools in this city for colored youths, and prominent among them, is the great State Normal School, with Prof. W. B. Patterson, president. Montgomery will soon, not only boast of being the capital, but the "Athens of Alabama."

There are now about 2,000 colored children attending school in this city, and still they come. The educational fever is contagious and the colored people of this place have caught it.

E. M. J.

Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., under the presidency of Rev. C. N. Grandison, D.D., is enjoying a year of exceptional prosperity. The influx generally expected soon after Christmas has not yet come in, and yet the school is even now filled to overflowing. The imperative demands there now, are more rooms and increased facilities to reap the rich harvest which has come to the present management. A recent visit there in company with Bishop Warren and Dr. C. H. Payne, qualifies us to speak with

emphasis of the marvelous worth and possibilities of this institution under the management of Dr. and Mrs. Grandison and their associates.

President J. S. Hill, B.D., of the Morristown Tennessee Academy, has good reason to be proud of the marvelous success which has attended his work at that institution. The school is enjoying great prosperity. That Prof. Hill shares so largely in the esteem of his brethren is not to be wondered at when his great and successful work is considered. The new building, which will be the pride of our work in East Tennessee, and which is so much needed, is now going up nicely. The conference promises to raise \$500 within the next 30 days to help forward the enterprise.

The Clark University Boycott.

The undersigned members of the Savannah Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church desire for ourselves and for the conference and for the members we represent to set forth hereby our own unfaltering faith and love for every interest of our beloved church, and that we are not in sympathy with the very improper step recently inaugurated to boycott Clark University, and any and every attempt to connect the Savannah Conference with this ill-advised action is gratuitous and without authority.

Respectfully, L. J. Preston, W. H. Lovelace, R. R. O'Neal, John P. Wragg, C. W. Adams, Wm. Young, Wm. Hopkins, Presiding Elder E. L. Hammett, C. O. Fisher, A. S. Johnson, W. C. Hunter, V. D. Jenkins, Presiding Elder M. M. Alston, J. D. Jenkins, J. W. Murphy, A. G. Gill, J. H. Matthews, N. S. Sterling, C. K. Wright, Presiding Elder A. J. Wilson, S. C. Upshaw, G. W. Arnold.

Meridian, Mississippi.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has been with us, spent several days, and great good has resulted all over the Meridian district. On the opening of the Meridian Academy, Sept. 21st, we enrolled 43 pupils, double any previous year. At this writing, we number 102. Bro. Mason and Elder Shumpert were with us, and gave us a good send off for another successful school year. The appointment of Bro. Mason as Field Agent was a God-sent blessing to the race. Everybody here is delighted over such a grand appointment. Everybody is looking forward to the erection of a grand building at this place. Let this building come and Meridian will put on a new life for God, the race, and Christian education. Our next rally day for the Meridian Academy is in November.

The brethren of the district should not forget their pledges and obligations for the school. Come brethren, let us build at Meridian a first-class building for our school. Now is our chance. Won't we accept of it?

J. H. Brooks, Prin.

Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., has matriculated this year 125 young colored men for the study of medicine. The senior class has 30 members. New Orleans University Medical School has enrolled 22, of which 5 are in the senior class and will graduate next February. Meharry has already furnished one-half of the practicing physicians among the colored people of the South. With the New Orleans Medical School fully equipped, they will soon meet the wants of our people in the South. Let benevolent friends continue their beneficence toward both, and let our young people preparing for the study of medicine crowd their halls. Especially would we urge the charitably disposed to liberally respond to Bishop Mallien's earnest appeals in behalf of the New Orleans Medical School, which so much needs the aid of such friends.

The colored school of Bastrop, La., fall term, opened Sept. 7. Ninety-five scholars were in at

tendance last term, and there will be a greater attendance this term. The writer and his wife are teaching the school. This is a very promising part of the State, and many of our people are in good circumstances. They own a great deal of valuable property, but educational facilities are very limited. They have only three months of public school in the year at some places and at others none. The ambitious youths who desire to equip themselves for usefulness in life, have no special inducements of education to push them forward. We are greatly in need of a high school of learning among our people in this section. For such an institution I think Bastrop or Monroe would be a suitable location. If there is any philanthropist whom God has blessed with means who desires to help a people who have suffered by misfortune, to educate and train them for practical citizenship and general usefulness, North Louisiana is your opportunity where you may immortalize your name for the good of humanity.

Yours for the work,
M. H. HUNTER.

Bastrop, La.

Catarrh, Not Local, But Constitutional.

Dr. Dio Lewis, the eminent Boston physician, in a magazine article, says: "A radical error underlies nearly all medical treatment of catarrh. It is not a disease of the man's nose; it is a disease of the man, showing itself in the nose—a local exhibition of a constitutional trouble." Therefore, he argues, the use of snuff and other local applications is wrong, and while they seem to give temporary relief, they really do more harm than good. Other leading authorities agree with Dr. Lewis. Hence, the only proper method of cure for catarrh is by taking a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, reaching every part of the body through the blood, does eliminate all impurities and makes the whole man healthier. It removes the cause of the trouble and restores the membrane to its proper condition. That this is the practical result is proven by thousands of people who have been cured of catarrh by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Marriages.

Grand Cane, La.—Oct. 25, Mr. Henry Kelly and Mrs. Charlotte Covington. A great many white friends were present to wish the happy couple a long and prosperous life.

Win. Emmett, P. C.

Shubuta, Miss.—Oct. 15, Mr. Henry Husband and Miss Patsy Hampton were married by Rev. A. J. McDonald.

Stony Point, La.—Oct. 8, Mr. Abram Louis to Miss Mary J. Robson, by Rev. Bedford Carr.

Batesville, Miss.—Oct. 13, G. W. Thomas to Miss Anna B. Henderson. Rev. S. D. Troupe officiating.

Spring Hill, Miss.—Oct. 15, Oscar James to Mollie Muries, by Rev. S. D. Troupe.

Obituary.

Rev. Wm. H. Groves, of Newnan, Ga. Rev. Wm. H. Groves, pastor of the M. E. Church at Newnan, Ga., departed this life Oct. 26, 1891, near the 45th year of his age, in full triumph of faith. Seldom has it been our lot to chronicle the death of a more devoted, beloved, and humble Christian minister. In all his dealings with men he was sincere and blameless as a man, and as a Christian his life was spotless. Unpretentious, simple and earnest as a preacher, he disarmed critics, broke the power of enemies, endured suffering, believed in Christ, overcame the evil one, and is crowned at last. The love of God through Christ was the theme of his life and preaching, and in his dying hour his solace and hope. He leaves a wife, seven children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church at Newnan, and conducted by Rev. Dr. C. O. Fisher, of Atlanta, in an able and impressive manner. Strong men wept as they listened to the Doctor's portrayal of the Christian life as it was illustrated in the sacrifices, self-denials, and peaceful death of the deceased. A number of the leading ministers of the Savannah Conference were present, and fully 500 of the citizens of Newnan and adjoining neighborhoods, including both white and colored, listened to the funeral discourse. Through the hospitality of his flock, a highly creditable interment was made of the remains in the cemetery at Newnan. Peace be to his ashes. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. A. J. Wilson, secured a very handsome amount for the relief of his widowed mother, from the following friends: Revs. M. M. Alston, G. W. Arnold, A. G. Gill, J. D. Jenkins, N. S. Sterling, J. H. Matthews, S. C. Upshaw, Wm. Young, C. W. Adams, C. K. Wright, John Croley, E. L. Hammett, R. R. O'Neal, J. P. Wragg, W. H. Lovelace, L. J. Preston, Samuel Smith,

Wm. Hopkins, Messrs. A. R. Burch, J. S. Reid, J. W. Murphy, Chas. Smith and R. F. Milner. Total, \$21.50.
J. D. Jenkins, Palmetto, Ga.

Brother Jackson Brown, of Eutaw, Ala., died Oct. 21. He was one of the oldest members of the church. As a friend he was affable, obliging and faithful; as a member of society he was peaceable, sociable, courteous and kind. As a Christian he was true to his profession, firm and steadfast, uniform in resisting wrong, in advocating right. In the earnestness of his life work, in the value and prudence of his counsels, in the general character of his make up, and in labor and influence,—he was a bright star in the church.

F. J. Brown, pastor.

Bro. McEles, of Lauderdale, Miss., who had been a member of the church and a class leader for 18 years, departed this life Oct. 12, aged 65 years. The brother could not read, yet he was a Sunday school scholar for 15 years, and never was known to miss Sunday school, class meeting, church services, or paying the pastor 50c. or a dollar on every benevolent assessment.

Mr. Ruben Bonds died Oct. 41, aged 80 years.

Little Maggie McEroy, daughter of Bailey and Harriet McEroy, caught fire on the night of October 29, and was burned to death. Age, 7 years. She caught fire some time in the night, and no one can tell how. She was in the room with the other children, in bed, no lamp burning, and very little fire in the fire place. It is thought she got up in her sleep and went to the fire.

M. White.

The Rev. John Lea, once pastor at Franklin, Alexandria and Spring Creek, La., departed this life, saying "I am going down to Jordan with sword in hand." He was visited by the pastor and members. He left for glory Nov. 1.

A. J. Ford.

At Clinton, La., Oct. 9, Little Hampton James died, aged 1 year, 7 months and 14 days. He was the son of Rev. H. James, and the bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

At Richmond, Ark., Oct. 16, Bettie Eagle died, aged 53. Relatives and many friends mourn. Funeral by Rev. June Lemons.

Sister Minnie Jordan died at Stone-wall, Miss., Sept. 6. She was a devout Christian, and left many friends to grieve.

Sister Ellen Murphee died at Aurora, Ala., Oct. 8, aged 28. She was a member of the church and a devout Christian.

Bro. Menter Sanders died at his home in New Berne, Ala., Oct. 19, aged 35 years. Bro. Sanders was one of our local preachers and an earnest worker.

Little Louisa McDonald died at Merrell Charge Oct. 9, aged 5 years.

Simon Banks, a faithful member of Meridian M. E. Church, died Oct. 20, aged 59. He was universally respected. Funeral services by Revs. James, Nailer and Leals.

Sister Mary Stansal died at Greenwood, Miss., Oct. 14. She leaves a husband and many friends to mourn.

S. H. Nevils.

Sister Martha Smith died Oct. 6. She was a member of Shady Grove M. E. Church.

It is learned that a 5-year old grandson of Bro. Napp Crane died Oct. 16, at Waynesboro, Miss.

Stony Point, La., Oct. 12.—Clarcey Robson, Sept. 22, aged 78.



The importance of purifying the blood cannot be overestimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health. At this season nearly every one needs a good medicine to purify, vitalize, and enrich the blood, and we ask you to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. It strengthens and builds up the system, creates an appetite, and tones the digestion, while it eradicates disease. The peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation of the vegetable remedies used give to Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiar curative powers. No other medicine has such a record of wonderful cures. If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. It is a Sarsaparilla, and it is worthy your confidence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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The United States Official Report

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"As a result of my investigations I find the Royal Baking Powder far superior to the others. It is pure, contains none but wholesome ingredients, and is of greatest strength.

"F. X. VALADE,

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"Dominion of Canada."

"Seeing is Believing."

Some folks get cheated in buying a lamp. Nobody ever gets cheated that buys the lamp with this stamp,—"The Rochester." It is not one lamp, it is one burner on 2,000 different kinds of lamps. And a wonderful burner it is indeed! Insist upon seeing the stamp of the genuine,—"The Rochester," and ask for the written guarantee. If the lamp dealer has not the genuine Rochester and the style you want, send to us for illustrated price list, and we will send you (boxed) any lamp safely by express.

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Baroline Buried, Oct. 2

Bro. J. Harris, Oct. 12.

Harriet Stewart died at Woodburn, Miss., Oct. 19, aged 90. She had been a member of the church for 50 years.

I consider Drake's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Malt for general debility and weak lungs, the best medicine extant and take great pleasure in recommending it to the public; though having taken only one bottle I feel decidedly more benefited than by any medicine I've ever taken.—Mrs. M. L. McPart, Baltimore, Md.

Conference Notices.

Reduced Rates

To the members of the Holly Springs District Conference, to be held at Valden, Miss., Nov. 18, 1891: Call on your railroad agent for a certificate at the rate you start from, showing that you have paid full fare to the conference, and you will return on one-third fare.

B. F. WOOLFOLK, Sec'y.

Abbeville, Miss.

Brookhaven District.

Will hold its second district conference beginning Thursday morning at 9 o'clock a. m., Nov. 26, at Magnolia, Miss. We desire to make this one of the best district conferences in the State. Pastors will please raise all of their assessments in full. Also, come prepared to report the number of souls converted, and "Southwesterns" taken this year on your charges.

B. L. CRUMP, P. E.

Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference.

Fourth Round.

Fayetteville	Nov. 14-15
Union Church	" 21-22
Waynesboro	" 23-24
St. Smith	" 25-26
Van Buren	Dec. 5-6
Solomonsville	" 12-13
Pinnawville	" 19-20
Conway	" 26-27
Ridgeland	Jan. 2-3
Lonoke and Hazen	" 10-11
Little Rock	" 18-19
Marche	" 25-26
Argenta and Little Rock Miss.	" 27-28
Rolling Fork	" 18
Vicksburg	" 19-20
Vicksburg	" 27-28

W. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Vicksburg (Miss.) District.

Fourth Round.

Fayette	Nov. 14-15
Union Church	" 21-22
Hamburg	" 23-24
Gloster	Dec. 5-6
Meadvile	" 12-13
Needville	" 17
Rolling Fork	" 18
Vicksburg	" 19-20
Vicksburg	" 27-28

S. A. COWAN, P. E.

Notice:
The Chattanooga District Conference will meet in New Hope Church, Hill City, Tenn., Nov. 27. Semi-annual sermon to be preached by Rev. A. W. Easdale.
D. W. HAYS, P. E.

Nashville District, Tennessee Conference First Round.

Nashville	Nov. 14-15
Beach Grove and Wartrace	" 19-20
Murfreesboro	" 21-22
Fox Camp	" 23-24
Stone River	" 25-26
Tullahoma	Dec. 5-6
Murfreesboro	" 12-13
Spancer	" 19-20
Shelbyville	" 26-27
Armington	" 28-29
McMinnville	Jan. 2-3
Sparta	" 8-10
Hillsboro and Manchester	" 13-14
McMinnville	" 18-19
Thompson Chapel	" 23-24

Our first district conference commences Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Tullahoma, Tenn. Come to stay over until Monday. Please observe Thanksgiving Day and take up a collection for the Freedmen's Aid cause, and forward the same to Rev. J. Braden, D.D., at Central Tennessee College, also, remember the first day of January, Emancipation day.

JESSE P. PRICE, P. E.

Tennessee River District.

First Round.

Adamsville	Nov. 14-15
Clifton	" 21-22
Waynesboro	" 23-24
Dover	Dec. 5-6
Paris	" 12-13
Dikson	" 19-20
Cumberland	" 26-27
Brentwood	Jan. 2-3
Clark Chapel	" 9-10
Lawrenceburg	" 16-17
Petersburg	" 23-24
Lewisburg	" 30-31
Columbia	Feb. 6-7
Beach Grove	" 13-14
Springhill	" 20-21
Franklin	" 27-28

The district conference will meet at Lawrenceburg, Jan. 13, 1892.

J. B. BRADFORD, P. E.

Those who believe that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy will cure them are more liable to get well than those who don't.

If you happen to be one of those who don't believe, there's a matter of \$500 to help your faith. It's for you if the makers of Dr. Sage's remedy can't cure you, no matter how bad or of how long standing your catarrh in the head may be.

The makers are the World's Dispensary Medical Association of Buffalo, N.Y. They're known to every newspaper publisher and every druggist in the land, and you can easily ascertain that their word's as good as their bond.

Begin right. The first stage is to purify the system. You don't want to build on a wrong foundation, when you're building for health. And don't shock the stomach with harsh treatment. Use the milder means.

You wind your watch once a day. Your liver and bowels should act as regularly. If they do not, use a key.

The key is—Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a dose.

THE BOYS WE NEED.

Here's to the boy who's not afraid
To do his share of work;
Who never is by toil dismayed,
And never tries to shirk.

The boy whose heart is brave to meet
All lions in the way;
Who's not discouraged by defeat,
But tries another day.

The boy who always means to do
The very best he can;
Who always keeps the right in view,
And aims to be a man.

Such boys as these will grow to be
The men whose hands will guide
The future of our land; and we
Shall speak their names with pride.

All honor to the boy who is
A man at heart, I say;
Whose legend on his shield is this:
"Right always wins the day."

—Golden Days.

The Household.

A Lesson in Longevity.

The *Medical Age* draws a lesson in longevity from the life of George Bancroft, in which it admits that there is no system of living which will insure longevity, yet, withal, there are certain considerations tending that way, and which, if carefully lived up to, offer probably the best chance of reaching close to, if not quite, the one hundred year period. The following pertinent advice is given:

1. Live as much as possible out of doors, never letting a day pass without spending at least three or four hours in the open air.

2. Keep all powers of mind and body occupied in congenial work. The muscles should be developed and the mind kept active.

3. Avoid excesses of all kinds, whether of food, drink, or whatever nature they may be. Be moderate in all things.

4. Never despair. Be cheerful at all times. Never give way to anger. Never let the trials of one day pass over into the next.

5. The period from fifty to seventy-five years should not be passed in idleness, or abandonment of all work. Here is where a great many men fail—they resign all care or interest in the worldly affairs. They throw up their business, and retire to private life, which in too many cases proves to be a suicidal policy.

6. During the next period, the period from seventy-five to one hundred years, while the powers of life are at their lowest ebb, one cannot be too careful about "catching cold." Bronchitis is a most prolific cause of death in the aged. During this last period rest should be in abundance.

Some of the most delicious pan cakes, or griddle cakes, as they are more properly called, are those made of sour milk or buttermilk and wheat flour, with or without the addition of a little shortening.

A new fancy is to bake these cakes in the size of a large pan, butter lightly while warm, heap them with strawberries slightly crushed and sprinkled with sugar.

Put a second pancake on top of this layer and heap it again with strawberries, sprinkled with sugar, as before. Cut the cake in triangular pieces, like pie, and serve it with whipped cream.

The proper rule for these cakes is a quart of sour milk or buttermilk, a quart of flour, a half cup of butter and a heaped teaspoon of soda.

Sift the soda through the flour twice, rub the butter through it, add the milk to make the batter and a level teaspoon of salt. Beat thoroughly.

The milk must be very acid to neutralize the amount of soda given. If it is not quite sour enough, lessen the amount of soda. Some housekeepers prefer to soak the flour and sour milk used for these pancakes together over night. In that case add in the morning the butter melted and the soda dissolved by itself in cold water.—New York Tribune.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the foregoing published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

Mr. Editor: I want to enquire for my uncle and brother. My uncle was named Oato English. He had a brother named Anthony English, but he was called Tony for a short name. Their mother was named Aria. He went from Campbell county, East Tennessee, near Fincastle. They were made free by their master before the war, and then Oato went North. He married a woman named Sarah Wheeler. She belonged to a man near Jacksboro, Tenn., named Tom Wheeler. My brother was stolen and carried away by Slaughter and Mark Richardson. Our mother was named Elizabeth Richardson. Our father was named Anthony English. My brother was named James Richardson. My name was Mary Jane Richardson. We went by our mother's name. We were born free in Campbell county, Tenn. Any information will be gladly received. Address Mary J. Field, Mason, Tennessee.

Mr. Editor: I see that your paper has been the instrument of old people like myself finding their relatives from whom they have been separated for as much as fifty years. Now I am real anxious to find some of my friends. All of us belonged to George Edward's estate, on Cooper's Run, Ky. My mother's name was Dinah Edwards. My father's name was Bob. My sisters are Letty, Jennie, Cynthia, Dinah and Julia. My brothers were Jim, Price, Robert and Edward. I went to Nashville with George Brown. Sister Jennie was carried to New Orleans by Miss Mary Edwards Hurd. Address Amanda Williams, care Rev. Wm. Hill, Gonzales, Tex.

Mr. Editor: I want to find my people who went from Huntsville, Texas, to Drew county, Arkansas, with their owner, Wiley Fitzgerald. Father's name was Joe Wilcher, and mother's name was Harriet Elizabeth Fitzgerald. Sister's name was Beckie, and my name at that time was Cynthia. My name now is Cynthia Ross. At that time I had one child whose name was Joe Wilcher Fitzgerald. Address Cynthia Ross, Gainesville, Texas.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find Mrs. McMorris and Mrs. Ella McMorris, formerly of Mississippi. Last heard from they were at Little Rock, Ark. Address any information to Rev. Charles Brown, Garland City, Ark.

Mr. Editor: I wish to enquire for my niece, Miss Eighter Stauley. The last I heard from her was seven years ago in Norfolk, Va. I also wish to enquire for my two sons Noah and Charlie, whom I left in North Carolina in 1851. Their mother's name was Clarkie, and belonged to James Nickerson Whibry. My name at that time was Peter Blanchet. I belonged to Josiah Blanchet. I was sold at Gates Court House to Richard Nelson. My father's name was Oliver Redrick. My mother belonged to Josiah Blanchet. Address Peter Hirth, Browns Wells, Copiah county, Miss.

The attention of our readers is invited to Neal's Climax Statistical Cards for making up statistics in the M. E. Church. It is a wonderful improvement over the old cumbersome blank sheets now furnished by the Church for that purpose. Our publishing agents could not do better than to adopt the new system. The card, only 3 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches, contains every item now found on our present blanks of 54 inches of folded paper. Price before January 1, 1892, \$1 per hundred; after that date, \$1.25 per hundred. Address Rev. T. C. Neal, North Manchester, Ind.

The Wilberforce, Ohio, Alumnae for October, the initial number, is bright and spicy, and gives promise of great usefulness. We welcome the venture.

Presiding Elder Morant, of Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference, has favored us with a copy of the Minutes of his conference. It is creditable to all concerned.

Our Symposium.

The United States for the fifth or sixth time since the beginning of the current year have become involved in a serious difficulty with a foreign power. This sort of thing is getting to be monotonous, and we hope, for the sake of the dignity of our country, that this last insult will not be allowed to end, as the others, by a mere protest, but that the National Government will see that ample reparation is made. The cause of the present trouble briefly summed up is as follows:

One of the sailors of the American cruiser *Baltimore* was riding in one of the street cars of the city of Valparaiso, with a few of his comrades, when he was attacked by a mob, dragged out of the car and stabbed to death. Others were also severely wounded, and it seems that the police joined in the attack.

Now nothing short of the arrest and punishment of those implicated in this dastardly deed should be accepted by the United States.—N. O. Down Town Herald.

Poverty is uncomfortable as I can testify; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard to sink or swim for himself. In all my acquaintance I have never known a man to be drowned who was worth saving.—J. A. Garfield.

The Bible does not act upon us like magic. It works no miracle, but as we read and meditate upon it, it gives us light and guidance. It creates and fosters good principles. It stimulates holy affections and purposes. It is as we esteem it more than our necessary food that we shall develop a Christ-like character.—Inquirer.

A good rule is to take short views. Sufficient to the day is the toil thereof; no man is strong enough to bear to-day's load, with to-morrow's load piled on top of it. The only look far ahead that you and I should take should be the look towards the judgment-seat and the offered crown at the end of the race. That is a way to get a taste of heaven in advance.—Rev. T. L. Onyler.

Gen. Booth was not far from wrong when he wrote that "the drink difficulty lies at the root of everything. Nine-tenths of our poverty, equalor, vice and crime, springs from this poisonous taproot. Many of our social evils which overshadow the land like so many upas trees would dwindle away and die if they were not constantly watered with strong drink."—Jewish Messenger.

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enemy.
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thy friend.
Under thine own life's key; be checked
for silence.
But never taxed for speech.
—Shakespeare.

THE South continues to enjoy its
little pastime of lynching Negroes
without effective protestations from
any source. The Negro continues
to cry out for protection, in vain.

OUR colored Baptist brethren
are preparing to appropriately cele-
brate Emancipation Day, Jan. 1,
1892. On that day they propose
to raise funds to assist in testing
the iniquitous separate car law.
Let our people of every faith pre-
pare to properly celebrate the day
and to raise funds for the same
holy purpose.

Zion's Herald declares that many
of our white brethren are afflicted
with the "episcopal fever." Why
should it be thought a thing in-
credible that some of our colored
brethren should catch the conta-
gion from them; especially so when
our whole colored membership and
the race throughout the nation are
praying for the election of a col-
ored man to the episcopacy?

BISHOP Arnett, of the African
Methodist Episcopal Church, said
at the council: "The elevation of
the Negro depends on three books;
the Bible, the spelling-book and
the bank-book. With the Bible
the Negro hopes to unlock the
door to heaven; with the spelling-
book he hopes to enter into the
treasures of learning; with the
bank-book he will find the way
into the Anglo-Saxon heart."

SOME of the brethren are writ-
ing rather rough letters, complain-
ing that their articles do not ap-
pear when they think they should.
It is simply impossible for us to
publish everything that is sent us
in the next issue of the paper. If
any brother thinks he can do it, if
he will come down here, we will
vacate and give him a chance to
try his hand.—N. O. Christian Ad-
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Central Ohio.....	5,000	1,000
Central Penn.....	8,000	2,000
Central Tennessee.....	300	1,500
Chicago German.....	6,500	6,500
Cincinnati.....	7,000	2,000
Colorado.....	2,500	3,000
Columbia River.....	700	2,800
Dakota.....	1,500	4,000
Delaware.....	800	2,000
Des Moines.....	5,500	3,000
Detroit.....	5,000	4,000
East German.....	6,000	6,000
East Maine.....	1,000	2,000
East Ohio.....	7,500	2,500
East Tennessee.....	250	2,000
Erie.....	5,000	1,000
Florida.....	200	1,000
Genesee.....	6,000	1,000
Georgia.....	200	1,200
Holston.....	1,000	3,000
Idaho.....	200	1,200
Illinois.....	7,500	1,500
Indiana.....	3,000	900
Indian Mission.....	100	6,000
Iowa.....	3,000	1,000
Kansas.....	3,000	3,300
Kentucky.....	2,000	4,000
Lexington.....	300	1,500
Little Rock.....	300	1,500
Louisiana.....	700	3,500
Maine.....	1,000	500
Michigan.....	4,000	3,000
Minnesota.....	3,500	5,500
Mississippi.....	300	1,500
Missouri.....	1,500	2,500
Montana.....	700	2,500
Nebraska.....	1,500	4,000
Nevada Mission.....	200	800
Newark.....	8,000	2,000
New England.....	6,500	2,200
New Eng. Southern.....	4,000	1,500
New Hampshire.....	2,000	2,000
New Jersey.....	7,000	2,000
New Mex. Mis., Eng.....	300	1,500
New Mex. Mis., Span.....	150	1,000
New York.....	11,500	2,000
New York East.....	11,500	2,000
North Carolina.....	200	1,200
North Dakota.....	800	3,000
Northern German.....	4,000	4,000
Northern N. Y.....	4,000	3,000
North Indiana.....	4,500	2,000
North Nebraska.....	1,000	4,500
North Ohio.....	4,200	1,000
N. W. Pacific Ger. Mis.....	200	1,000
N. W. Pacific Ger. Mis.....	3,000	3,000
Northwest Indiana.....	3,500	1,000
Northwest Iowa.....	1,750	4,000
Northwest Kansas.....	1,000	3,250
Northwest Nebraska.....	400	2,000
N. W. West N. D. Mis.....	1,200	3,000
Northwest Swedish.....	1,200	3,000
No. W. Ger. & Danish.....	600	1,000
Ohio.....	6,000	1,500
Oregon.....	1,000	2,000
Philadelphia.....	13,000	4,500
Pittsburg.....	6,500	1,500
Puget Sound.....	1,200	4,700
Rock River.....	7,500	2,500
St. John's River.....	150	1,000
St. Louis.....	2,500	2,000
Saint Louis German.....	5,000	5,000
Savannah.....	400	1,600
Southern California.....	2,500	5,500
Southern Carolina.....	1,000	1,750
Southern German.....	300	1,200
Southern Illinois.....	2,500	1,500
Southeast Indiana.....	2,500	1,000
South Kansas.....	2,800	3,500
Southwest Kansas.....	2,000	3,250
Tennessee.....	200	1,500
Texas.....	400	2,000
Troas.....	6,000	2,000
Upper Iowa.....	4,000	1,500
Upper Mississippi.....	300	2,000
Utah Mission.....	500	5,000
Vermont.....	1,200	600
Virginia.....	400	1,200
Washington.....	700	1,500
West German.....	5,500	5,500
West Nebraska.....	700	4,000
West Texas.....	500	1,500
West Virginia.....	1,500	2,500
West Wisconsin.....	1,500	5,000
Wilmington.....	5,000	5,000
Wisconsin.....	2,500	3,500
Wyoming.....	6,000	1,500
Wyoming Mission.....	400	4,000
Contingent Fund.....		7,100
Emergency Fund.....		7,000
Office expenses.....		20,000

\$300,000 \$309,000

* Including churches named to the Board.

The following resolutions passed
by the General Committee, modify
the amounts authorized for the
Conferences severally, as the col-
lections shall fall below the amounts
asked.

1. That the Board be authorized
to make appropriations within each
Conference in proportion to the re-
sponse of the Conference by its col-
lections to the call made upon it.
2. That the amounts authorized
to Conferences are to be furnished,
as far as practicable, by pro rata
divisions of the collections. The
Board may supplement, as far as
practicable, the balance of the ap-
propriations authorized, by loans
from the Loan Fund.

A. J. KYNETT.

For the SOUTHWESTERN. The Pastorate and Responsible Positions.

BY REV. P. M. CARMICHAEL.

The work of the pastorate is one
that, if we succeed at, must have
all our time and energy. Some
may think the larger the work the
less we have to do, but not a few
of us have learned differently. As
we grow in knowledge and develop
into manhood, comes our increased
responsibilities.

Men are selected for responsible
positions by their worth, thus the
man is sought for place or position.
Man is so apt to think more highly
of himself than he ought to think,
it has therefore been very appro-
priately said, others can see us
better than we can see ourselves.
The highest intellectual attain-
ments are not everytime the best
qualification for a minister. We
should not only know how to do a
thing, but how to do it well.

Responsibility, duty and work
are not always pleasant, but for
the joy that is set before us we run
for the prize.

When we begin to seek easy
places and places for name and
fame, we have somewhere laid down
the cross of Christ. If we would
fulfill the law of Christ, we must of
necessity learn to bear burdens
with our flock. "Bear ye one
another's burdens, and so fulfill
the law of Christ." We cannot do
this well without the mind that
was in Christ. We only regret
that the church is so worldly that
we do not have added to the church
daily such as should be saved.

Austin, Texas.

For the SOUTHWESTERN. Self-Support.

BY REV. E. M. COLLETT.

Mr. Editor: I wish to call at-
tention to the comparative figures
of missionary money of our black
and white work in the South. The
following table of figures will show
how much money we paid into the
missionary treasury in the last
decade, and how much we received
from the same treasury in the same
length of time. The first column
of figures shows how much we paid
in, and the second shows how
much we received. The colored
work received \$7.94 for every dollar
it paid in, and the white work
\$8.70 for every dollar it paid into
the treasury. Every preacher and
layman in this Southern field ought
to study these figures well, and no
man of us can glance at these fig-
ures without being greatly moved
to efforts of self-support. But
have we received too much help?
by no means, but we that have
had help for a long time must
begin to feel that we are men, able
to take care of ourselves and help
others that need help more than
ourselves. Self-reliance should be
our motto, let us teach it contin-
ually. Many of our charges and
districts that get missionary money
ought to be self-supporting, and
the money that they now get
should go to other charges, and to
open up new fields. There are
hundreds of new fields that could
be opened if we only had the
money. We should enter those
fields at once. But let us not
despise the day of small things.
The North Carolina Conference
raises nine hundred dollars more a
year than it did four years ago.
This shows a grand increase, and
doubtless there are other confer-
ences doing equally as well. The
present decade will go far beyond
the past.

The SOUTHWESTERN should be
made self-supporting at once. We
have over two hundred and fifty
thousand members in its patron-
izing territory, and if we can not

support this paper without any aid
from the Book Concern, we ought
not to call ourselves men. We
ought to dream self-support, talk
self-support, pray self-support, and
preach self-support till we and the
whole membership shall be aroused
and educated along this line. The
SOUTHWESTERN should have at
least ten thousand subscribers by
the first of January next. Now I
call attention to the following
table of figures, please study them.
Olip this article out and put it in
your scrap-book.

OUR COLORED WORK.

	PAID.	REC'D.
Central Ala., Conf.....	\$1,952	\$30,708
East Tenn.....	1,407	23,845
Florida.....	5,431	30,080
Little Rock.....	1,705	31,474
Louisiana.....	6,071	58,456
Mississippi.....	4,873	59,450
North Carolina.....	2,632	31,873
Savannah.....	6,511	57,304
Texas.....	8,382	11,390
West Texas.....	7,857	39,455
South Carolina.....	27,162	54,394
Tennessee.....	5,695	41,179
Total.....	\$60,817	\$482,257

OUR WHITE WORK.

Alabama Conf.....	\$2,617	\$29,010
Arkansas.....	5,359	54,451
Austin.....	8,012	65,378
Blue Ridge.....	2,238	42,084
Central Tenn.....	4,170	38,170
Georgia.....	2,202	36,186
Holston.....	6,797	37,304
St. John River.....	1,653	16,472
Total.....	\$36,948	\$321,995

Maxton, N. C.

For the SOUTHWESTERN. The Organic Union of Negro Methodism and our Colored Membership.

BY REV. D. W. HAYS, D. D.

While the Ecumenical Confer-
ence was in session in Washington,
D. C., another meeting was held
apart by several of the delegates,
to consider the question of organic
union among the different colored
Methodist Churches of this coun-
try. The speakers urged the im-
portance of the movement with
gratifying unanimity. To what
extent they represented the spirit
and wish of the respective bodies
from which they came without
official designation, remains yet to
be seen. Many, no doubt, will
wait with eager expectation to see
what the future may develop. I
have no desire to delay the con-
summation of the great undertaking
by pointing out obstacles. That
must be overcome. Let the frater-
nal wave roll on! Its bearing upon
any portion of our own mem-
bership will not be attended with
disintegrating consequences. One
of our prominent educators, who
happened to be present at the
meeting, was heard, however, to
express the opposite view. He
was of the opinion that the pro-
cession of a great big Negro church,
making an ostensible parade of
numbers, would present a mighty
temptation.

I will not question that those
who have stronger leaning towards
a great crowd, than towards great
ideas, might be easily induced to
fall into line, but not many such
persons, I imagine, have a place
amongst us. The old church is
big enough for us. We love her
and propose to stand firm in our
attachment regardless of what
course others may pursue.

I think no small injustice is being
done our tried people by whispers
heard, now and then, from un-
friendly sources, which are intended
to cast the shadow of suspicion
upon the sincerity of their devo-
tion and loyalty to the church of
their choice. They are held up as
being uneasy, and ready at a signal,
to draw off and form an independ-
ent church, unless certain demands
are complied with at an early day.
I had thought we were made to
suffer enough without being now
subjected to such gross misrepre-

sentation and reproach. It is time
for these whispers to be silenced
or else compelled to openly vin-
dicate the truth of what they are
so industriously trying to circulate
to our hurt. We are not afraid to
have the light turned on and a
scrutinizing search instituted. We
even challenge it.

If any man be found in rank
with us fostering plans of secession,
and endeavoring, by covert means,
to promote the same, let him be
exposed in the most public manner.
I cannot close this brief paper
without adding, that all those who
would judge rightly of the feel-
ings, desires, hopes and aim of the
colored members of the Methodist
Episcopal Church should subscribe
for, and read regularly with care,
each number of the SOUTHWEST-
ERN. True to its mission as one of
the official organs of the church,
it thoroughly canvasses every phase
of the situation and faithfully
records its impressions. Its tone
is boldly aggressive, but intensely
loyal, and speaking without equiv-
ocation or truckling, voices the
sentiment of a large majority of
our preachers and laymen.

An Appreciated Letter.

Rev. L. P. Oushman, who will
be long and gratefully remembered,
for his faithful years of service
among us, and who for several
years was editor of this paper, and
Presiding Elder in the Texas, and
subsequently in the Louisiana
Conference, is now pastor of an
important charge in the New Eng-
land Southern Conference at Lynn,
Mass. While here in this work he
was always the court of last resort
to whom many of our people used
to go to borrow money to bridge
them over their financial difficul-
ties, to redeem their property from
tax sales, seizures, etc. In many
cases he was promptly refunded
his money, while in many others
he was left to collect in the great
coming day. How much good he
thus accomplished will never be
known; for he never makes mention
of them. In a recent personal
letter he sends us two such notes
to be returned to the widows of
the deceased makers of the prom-
issory notes given him for money
loaned. In this letter he says so
many good words that our people
will appreciate, we venture to make
the following excerpts:
"We are just over a heated polit-
ical canvass. The Republicans
were unfortunate in their nominee
for Governor. He possessed but
little strength. On the stump he
was in no way equal to Governor
Russell, the Democratic nominee.
The Senate and House are strong
Republican, and all the other can-
didates on the ticket, with Mr.
Allen, were elected by over 14,000
majority. Mr. Allen is laid upon
the shelf to dry. There let him
remain.

The Prohibitionists made a great
noise, used an immense amount of
slogans, were very kind and gentle
in all their reference towards the
Democrats, but their kind words
for the church, deacon, class leaders,
stewards, trustees, and the Repub-
lican party, were like angel's visits,
few and miles between. There
was a falling off in their vote, as
compared with last year, of nearly
six thousand.

I have a pleasant field of labor
in which to work, and I enjoy my
work as a Methodist minister more
and more each year of my life.
Mrs. Oushman is improving in her
health. Clara (his daughter), makes
her home with us, though most of
the time away, engaged in mis-
sionary work connected with the W.
F. M. Society. Lewis (his son), is
in Helena, Montana, is the adver-
tising and circulating agent of the
Helena Journal, at a salary of over
\$2,000 per year. Frank is on the

Boston Traveler, and both of them
members of the Methodist Church.

It is nearly five years since I
left New Orleans. What changes,
* * * * * and others seemed
to be in the church for what they
could get out of it, not to serve it.
I was sorry as I learned of their
leaving, and yet was not much
disappointed. The Emperor holds
on his way. I was associated with
him six years, and I have none
but the most pleasant memories.
God bless the grand old man! I
read the SOUTHWESTERN with in-
creasing interest. My blood boils
when I read of the brutal assaults
upon and murders of so many of
our people. God will be a swift
witness when his day of vengeance
comes.

Fraternally,
L. P. CUSHMAN.

TRAVEL in the South, for col-
ored people is getting to be more
and more intolerable. Not only is
the separate coach law being en-
forced in the ordinary coaches, but
efforts are being made to drive
respectable colored people, fully
able to pay the additional tariff,
out of the sleeping car. A few
days ago a colored man was forc-
ibly ejected out of a sleeping car in
Texas by State authorities. More
recently a Pullman Car conductor
was arrested in Shreveport for
carrying a colored passenger on
his car. The Negro porter is all
right, but the Negro passenger, is
an offense, and must be driven out.
It remains to be seen how long
our people will continue to submit
to such inhuman treatment with-
out testing the constitutionality of
this Jim Crow car law. The Amer-
ican Citizens' Equal Rights Asso-
ciation, co-operating with the com-
mittee of citizens which was organ-
ized in the Crusader office the other
day, propose to make the infamy
an issue, before the Supreme Court
of the Nation. Let every self-
respecting colored man, contribute
his means, and let every friend of
public right and justice unite with
their help and sympathy in the
movement. Contributions will be
received and credited to the cause
at this office.

NEXT Thursday is Thanksgiving
Day. A good way to observe it
is to conclude the services of the
day with a liberal collection from
every church to assist in testing
the constitutionality of the "jim
crow car law." If worthy of our
constitutional rights, we should be
sufficiently patriotic to contribute
of our means to secure and main-
tain them. Our "white bishop,"
Bishop Mallalien has set us the
example by contributing \$25 to
the cause, and promises to do more
if necessary. Let every one of our
presiding elders, pastors and peo-
ple follow his godly and patriotic
leadership. Amounts sent to this
office will be acknowledged, and
turned over to the committee in
charge of the task of testing the
iniquitous law. They have already
collected over \$2,000 toward the
fund.

THE Lay Conference of the Mich-
igan Conference adopted the fol-
lowing resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the
General Conference has extended
the Presiding Elder's term of con-
tinuation service on one district to
six years, it is best that a term or
more in the pastorate should inter-
vene before appointment to another
district.

The conference expressed the
opinion of the great majority of
the ministry.

COMMENTING upon the New York
election the N. Y. Herald, says
"We are convinced that the elec-
tion of Mr. Flower will prove to be
a sort of boomerang to the Dem-
ocratic party in the Presidential
campaign next year and a blessing
in his disguise to the Republicans."

Letters from the Districts.

Paris District, Texas Conference.

R. L. HOFFMAN.

The second district conference of the Paris District, Texas Conference, convened in Clarksville, Texas, at the St. Paul M. E. Church, Oct. 20th, 9 o'clock a. m., with Rev. P. Morgan, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

Rev. A. Taylor, of Bonham, was elected secretary; Rev. W. H. Jackson, of Paris, recording secretary and treasurer; Rev. P. L. Jackson statistical secretary, with Rev. W. B. Perry and V. M. Cole, Jr., assistants.

Rev. F. Gilmore deserves praise for the hospitality shown delegates and visitors while in Clarksville.

The Presiding Elder's reports showed a general increase of the work on the district.

The illness of the wife of Rev. W. J. Holland prevented his being present.

The pastors' reports showed nearly all benevolent moneys collected.

Strong resolutions were passed indorsing the work and labors of Rev. P. Morgan, Presiding Elder, during the four years he has labored on the district; also, asking the Bishop to return him.

Revs. W. H. Jackson, P. Prnitt, P. L. Jackson, and F. Gilmore, raised \$35.50 on a district home.

Rev. I. P. Pittsfield, of the Missionary Baptist Church, was introduced to the conference.

Revs. Wm. Bartley and P. L. Jackson were elected delegates to meet at Houston, Dec. 2, relative to a State Sunday School Institute. The statistical reports show an increase of 200 members since last year.

Rev. P. Morgan was presented a \$55 suit of clothes by the ministers and friends on his district.

Prof. R. L. Hoffman, of Paris, and Rev. F. Gilmore, of Clarksville, were appointed as a committee on resolutions for the SOUTHWESTERN. They reported the following:

WHEREAS, The SOUTHWESTERN, by the diligent management and untiring efforts of its editor to ennoble to the world the principles and workings of Methodism, and the undaunted courage with which it defends the cause and depicts the outrages that are being perpetrated upon the Afro-Americans of the South;

Be it Resolved, That each pastor urge upon the local preachers and exhorters on his charge to take the SOUTHWESTERN.

Be it further Resolved, That each pastor see to the distribution of the SOUTHWESTERN in every home on his charge; and that this conference, while in session, shall take steps to further the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN (our church organ), by soliciting subscribers.

Sunday was a gala day for the preachers and visitors. At 9 a. m. a model Sunday school was conducted by 14 experienced teachers. It was a grand success.

At 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Jackson preached a noble sermon. The Mayor of the city was present and paid high tribute to the discourse.

At 3 p. m. Rev. Peter Morgan, Presiding Elder, preached a soul-stirring sermon.

Revs. P. L. Jackson and Taylor Moore, of Palestine, occupied the pulpit at 8 p. m. Fully 300 communed.

Collections during the conference were \$151.25.

W. H. M. S. of the East Tennessee Conference.

MISS MARION A. GARNER.

The ladies of the W. H. M. Society met at Morristown, Tenn., Oct. 17, for the purpose of organizing a Conference Society.

Mrs. Cora Provine, conference corresponding secretary, made some remarks in regard to the aim of the meeting, after which Mrs. L. E. Prentiss was elected president of the meeting, and Miss Marion A. Garner secretary.

The officers for the several districts, and for the conference, were elected upon the nomination of the nominating committee.

Encouraging reports from the different auxiliaries were read by the conference recording secretary.

The conference corresponding secretary and treasurer read the report of her yearly work. Her report stood highly approved.

A paper was read by Mrs. L. A. Branner, giving many interesting and instructive points on the work and duty of the Woman's Home Mission.

The most encouraging feature of the evening was the report made on young folk's work by Mrs. Hannah Trigg.

Having been deprived of an address from Mrs. L. E. Prentiss on account of her having to leave on the early evening train, Dr. A. E. P. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, favored us with a most excellent and encouraging address, picturing woman in her philanthropic sphere.

The conference collection was then taken up, amounting to \$4.20. Knoxville, Tenn.

Columbus District, West Texas Conference.

C. L. MADISON.

Dear Brethren: Now is the time to obtain subscribers for our church paper (the SOUTHWESTERN). The paper should be in every family. It can be had from now until January 1, 1893, for \$1.50 cash. The people have the money now to pay for the paper, and if they subscribe now their subscriptions will always end in the fall, when they have money to renew. We all need the information the paper gives. There are always great and important questions being discussed about the Negro and white man. We want to be informed on both sides. The information we get from one copy of the SOUTHWESTERN is worth more than all of the jaw-bone clash we get from Tom, Dick and Harry. We get the minds of the leading men of the church, and the editor's comments on their letters, which give us a chance to see the matter from both sides.

Brethren, get the people to take the paper and read it, and then when the Presiding Elder delivers a lecture about their church and church work, ignorance will not sit up in the corner and criticize all that is said and done. Ignorance is the mother of superstition, and until we can get our people well informed, some of them will continue to think that every idea the Presiding Elder or pastor advances is for personal ends. We have some old soreheads now that are no more in harmony with their Elder and pastor than the devil is. They sit up in church and their very look will defeat any plan that does not come up to their notions about things. Brethren, if these men are to be kept in office (as generally is the case), get them to take the paper which is a looking glass for all such. May be they will see themselves as they are. Some of them remind me of the tale about the dog that stood on the hay. They do nothing themselves and they will not let the good people do anything. Hear what some of them say: "The Presiding Elder gets too much money for one sermon. The pastor's salary is too high; he don't do anything but sit down and read his book. We have to work hard in the hot sun for our money, etc." They say "The Church Extension Society don't give us anything. The schools that are built are nothing to us. We will have to pay just as much to send our children there as some one that never gave a dime towards the building." Such is the talk of many of those who are held as leaders among the people. Now, my point is to get the people to read the paper, and they will see that we are doing just what every nation under heaven is doing—trying to be a people and to make our mark in the world. Suppose the pastor is trying to build a nice church, pay off his Presiding Elder, collect all of his benevolent moneys, and help the stewards to pay the pastors' claims—is that not his duty? Ought

not the man or men that fight against him, from one end of the year to the other, be turned out of the church forever?

Program

For the first district conference of the Cumberland River District, which meets in Cherry Valley, Nov. 24-25, Presiding Elder A. Phillips presiding.

The SOUTHWESTERN, by Presiding Elder.

Redemption, J. P. Gregg.

Regeneration, J. F. K. Moreland.

Justification, A. P. Blakemore.

Sanctification, —, Pearger.

Woman's sphere in the church, Wm. Goodner.

The Holy Spirit, S. S. Rideout.

Class meetings, Green Finney.

Sunday schools, Thomas Ward.

The pastor's duty to the Sunday school, E. J. Gnthrie.

Revivals, F. Smith.

Visiting, Benj. F. Sneed.

Original sin, T. Belcher.

Sacrifices of the law, R. A. Dowell.

The spread of Methodism in the South, B. F. Whitley.

Central Tennessee College, M. Williams.

Committee: B. F. Whitley, M. Williams.

Bowling Green District, Lexington Conference.

L. M. HAGOOD.

My Dear Bro:—

Collect 10 cents from each member for class dues per week.

Open public services as the Discipline requires.

Collect not less than 25 cents from each member for benevolence.

Popularity at the expense of the discipline is too costly.

Have revivals, but pay expenses as you go.

Expell all persons from the church that are not religious.

Religious people pay their debts.

Keep your church clean.

Allow no Saturday night suppers in your church.

Do not fuss with the members, but use the Discipline.

Have members fast Friday before quarterly meeting.

Steady to preach Methodist doctrine.

Good appointments come by making the one we have good.

Do not let the Epworth League die, attend it yourself.

Raise Presiding Elder's claim before the Quarterly Conference comes.

Officers must pay their dues in the Quarterly Conference.

Each pastor must take a church paper to pass muster.

Nominate no person for office if he drinks.

Report all members to Quarterly Conference who refuse to pay their dues.

Attend the Sunday school yourself on time.

Read this to the church and get subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

W. S. Rollins, Indianapolis, Ind.

Hinton's Chapel, Green Castle, Ind.—There has been an eye sore of a heavy debt for eight or ten years on this district. It will take up too much space of your paper to give the whole history of this church. It has been sold twice, but thank God, to-day, under the leadership of Lawyer M. A. Moore and Dr. Martin, and the many white friends, the long standing debt of \$667.95, has been paid and the church is entirely out of debt and undergoing repair, under the pastorage of C. T. Lewis, who is also one of the three colored students of Depaw.

Thomas Printess, pastor of North Indianapolis, is another one of the three students who is serving his fifth year as pastor, and by the aid of Mr. Barnes, a white gentleman, who is a strong Baptist and a strong friend of Bro. Printess, gave us a neat church lot, which we now have built a church upon at a cost of \$850. Mr. Barnes is one of Bro. Printess' best friends. He is now standing at his back while attending school.

Rev. P. J. Smith is now serving

his third year in Depaw. He will do us great service when he comes out.

Anderson, Ind.—Our church at Anderson has just been repaired, giving us a first-class church and parsonage. B. J. Davis, the pastor, is one of our best workers.

Bloomington, Ind.—One of the best built churches in the district for the money, at a cost of \$1500, has just been completed. Rev. O. H. Taylor, pastor, is serving his third year.

Wiley's Chapel, Jeffersonville, is undergoing several hundred dollars repair. This has been long and much needed. Rev. T. L. Ferguson is the pastor and leading this work. We are closing our third quarter of the year with better success than any year previous.

Caught in a Storm.

JOSEPH CAMPBELL.

While I was in Edwards, Miss., the 22d of last month, holding the fourth quarterly meeting, I was caught in a storm. The sky was clear, the stars shining in their beauty, and no sign of clouds in any direction. Yet about 10 o'clock p. m. the storm broke in upon me. My attention was called to the singing of one of the sweet songs of Zion, after which a good number of members, Baptist, Methodist, and other friends, came in with baskets and bundles of dry goods, and presented them to me, and said: "Dear Elder, we take this method to express our appreciation and the high esteem in which you are held by us. May you live long to do work for the Master."

For four years I have tried to be a faithful servant to this people, and it is a very pleasant thing to know that my efforts have not been in vain.

God bless these friends, and may spiritual basketsful be sent to their hearts, churches and families.

The best medical authorities say the proper way to treat catarrh is to take a constitutional remedy, like Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st, That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

F. J. Brown, Eutaw, Ala.

My protracted meeting on the Eutaw charge was held in September and October, and resulted in a grand revival. After we had carried on the meeting for two weeks with no results, we all prayed more earnestly, and by much sacrifice and fasting, God heard our prayers and poured out his spirit in the hearts of the people, and a shower of the Holy Ghost was felt and seen. At the close of the meeting we had 36 converts, and admitted 40 into the church. The work still goes on at both of my points, Springfield and Eutaw.

A. F. A. Polk, Paris, Texas.

Mt. Zion Church is closing one of the best years, financially, in its history. Sunday, October 11, Presiding Elder Morgan preached two noble sermons. 168 communed. Collection \$24.85. Paid Elder \$20. Oct. 18th was rally day on pastor's salary. Collected \$134; paid pastor \$106.75. This church is spiritually alive.

N. Hays, Kosciusko, Miss.

I have just closed my protracted meeting; 15 conversions. Baptized 12 adults and 1 child. Two came to us from the Baptist, and one from the African Church; total number received, 24.

A. M. Trotter, Jackson, Miss.

It was my great pleasure to spend Sunday, Nov. 1, with our good people in Meridian. Sunday morning I met 170 bright and inquiring scholars in the Sabbath school. The school was well officered—each one knew his place and duty. Bro. Wadkins, the superintendent, presides with majesty and ease. Bro. L. J. Jones preached an edifying sermon at 11 a. m. At 3 and 7 p. m. I preached to two very fine congregations. The con-

gregation showed its high appreciation of its pastor, Rev. A. D. Payne, by raising for him a very liberal collection, in his absence.

The faculty of Meridian Academy, presided over with so much grace and dignity by Prof. J. H. Brooks, worship here. One of the faculty, Mrs. V. A. McInion, is the organist. She does her work well.

P. R. Woodson, Spencer Circuit, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

This is my third year on this circuit. The first Sunday of the month I was at Lock's Chapel, and met a large congregation. Rev. John H. Coppage was with me and preached a powerful sermon. We hope to have many converted to the Lord, and the SOUTHWESTERN put in every family on the charge. The rally at Lawrence Chapel on the third Sunday in October was a real success. Collection \$40.

J. N. C. Coggan, Holly Springs Circuit, Hickory Flat, Miss.

Our third quarterly conference was held Oct. 17, 18, Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D., presiding, in the new church built this year by the present pastor. We are now in possession of about \$600 worth of property. The Doctor preached to a crowded house, both white and colored. Many souls were made to rejoice. Collection, \$15.50.

J. W. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.

We have now a membership of 175, with two strong boards of officials. Our Epworth League is of great educational and spiritual benefit to our young people. Bro. J. M. Arbuckle, shipping clerk of our Book Concern here, is our Sunday school superintendent. He is doing a grand work. Our church is most admirably located, and gives great promise of splendid development. Our third quarterly meeting was held Oct. 25. At the same time we had a rally, in which our collections amounted to \$145.70. Our people are falling in love with the SOUTHWESTERN. The editor will do well to call by. We would be pleased to make it pleasant for him. The editor is specially invited to attend our conference in March.

[We will be there if life lasts.—Ed.]

J. H. Swann, Belton, Texas.

My fourth quarterly conference was held Oct. 24, 25, Rev. Maok Henson, Presiding Elder, in the chair. Reports showed that 11 persons had been received in full membership. Paid Presiding Elder \$25.70; pastor \$50.70. Paid for building and improvements, \$104.75. Conversions this year 34; additions, 50; subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, 7; raised for benevolent purposes, \$43.30.

H. O. Williams, Ball Town, La.

I have just closed my revival meeting at Shady Grove Circuit, with 113 converts and 8 backsliders reclaimed. We were assessed \$4 for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and raised \$5 and sent it to Dr. L. G. Adkinson, president of New Orleans University. We are winding up a good year's work for the Master. We want a colored bishop in our church.

L. P. Kimball, Cordele, Ga.

My revival closed at Persia with 6 accessions and 1 convert. In Cordele we began our revival with the quarterly conference. The Presiding Elder stopped over with us four days. Twelve persons were added to the church, and 2 truly converted. \$30.55 has been raised towards building a new church in this place.

Rev. S. McDavis of Georgetown Mississippi circuit, has had a successful year. It has raised over \$30 of the \$45 apportioned, and has sometime yet left to raise the balance.

T. A. Cotton, Daleville, Miss., has closed his protracted meeting and added 100 to the church. The Sunday schools are flourishing, and have placed a \$20 set of books in the library. A new church has been built and an Epworth League organized. That's good. Praise the Lord!

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Wm. Payne, Gloster, Miss., reports his work in excellent condition. His recent revival resulted in 17 conversions and 16 accessions. He was assisted by Revs. J. A. Tircuit, of Jackson, La., J. T. Norx, and Presiding Elder S. A. Cowan, of Vicksburg, Miss.

Books and Current Literature.

An important table of contents is given in the November-December number of the Methodist Review. Professor L. T. Townsend writes a masterly article on The Genesis of the New Testament. Recent Missionary Discussions, by Bishop J. M. Thoburn is inspiring. Dr. Henry Colman re-opens an important question in his paper on Pre-Adamites. Regeneration as a force in Reform Movements, by Rev. C. M. Morse, is important for its sociological features.

Our Little Men and Women for November reaches us with as warm a welcome as usual. For our boys and girls who have just learned to read, it is the best magazine that could be provided. \$1 a year. D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

Perfectly charming is the November number of Paney. The hastiest glance convinces us that this is the magazine to put into the hands of our young people. The Paney is still unsurpassed. \$1 per year. D. Lothrop Company, Boston, are the publishers.

The November number of Babyhood closes the seventh volume of that standard nursery guide for parents. It contains an article on The Family Medicine Chest, by the medical editor, which gives precise instructions as to what ought to be kept on hand in every household for use in an emergency. At the same time the writer points out the dangers of indiscriminate domestic doting. There are other medical articles of interest to mothers. Twenty cents a number, \$3 a year. Babyhood Publishing Co., 5 Beekman street, New York.

A New Study of Carlyle, Moral and Religious Development of Thomas Carlyle, by Dr. Ewald Flngel, of the University of Leipzig. Translated from the German by Jessica Gilbert Tyler, with a full-length and very striking portrait of Thomas Carlyle, furnished for the American edition by Carlyle's niece. This important book is by a rising scholar and author of Germany, Ewald Flngel, Privat-Docent in the University of Leipzig, and one of the editors of Anglia, the leading German periodical devoted to English philological and literary studies. It is fresh, independent and profoundly suggestive criticism of the great English author. It was highly praised by the Allgemeine Zeitung and other critical journals, and by several prominent students of Carlyle, notably by James Anthony Froude and Charles Eliot Norton. This translation has been read and approved by the author. The great and permanent interest of the subject, and the admirable way in which it is treated by the author, will secure for the book wide attention in this country and in England. Price \$1. It is on the best of paper and in fine binding, and will make a beautiful gift to any friend. The revival of ethical study at this time, and its importance, will make particularly interesting the moral and religious development of one of the greatest of modern thinkers. M. L. Holbrook, publisher, 25 Bond street, New York. For sale at Eyrie's Book Emporium, Canal street, New Orleans.

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Organic Union of Methodist Bodies.

Commenting upon the Ecumenical Conference, the *Western* says: There was further a great movement toward the organic union of the colored Methodists of America, aggregating a million of members. This cannot be secured without greatly affecting our quarter of a million colored communicants. Their representatives were not authorized to treat on this question. They were present not as delegates from a colored Methodist Church, but from the great Methodist Episcopal Church, which in the days of their weakness took them to her bosom, and now has no wish to cast them off. She will never initiate a movement looking to this end. Neither will she be found fighting against Providence. She will never play the part of Pharaoh. She has faith in the love and loyalty of her sable sons, and after they have deliberated, should they decide to merge their interests with the proposed united Church, her benedictions will follow them; should they decide to remain in her fold, she will continue the same beneficent care in the future as in the past.

However much the *Western* and the SOUTHWESTERN may differ in the treatment of other momentous questions, they always agree in the discussion of the race question, whether in or out of the church. Referring to the organic union of our colored members with the other colored bodies, if they unite, we do not share the anticipation that "our quarter of a million colored communicants will be greatly affected." Our colored people are unalterably opposed to any and all race churches. It is the principle involved that we abhor; besides this, we do not believe that the old Church wishes to "cast us (them) off." Indeed, her faithfulness towards us all through the days of our "weakness" and utter helplessness, even down to this present moment, emphatically proves the contrary; and unless offered, or cast off, as a peace offering to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, our people will not be seriously effected. Our faith in the old Church is too well founded. We rather incline to press forward to the full realization of the possibilities which are before us therein, to which our people, and many of their best friends in the church, prayerfully and hopefully look forward.

The Lottery is a Black Man's Question.

EVERY Negro citizen of Louisiana old enough to vote, or, if a female, able to influence a vote, should see that it is cast against the Lottery Infamy, and for the following plain reasons:

1. Every colored citizen, worthy of the name, should, and does, feel an interest and pride in his State. He is here to stay, and no one can force him away against his will. Now, whatever affects the honor and prosperity of this commonwealth, concerns the honor and affects the interests of the humblest citizen who has a vote to cast, nay that of wives and mothers, sons and daughters. Will our colored citizens help to brand the disgraceful name, "Gambler," upon the fair brow of Louisiana? would they give the control of the State to a syndicate of gamblers? are they willing to have all the business interests of Louisiana injured by the mania for gambling, fostered by the State herself?

2. It is a black man's question again, because his race is being cheated and fleeced by the lottery more than any other in the community. It only requires a passing glance at the lottery shops on every square, and near every market, to convince the most skeptical of this. It is the hard earnings of our toiling colored people (men and women, draymen, washerwomen, etc.), which is swelling the millions spent by Morris and his unknown confederates in champagne, cigars, race horses, etc.

3. It is the black man's question equally with the white, because lottery playing is unfitting their race more and more for citizenship, and postponing the settlement of the race question. Gambling in

lottery tickets is making our Negro population more and more averse to labor, which with intelligence and virtue, is the only foundation of good citizenship, and converting their young men into idle and shiftless vagabonds.

4. Colored parents are interested in this question. It is the commonest thing in the world to see little Negro children investing their two bits in the lottery unredeemable paper promises. Are the colored parents, many of whom are sincere Christians, willing to have this temptation perpetuated for another twenty-five years and increased for to get the promised bribe (one and a quarter million.) Lottery webs will be spread, not only in greater numbers in our city, but at every crossroad in the country; nay, their children will not need to go out of their houses, for the tickets will be offered them at their yard-gate and on the door-steps of the public schools. Are they willing to rear a race of gamblers?

5. Colored preachers are interested in this question. By virtue of their superior education, thus far they have been the acknowledged political leaders of their people, and as such exposed to the arts of politicians. Let them beware, lest they bring upon their churches the onus of Achan (Joshua vii.), and upon themselves the doom of the builder of destroyed Jericho, "He shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it" (Joshua vi.) 26.

The conduct of such as receive help from the lottery company for church enterprises and ministers' salaries, reminds one of the fable of the goose that laid the golden egg.

Enough money will be given to secure the vote or political influence to repair a church building, or erect a new one, or pay a preacher's salary for a year or so; but this will be at the expense (to say nothing now of the moral aspects of the case) of the gradual but sure impoverishment of the congregation, and increasing inability to support the church or pastor.

We call upon the Negro race to aid in this fight against an evil more to be dreaded than war or pestilence.

A Brave Governor.—He Comes Out Strongly in Favor of Law and Order.

IN HIS proclamation offering \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of each of the leaders and \$250 for each of the lynchers of the Negro prisoner, Lee Green, in Linden county, Texas, Oct. 26, Gov. Hogg says to the sheriff of this county:

If this is not enough to stimulate the detection, arrest and conviction of those criminals, or if you find any obstruction in your way to the full performance of your duties in the premises, please so inform me that all needful measures may be taken within my power to maintain the dignity of the constitution and laws. Every citizen charged with a felony in this State is guaranteed by the constitution a speedy, public trial before an impartial jury, the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him and to have a copy thereof; the privilege of being heard by himself or counsel or by both; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; that he shall not be held to answer for the offense unless on indictment of a grand jury, and that cruel or unusual punishment shall not be inflicted on him.

The prisoner was denied each and all of these sacred rights, so solemnly pledged to him; for, while in the custody of the law, in jail, he was taken by a mob, burned at a stake and murdered. If he was guilty of the foulest murder each member of the mob is none the less guilty of a like offense. Their crime is deepened by the in-

sult to the constitution and the shame reflected by the atrocious, barbarous act on the name of their county and State. If he was guilty, the mob's action is an indignity and reflection on every law-abiding juror and official in Cass county, for it proclaims to the world that they would not enforce the law. If he was innocent, then the mob has committed a crime so often inflicted on the weak by the blood-thirsty brutal strong. No citizen who loves his own life or appreciates his State can have no respect for a murderer. His contempt must intensify when he sees the mob return from a lifeless victim whose blood has been shed while a shackled prisoner.

There is no room for mobs in Texas, and they must cease their criminal raids if any virtue clings to established government. They are a menace to the life and liberty of every unprotected citizen; they are enemies to the bill of rights; they are incubators and propagators of crime, visiting vengeance on the defenseless, often innocent, striking down the bulwarks of liberty and laying waste to civilization.

In these days of organized society their fiendish work is without excuse, and cannot be tolerated. The prevalence of mobocracy means the subversion of law and order. The two cannot remain in harmony. As a rule, the men who join mobs against the helpless to take their lives stand ready to serve on the jury to acquit an influential criminal and to prate about the miscarriage of justice. It is time some of them were brought to trial for their crimes before honest juries.

I hope you will do your part in this case, as I shall cheerfully perform mine in it and all others of like brutality and disregard of our constitution and laws.

JANUARY 1, Emancipation Day, will soon be here. Prepare for its appropriate celebration.

In keeping with a time-honored custom, President Harrison has issued his proclamation, designating Thursday, November 26, as National Thanksgiving Day. Let all our people appropriately observe it.

Zion's Herald is thoroughly allopathic in its treatment of those who are afflicted with the episcopal fever. It is savagely drastic in its attitude toward all such as harbor any such symptoms.

THE annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held at the office of the board, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2:30 p. m.

C. H. PAYNE, Corresponding secretary.

A NOTE from Rev. Reese Thompson, Franklin, La., says: "I congratulate the SOUTHWESTERN in the many good things it has done and is doing for our people, and the high moral stand it takes on every question that is for the elevation of the community at large. Especially for the care and vigilance it takes in the grand interest of our pastors and their sufferings and wants. God bless every interest of the paper, and give the editor judgment and manly stability to prosecute his great work in the future as he has in the past."

THE nomination of Senator-elect Green and Representative-elect Jackson by Ohio Republicans was what secured the full Afro-American vote for the ticket. The result proves this beyond a shadow of a doubt. Give our people proper recognition and the party's success in Ohio is assured. Nearly all of the 30,000 Afro-American voters in this State voted last Tuesday.—Cleveland, Ohio Gazette.

Why doesn't the church profit by this fact? Verily, "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light."

Political Review.

Since the election held in several of the States recently, a general lull has taken hold of the political world, and only speculations of the effect of the same upon the presidential election next year are heard in any quarters.

In this State the Lottery, hitched on to the McEnery kite, or vice versa, won the day in this city in the Democratic primary election last week. The Lottery octopus starts out with 139 votes in the Democratic convention from this city; the solid delegation. The present indications are that the Democratic convention, "bag and baggage," will be controlled by the Lottery.

Major Andrew Hero, Jr., Assistant U. S. Treasurer, has appointed Mr. R. L. Desdune, a worthy and able colored Republican of this city, to an important and responsible clerkship in his department. This is a well merited recognition, for which Major Hero will receive the thanks and appreciation of many of his fellow-citizens.

MAYOR Rich, of Mobile, Ala., who after being elected by Negro votes to his present position, and who in return offered to give them jobs as "street sweeper and government spittoon cleaners" has further demonstrated his ingratitude by further insulting that class of his supporters, by the following incident. Instead of imposing a fine upon them or releasing all the parties, the other day, "he ordered two colored girls whipped with a cat or six tails," because they refused to give up the whole sidewalk to some overbearing white girls that they pushed off rather than give up their rights in the premises. The *Times Democrat* correspondent commenting thereon, says: "The whipping was satisfactorily done at the guardhouse with a cat of six tails. It is probable that this will prevent any repetition of the offense in future." Nay, rather, it will tend to make the Negro to be more scrutinizing in bestowing their patronage and support upon such hypocritical demagogues.

Personal.

—Note from Bishop Mallalien to the *California Christian Advocate*, says: "We had a blessed revival season at the meeting of the New Mexico Spanish Mission at Peralta. More than a score came forward for prayers, and about a dozen joined the church. The mission starts out on the new year with the purpose of doubling its membership."

—We extend to Rev. Dr. O. R. Franklin, of the Central Alabama Conference, our heartfelt sympathy in the irreparable loss he has sustained in the death of his wife, who departed this life at Birmingham, Alabama, Oct. 29.

—Bishop Fitzgerald's many friends will regret to learn that his young son has been seriously sick, and is now totally blind; the result of his illness.

—There may not be much in a name, but there is no doubt much in family training. Dr. W. F. Whitlock of the North Ohio Conference; Dr. E. D. Whitlock, of the Central Ohio; and S. H. Whitlock, of the Illinois—three brothers—are delegates elect to the General Conference of 1892. This is not accidental, but doubtless the result of the best training.

—Rev. J. H. Iford, formerly pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Shreveport, La., is dead. He was highly esteemed among his brethren, and his death casts a shadow of sadness among his many friends, both at Shreveport and Alexandria, where he was well and favorably known.

—Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 20, F. and A. M., of Shreveport, presented Bro. Morant with \$5.

—Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin, D. D., of the mission district has returned from an extensive visit in Ohio, and is looking the picture of health.

—The wife of Rev. R. L. Crawford, of Ames Church, is dangerously ill, and not expected to live through this week. We fervently hope for her recovery.

—Our readers will regret to learn that Bishop Merrill is now lying in a critical condition at his home in Chicago. His recovery depends very largely upon a painful and dangerous operation, in the abdomen, which has been decided upon by his physicians. Let the whole church pray for the providential intervention in his behalf.

—Rev. Reese Thompson of Franklin, who is here under medical treatment, we are glad to note is slowly but steadily improving. He ought not to have done so, but he did preach an excellent sermon at Williams Chapel, last Sunday.

—Mrs. Mary Carnick, evangelist, who worked successfully in the LaTeche region last winter, has come South again to engage in the same work. She can be addressed at this office.

Liberty League.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee, one of the best friends of the race, wishes to see if a Liberty League can be organized for the purpose of assisting Afro-Americans in the legal assertion of their rights.

Let every one who feels sufficient interest in the matter to impel him to do so, cut out and sign the following statement and inclose the same with a 2-cent stamp for the return of circular or reply, to the address as given below:

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LET the whole church unite in praying for a glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost, and all else that is necessary to our good will be added to us.

THE General Missionary Committee have decided to devote 55 per cent to the foreign, and 45 to the home work.

THE attention of our readers is specially invited to the very excellent article, by Dr. Hays, upon the "Organic Union of Negro Methodism and our Colored Membership," in another column. It expresses the conviction of our people so clearly and forcibly that they will no doubt respond to its spirit with great enthusiasm. Read it.

The Jim Crow Car Must Go!

The Treasurer's Statement.

CONTRIBUTIONS.
To the Citizens' Committee's Fund to test the constitutionality of the Separate Car Law, up to date:
Previously acknowledged.....\$2060.85
Subsequent receipts.....144.90

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DAILY BREAD.

The following is a will left by a drunkard of Oswego, New York: "I leave to society a ruined character and a wretched example. I leave to my parents as much sorrow as they can in their feeble state bear. I leave to my brothers and sisters as much shame and mortification as I could bring on them. I leave to my wife a broken heart—a life of shame. I leave to each of my children poverty, ignorance, a low character and a remembrance that their father filled a drunkard's grave."

Faith's life is a song. She marches to battle with a psalm. She suffers with a hymn upon her lips. She glorifies God in the fires. She passes out of the world to the music of the Te Deum, and not to the dolorous notes of a dirge. She thrusts out the wailers and lamenters from the chamber of her departed and enters the room having with her none but the Lord, who is the resurrection and the life. Does doubt compose sonnets or chant hosannas?—Christian Statesman.

The discreet but persuasive power of the Christian wife and mother was displayed in our presence recently with gratifying effect. As we arose from the breakfast table, the father said: "We are so pressed with the obligations of the day that we will not take the time to read the Bible this morning." "Oh, yes," said the wife, "there is always time to worship. Give us a message from the Bible to help us through the day." And she brought the Bible, opened it, and gave it to her husband to read. The prayer was richer because of the counsel with the Father which was first taken, and the heavy burdens of the day were more easily borne.—Zion's Herald.

When a boy I began to read very earnestly, but at the foot of every page I read, I stopped and obliged myself to give an account of what I had read on that page. At first I had to read it three or four times before I got my mind firmly fixed; but I compelled myself to comply with the plan, until now after I read a book through once I can almost recite it from beginning to end. It is a very simple habit to form in early life, and is invaluable as a means of making our reading serve the best purpose.—Lord Macanlay.

Rev. M. Cecil had a hearer who, when a young man, had solicited his advice, but gradually absented himself from the church. Mr. Cecil rode to his house, and after the usual salutations, he said:

"I hear you are dangerously situated."

The gentleman replied, "I am not aware of it, sir."

I thought it probable that you were not, and therefore have called on you. I year you are getting rich. Take care, for it is the road by which the devil leads thousands to destruction."

A New York merchant has, within ten years lost six book-keepers by death. He could not understand the strange fatality. The symptoms seemed to be about the same in each case, and all finally died of consumption. At length he became convinced that the room in which the young men were compelled to work was the cause. It was a small room in the back part of the store, where no sunlight could possibly get in. Accordingly he fitted up an office on the top story where the sun could stream in through the wide windows all day long. The change in the health of the book-keepers was almost instant: They soon became strong and rugged, and no deaths have since occurred. This piece of history has a warning to those who are trying to live and labor away from the sunlight. The penalty is death.

But to those whose hearts are filled with shadows the results are quite as disastrous. There can be no soul health where there is gloom. The sunlight of God's

presence must stream into the heart, chasing away all shadows, and flooding every corner with its own glad light. That will give light and health and growth. If we do not live in the sunlight, no one can be blamed but ourselves. The "Sun of Righteousness" shines. He shines for all. Why not bask in his life-giving beams?—Epworth Herald.

Schools and Colleges.

Boston University will soon have additional funds for the aid of needy students, Mrs. Lovicy D. Paddock having just bequeathed it thirty thousand dollars for this purpose.

New Orleans University and our people in the South have no truer and more faithful friend than Bishop Mallien. Whether upon the frontier of our country or across the great waters and in foreign lands he never forgets them. His plea is ever in their behalf. While on the Pacific Coast a few weeks ago, he found two friends who gave ten thousand dollars each towards the endowment of our medical school. Another friend has given him the usufruct of ten orange trees for a series of years. These will average about three hundred dollars a year toward the support of the school. Who else will help the good bishop? He needs now \$4,500 to help pay for the property, and \$200,000 endowment.

Our schools are opening this fall with greatly increased attendance. Presidents and principals write enthusiastic letters. Our three hundred and fifty teachers are entering with enthusiasm upon their year's work. With very few exceptions, our buildings will be crowded to overflowing. The cry is, "More room! more room!" For this cry let the Lord be praised. What will our great church say to it? Will not the pastors echo this cry from all their pulpits, and call the people to largely increase their contributions to this cause?—Christian Educator.

T. G. Hodgkins, of Setanket, New York, has given \$200,000 to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington City.

The next meeting of the American Association of Educators of Colored Youth will be held Dec 28-30, at Nashville, Tenn.

Wiley University has 245 students. The King Industrial Home, in connection with this noble work is in a prosperous condition. The buildings are too small to accommodate all who come. Who will move for the central building? No room in the King Home.

THOS. COLE.

Marshall, Tex.

Send a 2-cent stamp to Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., for a set of their album cards.

Marriages.

Mr. George Austin to Miss Emma Culbreath, Sept. 12, by a justice of the peace.

Mr. B. Harris to Miss Lida Washington, Oct. 15, Rev. F. Norwood officiating, Columbia, Texas.

Natchitoches, La.—Oct. 21, Mr. Charley Tucker to Miss Victory Brown. Their many friends remembered them with many presents.

Wm. Harrison, P. C.

Batesville, Miss.—Nov. 10, at the residence of the bride, Mr. John Vaughn to Miss Brunett Barenger.

Rev. S. D. Troupe officiating.

At the M. E. Church at Winston, La., Nov. 15, Mr. June Bell to Miss Anna Marshall. Both are members of the church.

Rev. E. B. Richards officiating.

Houma La.—Mr. Frank Delahousie to Miss Catherine Paragorie, of Terrebonne, La., were married Nov. 5.

Rev. F. D. Bowers officiating.

Jackson, Miss.—Rev. J. C. Hibbler, pastor of Wesley Chapel, Vicksburg, Miss., to Miss Georgie Horner, of Vicksburg, Nov. 2. Bro. Hibbler is a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary, and is one of the first young men in the State. He is just such a man as is needed in this field. The beautiful bride

is highly respected for her modesty and piety. May their honeymoon extend through a long and happy life.

A. M. Trotter officiated.

Obituary.

Sister Betsy Jobnton, one of the old members, went to sleep in peace last spring.

In August, Sister Lillie Virkins, in the middle of life, died in the faith.

Oct. 23, Bro. Walker, aged 70 years, took a triumphant departure. He said he was anchored in Christ.

J. C. Hibbler, Vicksburg, Miss.

Gonzales, Texas.—Sister Martha A. White died in San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 25, aged 20 years. She joined the M. E. Church in 1884, in Gonzales, and lived a consistent Christian until her death. She leaves many relatives to mourn. Her funeral was attended by the writer, Rev. P. White, and Rev. J. Dilworth of the Baptist Church.

Thos. Wadkins, P. C.

Brinkley, Ark.—Fannie Halliday died Sept. 17, aged 14 years, 3 months and 15 days.

Geo. Halliday, Oct. 9, aged 62.

David Mullen, Oct. 12, aged 72.

D. B. Harston, P. C.

Sister Fannie Logan passed from labor to reward Oct. 11, aged about 50 years. She was a faithful Methodist and one of the greatest church workers. Her last and ever remembered advice to those who heard her heavenly whisper, was: "Honor, honor the Lamb."

Duncan W. Nelson, P. C., Hazen, Ark.

Williamsou, Ga.—Sept. 8, Sister Charity Simmons, one of our good old sisters who was true to her duty, died very suddenly. Our loss, we trust, was heaven's gain.

Also, Bro. Augustus and Sister Mary Andrew lost their little boy Robert, aged 13 years, Oct. 23.

G. Y. Flemister, P. C.

Jacksonport, Ark.—Sister Celia Moore departed this life Oct. 30. She was a member of the M. E. Church for 40 years, and died in full triumph of faith, aged 65 years. She leaves two daughters and many friends to mourn. Her funeral was attended by the pastor.

H. M. Renfro.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Sister Hester Manson died Sept. 19, aged 26 years. She had been a member of the church 4 years.

Jerry Pomer, son of Frank Pomer, died Oct. 14, aged 27.

Sister Adeline Adams, daughter of Healey and Mary Adams, died Oct. 17, aged 18 years. She professed a hope in Christ.

R. Hays, P. C.

Sister Clarissa Wright, for 13 years a member of our church in Columbia, Tex., died in triumph Nov. 1, saying she was a Christian and ready to go.

A. C. Culbreath, P. C.

In Jasper, Tenn., Nov. 5, Sister Lena Smith, a member of the M. E. Church for 20 years, aged 33.

A. W. Randolph officiated.

Sister Peggy Jones, aged 70 years, of Magnolia, Ark., fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 3. She was a member of the M. E. Church 17 years. She worked hard and she made \$3 a week to build the church in this city. She furnished houses for our preachers. Indeed, the church has lost a mother.

G. W. Thompson, P. C.

In DeSard, La., Nov. 5, Sister Mary Bradford. She was a faithful member of Mt. Sinai M. E. Church.

F. M. Lashington, P. C.

Sister Emeline McCow's little Charley died Oct. 10, aged 2 years. The pastor being absent, the funeral was attended by W. L. Dyess, local preacher.

Ofahoma, Leake county, Miss.—Sister Eugene Collier, the daughter of Simon and Rachel Collier, departed this life Oct. 23, aged 16 years. She died in triumph. Her dying words were: "Open wide ye heaven gates, and let me come in." Again, while passing through the valley and shadow of death, she exclaimed, "O glory to God."

Haywood Heslop.

Wilson, La.—Mr. Wade Jones, son of Bro. Nolan Jones, district steward, departed this life, after a painful illness, Nov. 6, aged 21. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn. We sympathize with Bro. N. Jones in the loss of his son.

Elijah H. Clark, P. C.

Grand Cane, La.—Nov. 6, Little Walter Hill, aged 4 months and 4 days.

Wm. Emmett, P. C.

Shreveport, La.—Sister Laura Tigges, a member of St. James M. E. Church, fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 4. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn.

Bro. D. B. Wilson, a member of St. James M. E. Church, died in Asheville, N. C., a few weeks ago.

C. D. Shallowhorne, P. C.

Birmingham, Ala.—The wife of Dr. O. R. Franklin departed this life Oct.

20, in the 50th year of her age, near Birmingham, Ala. Her suffering was short and she bore it patiently. Mrs. Franklin was a loving mother, a model wife, and a life-long Christian of the M. E. Church. She will long be remembered by the friends of the Central Alabama Conference. Dr. Franklin has the sympathy of the entire membership.

A. B. Allen, P. C.

Batesville, Miss.—Sister Leach Camerler departed this life Nov. 9, aged about 60 years, a member of New Haven M. E. Church for a number of years. She left a good testimony.

S. D. Troupe, P. C.

Ball Town, La.—Bro. Alfred and Sister Lucy Jackson, both members of the M. E. Church, lost their son after a long illness. He died a sinner. "Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh."

H. O. Williams, P. C.

Houma, La.—Sister Nancy Robinson, a member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, and of Evening Star Lodge I. O. G. T., died in full triumph of faith Nov. 6. She requested to be sung at her burial the hymn: "Why should we start and fear to die."

F. D. Bowers, P. C.

Sister Malinda Richardson died Nov. 10, at Pearlinton Miss. She was a loyal member of our church 13 years. Her last words were, "Onwards and upwards to the Master's kingdom."

O. H. Flowers.

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

There will be a grand union meeting of all the classes of Union Chapel, Bienville street, the fourth Sunday in November, for the purpose of paying off the debts.

The meeting will commence at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, ending at 9 o'clock Sunday night.

The pastor was requested to appoint ladies from the different classes as captains, to represent the classes from 1 to 15.

The following congregations headed by their pastors will participate: Wesley Chapel, Pleasant Plain, Mt. Zion, LaHarpe and Thompson Chapel. All who are friendly are invited.

CAPTAINS:—Class No. 1, Mary A. Hudson; 2, Ella Pierson; 3, Margaret Robinson; 4, Felicie Donnell; 5, Celestine Ogilvie; 6, Josephine Dosey; 7, Fanny Moore; 8, Julia Lynch; 9, Emma Ward; 10, Steven Umphrey; 11, Josephine Debrai; 12, Mother Oscar; 13, Nancy Miller; 14, Nancy Knox; 15, Evelina Gragry.

The members of all the classes are called upon to make one grand financial pull, and pull all together.

—Rev. James W. Hudson, pastor.

Class No. 2 gave a grand union meeting at Maldens Chapel on Washington street, Sunday, the 8th inst. We had a joyful time and a good collection. Rev. H. Taylor, pastor in charge, preached a good sermon. Rev. B. J. Ankrum, H. Parker, and Bro. Ross were present and assisted.

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Church Polity.

Question. By what authority do some of our pastors allow women to preach in their churches?

LOYAL MEMBER.

Answer. Upon their own; they violate the Discipline of their church everytime they do so. Our General Conference has denied the women license to preach, and no pastor has a right to disregard that supreme authority, in our ecclesiastical government, and set her up to preach, in defiance of that authority.

Q. Is it right for the Sunday school agent and the pastor and the officers of our church to call a Sunday school convention without the knowledge of the other pastors on the district. And is it right for that private community to assign work for each pastor to do without consulting them, and is it obligatory upon them to attend under those circumstances.

ANXIOUS ENQUIRER.

A. There is no law covering such a case, consequently there can be no offence. Enquirer is entirely free to exercise his judgment in the premises, to attend or to let alone. Unless he has other plausible reasons however, he should attend by all means.

Publishers' Department.

[Pastors are requested to read this department each week.]

Rev. Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder, Marshall, Texas, sent 19 cash subscribers in October.

IN our Ecumenical Echoes, last week we quoted a paragraph from Rev. Dr. J. O. Hartzell's able address on "Christian work in agricultural districts," but inadvertently left out his name, much to our regret.

I have used Dukehart's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Malt with Hypophosphites, and found it a valuable adjunct in diseases of the Bronchia, Pulmonary affection and general debility.—John B. Brawner, M. D., Hamlet, Md., Physician to St. Mary's College and St. Joseph Academy.

Conference Notices.

To Ministers of the Texas Conference. Dear Brethren: Please be prepared to pay over at the Annual Conference the amount subscribed to furnish the Texas Conference Room in the King Home at Marshall. The roll will be called and it is hoped each one will respond with the cash.

I. B. SCOTT.

W. H. M. Society of the M. E. Church, Louisiana Conference.

I will hold an anniversary in connection with the Annual Conference session of the Louisiana Conference, on Friday, Jan. 15, 3 p. m., at Union Chapel, New Orleans. As there will be important business to attend to, I hope to meet representatives and members from all the auxiliaries present.

Mrs. HESTER WILLIAMS,
Honorary President Louisiana Board of the W. H. M. S.

Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference.

First Round.

Mossy Creek.....Nov. 21-22
Knoxville cir....." 28-29
Olive Springs.....Dec. 5-6
Morristown sta....." 12-13
Knoxville sta....." 19-20
Russellville....." 26-27
Tazewell.....Jan. 2-3
Morristown ct....." 9-10
Clinton and Coal Creek....." 16-17

Dear Brother Pastors: Please write and tell me where your quarterly meetings are to be held. We want revivals on our district. Let us remember, that the 26th of November is the day to bring up the money that we promised the Morristown Academy. The district conference will be held at Olive Springs, Tenn., Dec. 3, 4. The pastors will please notify the district stewards to meet Dec. 4, the second day of conference, to make out an estimate of what each charge shall pay on the Presiding Elder's salary and traveling expenses.

E. PROVINE, P. E.

Notice.

Pastors of the Navasota District, Texas Conference, are called to meet at Trinity Church, Houston, Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 2 o'clock p. m. sharp, to hold a statistical meeting. This meeting is held to avoid imperfections in our statistical reports. To be present at the hour designated, you will have to leave home Tuesday on the early morning train, which will put you in Houston about 6 a. m.

W. H. LOGAN, P. E.

Notice.

Candidates for the second year's course of study will meet the committee at the Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Dec. 1, at 3 p. m. No candidate need expect an examination without the course of study laid down in our Discipline.

Committee: J. A. FEATHERSTON,
WM. BROOKS,
THOS. COLE, Sec'y.

Notice.

Brethren of the Yazoo River District Conference will please send me the number of brethren from their charges that will attend the conference.

D. L. TUBBS.

Crawford, Miss.



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He who waits for an inactive liver to do its work, exposes himself to all the diseases that come from tainted blood. Don't wait! Languor and loss of appetite warn you that graver ills are close behind. You can cure them from coming; you can cure them if they've come—with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It's the only blood and liver medicine that's guaranteed, in every case, to benefit or cure. Your money back if it doesn't. Thus, you only pay for the good you get. Can you ask more? It cleanses the system and cures pimples, blotches, eruptions and all skin and scalp diseases. Scrofulous affections, as fever-sores, hip-joint disease, swellings and tumors yield to its superior alterative properties.

TO JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

BY WILLIAM HAYES WARD.

Dear singer of our father's day,
Who lingers in the sunset glow,
Our grateful hearts all bid thee stay:
Bead hitherward and do not go.
Gracious thine age; thy youth was strong.
For Freedom touched thy tongue
With fire;
To sing the right and fight the wrong
Thine equal hand held bow or lyre.
O linger, linger long,
Singer of song.

We beg thee stay; thy comrade star
Which later rose is earlier set;
What music and what battle scar
When side by side the fray ye met!
Thy trumpet and his drum and fife
Gave sancy challenge to the foe
In Liberty's heroic strife;
We mourn for him, thou must not go!
Yet linger, linger long,
Singer of song.

We cannot yield thee; only thou
Art left to us, and one beside
Whose silvered wisdom still can show
How smiles and tears together bide
And we would bring our boys to thee,
And bid them hold in memory crowded
That they our saintliest bard did see,
The Galahad of our table round.
Then linger, linger long,
Singer of song.

The night is dark; three radiant beams
Are gone that crossed the zenith sky;
For one the water fowl, he seems,
For two the Elmwood herons cry.
Ye twain that early rose and still
Skirt low the level west along,
Stark when ye must, to rise and fill
The morrow's east with light and song.
But linger, linger long,
Singers of song.

—Independent.

The Household.

Sleep as a Medicine.

A physician says that the cry for rest has always been louder than the cry for food. Not that it is more important, but it is often harder to obtain. The best rest comes from sound sleep. Of two men or women otherwise equal, the one who sleeps the best will be the most healthy and efficient. Sleep will do much to cure irritability of temper, peevishness, and nervousness. It will restore vigor to an overworked brain. It will cure a headache. It will cure a broken spirit. It will cure a sorrow. Indeed, we may make a long list of nervous and other maladies that sleep will cure. The cure of sleeplessness requires a clean, good bed, sufficient exercise to promote weariness, pleasant occupation, good air, and not too warm a room; a clear conscience, and avoidance of stimulants and narcotics. For those who are overworked, haggard, nervous, who pass sleepless nights, we commend the adoption of such habits as will secure sleep, otherwise life will be short, and what there is of it sadly imperfect.—Selected.

LEMON PIE.—For the crust three cupfuls of flour, one cupful of butter and lard, rather scant measure (three times as much lard as butter), and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Mix these ingredients, then add one-half cupful of water, and mix lightly. Line a tin with this crust, leaving edges large enough to turn under, then press them down well with the thumb. Prick the crust thoroughly and bake. Filling for pie: two dessert-spoons even full of cornstarch, the same of flour; mix with cold water until smooth; turn on one cupful of boiling water, and let thicken; add the yolks of two large eggs, one cupful of sugar, juice and rind of one large lemon. When this cools, put into the crust, and cover with a meringue made of the whites of the eggs, and two spoonfuls of powdered sugar. Set in the oven, and brown.

To clean brass fixtures, rub them with slices of lemon, then wash in hot water.

Bent whalebones can be restored and used again by simply soaking in water for a few hours, and then drying them.

Grate young horseradish, mix with vinegar, and seal in pint cans. Make mint vinegar by dropping mint in hot vinegar, let stand several days, then strain and seal.

General News Items.

Notices of intentions to contest the right to the seats of six members elect to the House of Representatives in the Fifty-second Congress have been filed with the Clerk of the House, as follows: Henry T. Noyes versus Hosea H. Rockwell, from the Twenty-eighth New York District; John B. Reynolds versus George W. Shonk, from the Twelfth Pennsylvania District; Thomas H. Reevy versus Edward Soull, from the Twentieth Pennsylvania District; Alexander K. Craig versus Andrew Stuart, from the Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania District; Thomas F. Miller versus William Elliott, from the Seventh South Carolina District, and John V. McDuffy versus Lonis Tarpin, from the Fourth Alabama District.

Dr. Briggs was acquitted of heresy by the New York Presbytery, Nov. 3rd. The vote stood 94 to 39. An appeal will be taken.

Mr. Stanley has resigned his position as Governor of the Congo State.

In many parts of Mexico the scarcity of food is so great that there is much suffering.

Louisville, Kentucky, suffered recently a loss of nearly \$500,000 from fire, caused by the explosion of a boiler in the electric light plant.

The Argentine Republic has sold 1,000 square miles of land to Baron Hirsch for \$1,000,000 in gold. The Baron proposes a settlement for Russian Jews.

Prairie fires have been burning in several localities in Oklahoma Territory. Farm houses, timber, fences, and crops were destroyed, and the loss great.

Fort Marion, built by the Spaniards at St. Augustine, Florida, in 1620, and supposed to be the oldest structure in the United States, is to be reproduced at the World's Fair at Chicago by the State of Florida.

The colored people everywhere rejoice over the election in Ohio, of Hon. J. P. Green to the Senate, from the "Old Cuyahoga District," and George H. Jackson to the House, from Hamilton county.

Japan was recently visited by a terrible earthquake which resulted in the loss of over 500 lives and millions of property.

Georgia follows Kentucky, in its efforts to re-establish the whipping post. Of course the intention is that colored men should be the victims.

Recorder Townsend has resigned and returned to the ministry, where he should have staid at first, if called of God to that work. You cannot serve God and Mammon.

Nebraska is not very healthy territory for the growth of mob law. The mob that hung a colored man there a few days ago is not getting along so nicely now. Warrants have been sworn out for a number of members of it and several arrests have been made. Nebraska won't tolerate mob law.

Hon. Frederick Douglass spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church on the night of the 13th inst. His theme was "Hayti," and he replied to all criticism that had been made concerning him as related to Hayti, and he did it very well and concisely. He not only pronounced a well deserved eulogy on Hayti and President Hyppolite, but spoke in glowing terms of fulsome praise of President Harrison, and came out boldly for him for President in 1892. The grand old man has lost none of his eloquence, and is as strong mentally to-day as ever before. Many Englishmen who were present at the meeting made speeches, and their feelings showed plainly the esteem in which Mr. Douglass is held abroad.

Babyland for November is out. The touching stories, the funny jingles, and the lovely pictures of Babyland fascinate us more and more. No better investment of 50 cents for the entire year. D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

Our Symposium.

Earnestness is becoming to every prayer, every testimony, every appeal, every sermon, every resolve, every act and every word. In the religion of Christ there is no place for listlessness, recklessness or indifference.—Michigan Advocate.

As to the special matter of the unification of the colored Methodists, we shall have something to say after we have had an opportunity to converse with the leading men among them. If they should determine that the cause of Christ will be best promoted by their coming together in one body, we promise, as far as in us lies, to help the movement in all possible ways.—Nashville Christian Advocate, Church South.

Our neighbor doesn't believe in social nor ecclesiastical comingling of the races. What about heaven, neighbor?

There are two things which will fill the pews of a church. One is a preacher's brains, and the other is piety. When you can combine both, the most satisfactory results will be obtained.—David J. Burrell.

In arousing the feelings, about the weakest conceivable appeal is to tell people how they ought to feel. The opposite emotion is sure to arise. The way to produce an emotion is to present the truth or fact that naturally excites it. Pleading with people to have certain feelings, or scolding them because they do not have them, never accomplished its purpose.—The Watchman.

"God is behind all great enterprises. He is behind all movements in the nations. And it seems to me that it is to the English speaking peoples that we must look for the future progress of America. Republican institutions are the legitimate outcome of English ideas. Even the Spaniards living here admit that they are better off under the English laws and ideas than they would be under a Spanish civilization."—B. F. DeCosta.

The question is as to the general trustworthiness of the Bible. Can we accept the old testimony at all if it is full of false statements in historical facts, which are not incidental but essential? This is the point for which we are fighting not as to the mere verbal inaccuracy, but as to the broad truthfulness and trustworthiness of the Bible; against a destructive criticism, which throws wide open the gate which would lead us down into a self-seeking rationalism.—Prof. W. H. Green.

A FORTUNE

Inherited by few, is pure blood, free from hereditary taint. Catarrh, consumption, rheumatism, Scrofula, and many other maladies born in the blood, can be effectually eradicated only by the use of powerful alternatives. The standard specific for this purpose—the one best known and approved—is Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the compound, concentrated extract of Honduras sarsaparilla, and other powerful alternatives.

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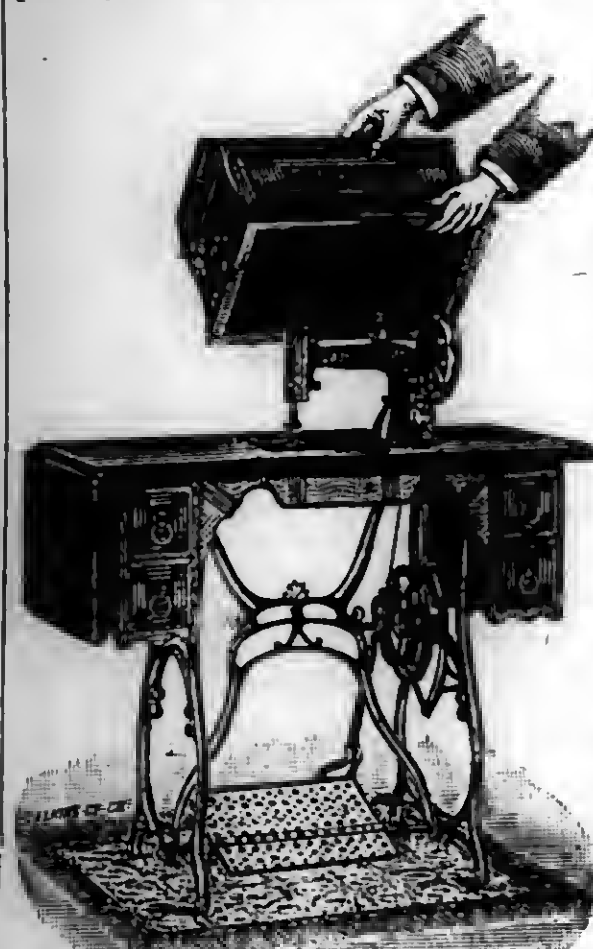
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Illinois Central.		
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No. 1, Pass. 7:20 p.m.	No. 2, Pass. 7:00 a.m.	
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East Mail, 8:25 a.m.	East Mail, 8:10 a.m.	
No. 43, Chic. & N. O. 8:40 a.m.	No. 46, Chic. & N. O. 8:40 a.m.	
Limited, 8:40 p.m.	Limited, 12:01 p.m.	
No. 41, Memphis & Kns. City East Ex. 8:45 a.m.	No. 42, Memphis & Kns. City West Ex. 8:45 a.m.	
No. 5, McComb City accommodation, 8:50 a.m.	McComb City accommodation, 4:30 p.m.	

Texas and Pacific.		
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No. 54, RR loc. 10:25 a.m.	No. 53, RR loc. 7:30 p.m.	

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HOME READINGS.

M. John 18, 1-13. Tu. Zech 11, 7-13. W. Matt. 26, 14-25. Th. Matt. 26, 47-56. F. Matt. 27, 3-10. S. Luke 22, 54-62. S. Mark 14, 33-42.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (Mark 14, 41.)

LESSON HYMN, L. M.

O who like thee, so mild, so bright,
Thou Son of man, thou Light of light?
O who like thee did ever go,
So patient, through a world of woe?

O who like thee so humbly bore
The scorn, the scoffs of men, before?
So meek, so lowly, yet so high,
So glorious in humility?

And death, that sets the prisoner free,
Was pang, and scoff, and scorn to thee;
Yet lo through all thy torture glow'd,
And mercy with thy life-blood flow'd.

Time—Thursday night, the night before the crucifixion.
Place—The Garden of Gethsemane. Its name is not given by John.

Rulers—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links.—The supper is ended; the prayer is ended; the hymn is sung; out from the supper-room, down through the city streets, out of the unguarded gate, down the steep way into the valley, over the Cedron, or Kidron, into the lonely garden, pass the Savior and the eleven. The hour of agony, when he sweat, as it were, great drops of blood, has gone by; there is a tread of a throng, a clanking of armor, a glitter of lights; Judas is at hand.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Betrayed, v. 1-3.
Where did Jesus go from the temple?
Who went with him?
By what name is the garden known? (Matt. 26, 36.)
Who also knew of this place of meeting? How?
Whom did Judas lead to the garden?
How were they equipped?

2. Defended, v. 4-11.
How did Jesus greet the officers?
What did he declare to them?
How were they affected?
What did he again ask?
Their answer?
What request did Jesus make?
Why did he ask this favor?
Who came forward to defend Jesus?

To what violence did he resort?
How was the injury repaired? (Luke 22, 51.)
What did Jesus say to his defender?

What did he say about the means of defense? (Matt. 26, 52, 53.)
3. Fettered, v. 12, 13.
What did the officers then do to Jesus?

Before whom did they first take him?
To whom did Annas send him? (Verse 24.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:
1. The baseness of a false disciple?
2. The rashness of a zealous disciple?
3. The love of Jesus for true disciples?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BROTHERS.

Find why the Lord was called Jesus of Nazareth.
Find what sort of trees grew in the garden of Gethsemane.
Find on what evening of the week this sad incident occurred?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.
[For the entire school.]

1. Where did Jesus and his disciples go after the last supper? To the garden of Gethsemane.
2. Who sought him there? Judas and a band of men.
3. What did they do to Jesus? They seized him and bound him.
4. Before what two rulers did the band take Jesus? Before Annas and Caiaphas, the high priests.
5. What did Jesus say of their

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THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

105. Is it not a fearful thing to die? It is to all but true Christians.

106. Why should not true Christians fear to die? Because the sting of death is removed, and they know that they shall go to heaven.

107. How long will the bodies of men lie in the grave? Until the last day, when Christ shall come to raise the dead for judgment.

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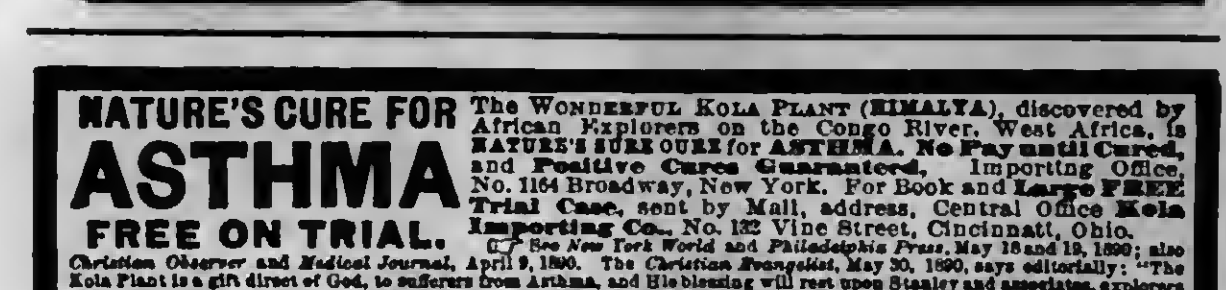
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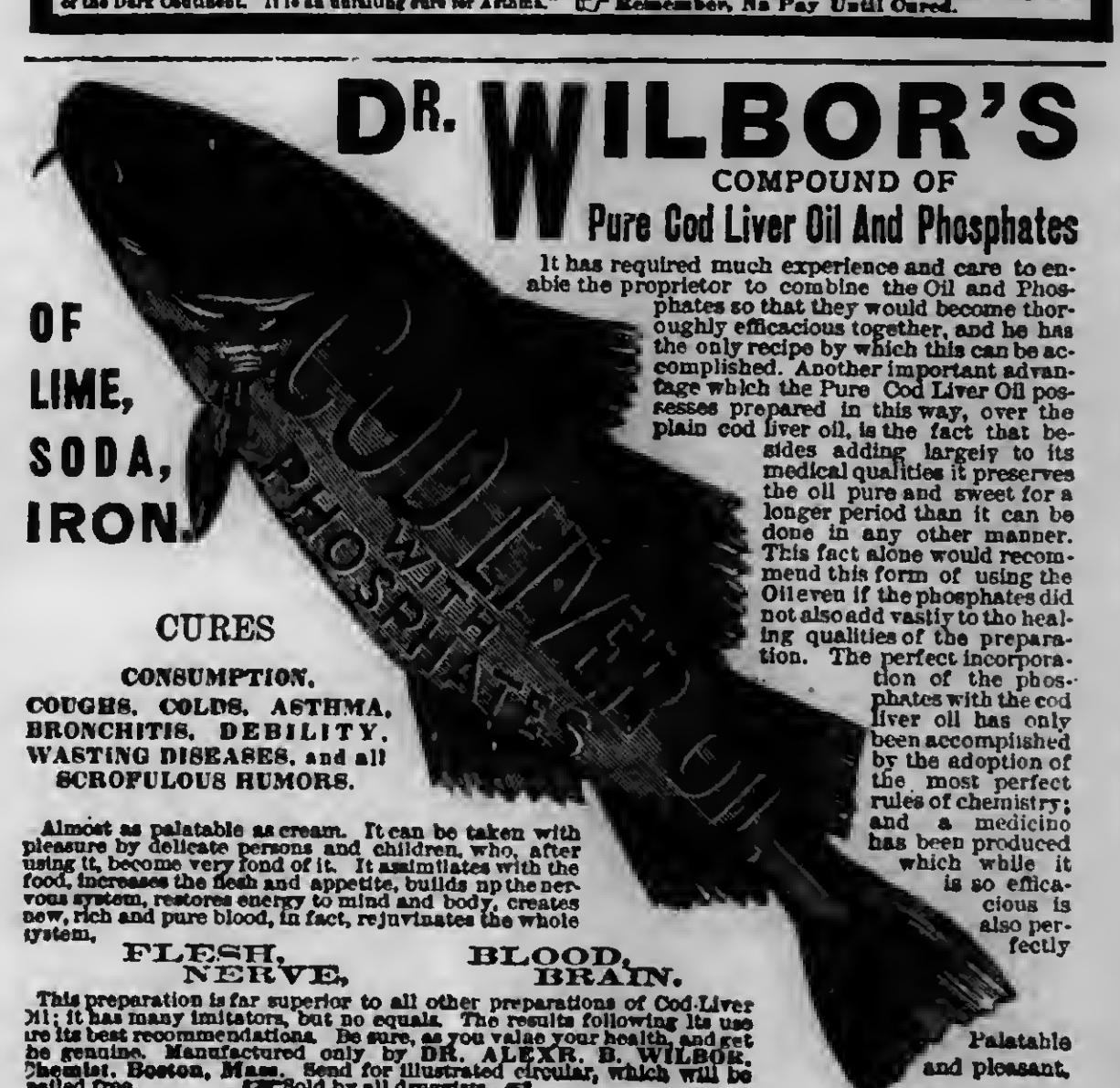
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St. John's River, Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 13	Ninde
Louisiana, New Orleans, La.	Jan. 13	Mallalieu
Alabama, Anniston, Ala.	Jan. 20	Merrill
Florida, Fernandina, Fla.	Jan. 20	Ninde
Central Alabama, Huntsville, Ala.	Jan. 27	Merrill
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Shorn of their splendid yields;
Again the lanes have glimmered
With farewell Golden-rod,
And Gentian fringes closed above
The olive-tinted sod.
But thou, O grand old Feast-day,
Thou hast no need of these
To draw us to thee. Though thou bring
Gray skies and leafless trees,
A hundred welcomes to thee!
Ye altar-fires of Home,
Shine out!—and kindred, gather
From sea to mountain dome!

So hail thee, grand old Feast-day!
The wind-swept orchard boughs
Have hung their ruddy gold and green
Upon the earth; the mows
Are rich with grain; the furrows
Sleep 'neath the sun's veiled ray—
And all the land is glad, and greets
A new Thanksgiving Day!

—Good Housekeeping

TODAY is Thanksgiving Day.
Remember the poor, and share
with them the rich bounties with
which our heavenly Father has so
graciously favored you.

MEMBERS of the Little Rock Conference will please take notice that the seat of the conference has been changed from Van Buren to Little Rock, Ark.
THOS. MASON.

TODAY is National Thanksgiving Day. What grateful remembrances it should inspire in every devout worshipper. Let us all observe it. We have, many, many things for which to thank God, notwithstanding the afflictions, disappointments and burdens which we have experienced since this day a year ago. Thank God; we are alive, and that it is as well as it is with us.

In transmitting to us a biographical sketch of his father, recently deceased, Rev. W. D. Godman, D. D., of Winsted, La., says: "I mourn my dear father's death, and feel the loneliness it brings. But there is, among us, a great feeling of satisfaction and even joy, that he has passed away from the rough conflict with suffering, and has gone so peacefully to the home of the saints. I and my family came via Columbus, Ohio, in June, thinking we might 'see his face no more.' When we parted he said with a smile, 'we'll meet again.' I expect so to live that, in God's infinite mercy, I may meet him and my sainted mother, who died Jan. 1, 1873. Heaven is richer by the loss of earth. May God bless you and I with riches of gracious experience. I enclose a statement—poor and inadequate—but I scarcely know how to write of one so dear to me."

General Missionary Committee of the M. E. Church.

Annual Meeting at Cleveland, Ohio.

REV. J. W. CORNELIUS.

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church consists of the sixteen bishops, the officers of the society and board, representatives of fourteen General Conference districts and fourteen members of the Board of Managers. Its annual meeting was held at First Church, Cleveland, Ohio, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 11th. Rev. Thomas Bowman, LL.D., senior bishop, presided at the opening session, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Manshell. S. L. Baldwin, D.D., was elected secretary, Sanford Hunt, treasurer, and Esri Cranston, assistant.

After the preliminaries of organization, Bishop Foss read the report of a committee appointed at the last meeting, on the purchase of property in Wn Hn, China, from the W. F. M. Society. After some discussion the report was adopted appropriating \$2,455 for this purpose.

Arthur Edwards, D.D., editor *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, explained the serious nature of Bishop Merrill's illness and bore the bishop's message to the committee; "Tell them that I love them all."

Dr. Peck also presented a report which recommended that domestic missions be taken up first at this meeting. Dr. Goncher was in favor of alternating at the annual meetings in the order of considering domestic and foreign missions; which suggestion was subsequently incorporated into the rules.

The seventy-third annual report was then read by Dr. Hunt. The cash receipts for the year ending Oct. 31st, were \$1,228,888.04, an increase over last year of \$93,616.22, of this \$1,078,583.81 were from the conferences; legacies, \$117,515.44; annuities, \$16,295.05; sundry receipts, \$16,435.74. In addition the treasurer has received for contingent appropriations, \$22,169.23. The society is entirely out of debt and has in the treasury \$25,303.09. During the last ten years there has been a steady increase in the conference collections. The doxology was sung in gratitude to God for this favorable result.

O. C. McCahe, D.D., senior secretary, moved that \$1,100,000 be the limit for appropriations for next year, which was agreed to. Dr. J. O. Peck moved that \$100,000 be allowed for contingent expenses, office expense, publications, incidentals.

Dr. Leonard moved that 47½ per cent of moneys appropriated be for domestic missions, and 52½ per cent for foreign missions. Bishop Fowler moved that it be 45 and 55. Bishop Andrews urged that three-fourths of the human family were still in heathen darkness, and that therefore less should be spent for home missions and more for foreign missions. Dr. Goncher said there had been 12,000 conversions in a single conference in one of the foreign missions during the year past, and that this increased the demands of that work. Bishop Fitzgerald favored an equal division of the fund as there is great need in all the Northwest. Bishop Goodsell took the same position. Dr. Leonard also said that the money given for foreign missions had to be applied for Church Extension work, for the establishment of schools, Sunday schools, literature, etc.; but on the other hand you must face the question in the United States of doing more for our great cities. Bishop Walden said that on the basis of 45 and 55 the home work would have \$35,000 and the foreign work \$38,000 more.

Bishop Hurst said we had been retrenching in foreign fields, but there never had been such success in all our history as in the past year. We must increase in order to hold our ground. Bishop Foster thought our home work must look more than our foreign work, toward self support, and that therefore the division ought to be 40 and 60. Bishop Foss thought that we were now giving too much to the colored people in the South. Chaplain McCabe did not believe there was any occasion for missionary to be disappointed. Seventy thousand five hundred dollars more were given to India last year than in 1884. Foreign missionaries have a fair support, while some of our men on the frontiers live in dinghies not worth ten dollars. Dr. Maxfield felt that the foreign population in this country introduced a tremendous issue. They settle in companies and are thoroughly inimical to our institutions, to our Sabbath, to our public schools. Dr. Durrell said that in many portions of New England the need was just as great as in the far West or in the South or in any foreign field. Bishop Mallalien favored 50 per cent for home work. Here in Cleveland, in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Chicago, foreigners are very numerous and thoroughly American. Never before were we on the verge of such a peril to Protestantism. Dr. Buckley said we are really in the midst of a heathen, a Catholic, a Jewish population—an increase by immigration is an increase of some pointed form of religion. The best way to get money for the missionary cause is to show practical business men that we are trying to save our own country.

After some other discussion the percentage adopted was 45 to domestic missions and 55 to foreign missions; which will give \$33,000 more to the home work than last year, and \$37,000 more to the foreign work.

According to the new rules adopted for this committee, domestic missions were taken up and appropriations were made first for Scandinavian Missions in the several conferences amounting in the aggregate to \$60,200. To the various German Missions in the domestic field, \$50,350 were appropriated.

On Thursday, the appropriations for domestic missions were continued. J. M. Durrell, D.D., addressed the committee on the difficulties encountered in prosecuting our work among the French. Being thoroughly hostile to the English government, they are hostile to the English language and to all English speaking populations, especially to Protestantism. They are of a migratory and vacillating character. Bishop Bowman believed there never before was such a prospect. One woman in St. Louis whom he knew of, had been instrumental in the conversion of 100 French Catholics. Prof. Upham and others spoke upon the same subject, and \$5,000 were appropriated for French Missions in this country, with others yet to be considered.

Fourteen thousand dollars were also appropriated for Spanish Missions and schools in New Mexico.

On Friday, Chinese Missions in the United States were first considered. Rev. Dr. Bovard of San Francisco, said that heathen Chinese were altogether unfitted for American citizenship, but that converted Christian Chinese became good patriots, and liberal contributors to all our benevolences. Dr. J. O. Peck praised highly the superintendent of our Chinese Missions in California, Rev. Dr. Masters. Chang Wong Fang, one of the Chinese converts was now a

very efficient missionary among them. Dr. Harrower of New York, Dr. Baldwin and others represented the Chinese Mission in New York, and appropriations were made to the various Chinese Missions in the United States amounting to \$11,400. Five thousand dollars were also appropriated to maintain our very successful missions among the Japanese in California. Six thousand eight hundred dollars were appropriated for Bohemian and Hungarian Missions and \$5,750 for Italian Missions and \$800 for Portuguese Missions in New England.

On Saturday, missions among the American Indians were taken up, and \$8,800 were appropriated for their support. The growth of missions among the Indians was represented as perfectly astonishing in the Indian Territory.

A resolution of sympathy to Bishop William Taylor, who recently had a narrow escape from death by highwaymen, was passed. Missionary appropriations to regular conferences were considered and amounts about equal to those of last year in some cases slightly in advance, were appropriated.

A communication from the W. F. M. Society was received and approved. It appropriates \$278,000 for the missions in their charge.

Dr. Goncher made a report from a special committee appointed last year on the propriety of dividing the foreign and domestic missions into two societies. A resolution was passed recommending the General Conference to authorize such a division.

An animated discussion arose when our white work in the Southern States was under consideration. M. L. Cnrl, D.D., the representative of that district said, we are not antagonizing the Southern people nor the Southern church. Bishop Wilson of the M. E. Church South, has said that they haven't the men nor the money to occupy the territory. If you will go over the field you will find vast portions of it unoccupied. In some states there are whole counties where there is not a Methodist Church. We are not building altar against altar. We have 200,000 white members south of the Baltimore Conference. The shortest cut to organic union is a strong M. E. Church on Southern territory. There have been 2,000 conversions in Arkansas the past year within our church. Bishop Bowman earnestly concurred in this representation, and gave many instances to vindicate its accuracy, as also did Bishop Goodsell, Dr. Buckley and others. Rev. W. F. Speake of Baltimore, Bishop Foster, Bishop Foss and others believed that some of our work in that territory should be discontinued.

On Monday the white work in the South was taken up.

Bishop Goodsell spoke of the vast distances traveled by preachers in the Austin and other Texas conferences, it often requiring \$50 or \$60 to get to the conference. Dr. Maxfield thought Texas was the key to the situation in our Southern work. Bishop Warren said our work in Florida was doing well, and a little encouragement there will develop an admirable Christianity. Bishop Andrews thought that one of the districts in the Georgia conference should be abolished. Bishop Mallalien deprecated any discrimination against our Southern work. \$69,300 were in the aggregate appropriated to the white work.

The colored work in the South was then considered. Dr. Tevis thought we ought to put on somebody able to hear it, not on the colored men. Dr. Leonard had recently attended the Delaware conference and said it was one of the largest of the colored conferences,

was striving hard for self support and was giving considerable missionary money. Bishop Mallalien protested against reductions; and Bishops Newman and Bowman also urged the maintenance of the work in the South. \$57,200 were appropriated.

\$66,650 were appropriated for missions in the Rocky Mountain conferences. Dr. Maxfield spoke of the splendid openings in Montana and the expense of our work in that cold region where fuel, heavy clothing, etc., were necessary. Dr. Bovard said a new era has dawned in New Mexico and the recent National Congress of Physicians has declared this territory to be the best in the world for the cure of nervous and some other diseases. Bishop Andrews spoke of the transformation of Utah and read sentiments recently published of Chief Justice McCane. Dr. Buckley declared that Mormonism was dead and that Methodism was the organization of all others to capture that population. Dr. Peck spoke of heroic missionaries in Wyoming, a State almost as large as both Dakotas.

After the appropriations were all made to Domestic Missions it was found that the original amount agreed upon, \$495,000, was not sufficient, and therefore it was increased to a round half million—\$500,000.

Foreign Missions were taken up Monday afternoon. The amount first agreed upon to be distributed for them was \$605,000, which was afterwards increased to \$635,000.

Missions in Africa were first taken up. Chaplain McCabe desired to read a lengthy communication which Bishop Taylor had made to the board at New York; but this was not agreed to. \$5,400 were appropriated. \$50,545 were appropriated for missions in South America.

At the morning and afternoon sessions of Tuesday appropriations to Foreign Missions were continued. The amount allowed to the three conferences in India was \$124,339. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has appropriated also \$56,000. Wonderful revivals in India have been reported during the past year and were frequently alluded to by various speakers. Some doubt however was expressed as to the propriety of baptizing native heathen on a simple profession of Christianity where there was no evidence of real conversion.

The appropriations for four conferences in China were \$115,572. Bishop Fowler believed that the real brain of Asia was in the Chinese. Bishop Goodsell, who has recently visited all these Chinese conferences, made a very eloquent address while the appropriations were being considered. \$30,000 were appropriated for work in Germany; \$9,500 for Switzerland; \$48,170 for work in Norway, Sweden and Denmark; \$43,634 for Italy; \$9,000 for Malaysia; \$20,000 for Bulgaria; \$68,377 for Japan; \$17,562 for Korea; and \$1,000 for Lower California.

In discussing the amount allowed for Malaysia, Bishop Newman declared his opinion that Singapore was one of the most important mission stations on the earth. Bishop Fowler said that 200 languages were spoken in Singapore, and that the Bible is distributed there in 42 languages. Bishop Andrews doubted the expediency of maintaining a mission at Borneo. Bishop Hurst said that the person already on the ground in Borneo, Mr. Luring, was one of the greatest linguists in the world, being able, though only a young man, readily to speak 25 languages.

The place of the next session of

the Missionary Committee was selected. Rev. Dr. Goncher nominated Baltimore by the request of the City Station and the Baltimore Preacher's Meeting. Chicago and New York were also put in nomination, but Baltimore was selected by a large majority.

On Wednesday questions of property in connection with all the Foreign Missions were considered with great care and particularity and appropriations for them were made. Contingent and other appropriations were also made. Resolutions very highly complimenting the citizens of Cleveland for their generous hospitality and accomplishing the representatives of the press were also passed, and at noon on Wednesday the committee adjourned *sine die*.

Among appropriations made were the following:

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.	
Louisiana (Italian).....	\$1,300
WHITE WORK IN THE SOUTH.	
Austin (Swedish).....	2,700
Louisiana (Swedish).....	750
Louisiana (French).....	1,700
Alabama.....	\$3,600
Arkansas.....	6,500
Blue Ridge.....	4,500
Georgia.....	3,000
Kentucky.....	3,500
St. John's River.....	3,600
Virginia.....	4,500
Austin.....	5,000
Central Tennessee.....	3,700
Holston.....	4,500
Missouri.....	4,000
St. Louis.....	5,500
West Virginia.....	6,000
COLORED WORK.	
Central Alabama.....	\$3,400
Iowa (contingent).....	300
East Tennessee.....	2,800
Lexington.....	3,300
Louisiana.....	6,000
Upper Mississippi.....	3,400
Savannah.....	3,500
Tennessee.....	2,500
Washington.....	2,400
Central Missouri.....	3,500
Delaware.....	1,250
Florida.....	2,400
Little Rock.....	3,250
Mississippi.....	2,600
North Carolina.....	3,600
South Carolina.....	4,500
Texas.....	4,500
West Texas.....	4,500
Africa (Foreign Missions).....	5,400

City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

Sunday, November 15, was a great day at Scott Chinn M. E. Church (LaHarpe street). Twelve candidates were baptized by sprinkling, and read into full membership, after which they partook of their first communion, with many others who also partook of the Lord's Supper. The sermon was by Rev. Wm. Evans. Rev. Stephen Priestley read the ritual and otherwise assisted the pastor, Rev. A. J. Pickett. Over 300 persons were in attendance. O. H. Derbigny, recording steward.

Publishers' Department.

[Pastors are requested to read this department each week.]

Rev. Thos. Cole, of Marshall, Texas, is the originator, we believe, of holding "Advocate Meetings." Selections from the paper are read according to a program, using papers of different dates. One of these meetings was held last Friday night in connection with an Epworth League meeting. This is a good idea, and one which all the brethren can profitably follow.

List of Money Letters Received.

From November 14, to November 21.

It is our intention to publish this list every week, when our space will permit.

J. H. Sylvester, H. A. Rich, J. H. Pierre, W. H. Bond, P. J. Barco, M. E. Catchings, W. L. Dyess, W. M. Coleman, S. R. Hason, C. D. Simonds, G. H. Harvey, J. H. Rylander, J. W. Davis, D. D. Goodwin, J. D. Jenkins, R. R. O'Neal, Cato Matthews, A. Primms, M. Holman, C. F. Brown, Wm. Bell, J. H. Wilson, R. T. Adams, P. Bennett, S. H. Grant, J. J. Billingsley, A. N. Jackson, J. W. Rhodes, J. E. Handhaw & Co., P. M. Carmichael, G. R. Townsend, F. Gilmore, B. L. Crump, S. G. Gray, G. W. Brower.

Letters from the Districts.

Lexington District Conference.

D. E. SKELTON.

Convened in Scott's Chapel Nov. 5, Rev. D. Jones, D.D., presiding. D. E. Skelton was re-elected secretary; J. H. Ross and W. H. Powers assistants.

The pastor, Rev. D. E. Skelton, then delivered an address of welcome.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. D. Jones, D.D., read his report, showing the district to be in a good condition, in benevolent collections and in revival work. Many churches had grand revivals. The Elder reported the sudden and shocking death of the wife of Rev. H. W. Tate, one of our beloved brethren; also, the death of the daughter of Rev. D. E. Skelton.

Twenty-four pastors reported their work.

The second day's session was entirely given up to a Sunday School Institute. Rev. H. W. Tate, vice-president, called the house to order. Rev. D. Jones, D.D., was elected president; H. W. Tate re-elected vice-president; W. H. Evans, treasurer; J. H. Johnson, corresponding secretary.

Interesting papers were read and discussed.

The reports from local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, and district stewards, were called for, and 72 reported.

The licenses of the following local preachers and exhorters, were granted or renewed: W. H. Nutter, G. O. Moore, G. R. Moore, J. H. Bean, Robt. Turner, J. Jackson, N. Alexander, Benj. Alexander, Lee Spencer, E. D. Jones, D. Pugh, J. S. Asher, W. H. Powers, Benj. Bradley, J. H. Johnson, A. W. Bird, Samuel Chase, E. D. Gray, Mark Hawkins, R. F. Broadbent, S. E. Young, G. E. Wording, Gilbert Mason, N. J. Ross, J. A. Allen.

The following were recommended for admission in the travelling connection: C. W. Bird, W. H. Powers, J. S. Jones, N. J. Ross, J. S. Allen, Dorsey Pough, E. D. Gray, T. D. Breckenridge.

For local deacon's orders: G. E. Wooding, Primus Keene.

The Sabbath services were glorious. The Sunday school was largely attended. Revs. Felix Ross and W. Singleton, preached glorious sermons. The Methodist and Baptist churches were crowded all day.

This was the first time a conference ever met in this place, and the people only wish it would come again.

Conference adjourned, to meet in Paris, Ky., in 1892.

Benediction by D. Jones, D.D. Collection, \$100.15.

Program of the Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference.

Will convene at Oliver Springs, Tenn., Dec. 3, 4.

Opening sermon, Wednesday night, Dec. 2, by Rev. Geo. W. Branner; alternate, Rev. W. A. Wabber.

Thursday morning, Dec. 3, the conference will be organized.

Welcome address, E. Knott. Response, Leroy Diggs.

How to conduct prayer meeting, Alex Clark.

How to make class meeting interesting, Geo. W. Howlette.

The Epworth League; its necessity and aims, S. J. Harris.

How to build up the Sabbath school, W. T. Anderson.

What shall our young people read? J. S. Hill.

Is a union of all the colored Methodists desirable, W. A. Wabber.

The duty of parents to their children and Sabbath school, A. Martin.

How to take the benevolent collections, Leroy Diggs.

What qualifications should a young minister have? F. W. Norton.

How to circulate the SOUTHWESTERN, E. Province.

The colored man in the M. E. Church, Geo. W. Branner.

The local preachers, exhorters, and Sunday school superintendents will come with subjects of their own selection, and take part in the discussions.

Committee: E. Province, S. J. Harris, W. T. Anderson.

Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Marshall, Tex.

At the district meeting of the W. H. M. Society of the Marshall district, held at Queen City, Tex., August 25, 26, resolutions were adopted expressing gratitude for the establishment of King Home, at Marshall, Texas, for the industrial education of our girls. A special committee was appointed to raise funds for the Home.

Epworth League Convention of Beauford District, S. C.

H. O. FREDERICKS.

The annual Convention of the Beauford District Epworth League convened at St. Mark Church, Reevesville circuit, Oct. 14, at 12 a. m., with our beloved presiding Elder, Rev. D. M. Minus, A. M., in the chair.

The following delegates were elected, viz: Revs. D. M. Minus, A. M., W. G. White, O. C. Jacob, A. B., H. O. Frederick, R. L. Hickson, T. H. Moses; alternates: Revs. W. J. Smith, E. J. Frederick, H. Baker, J. T. Latson, M. Steward, S. S. Lawton, to attend the Sixth Epworth League district meeting, that will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., in November, 1891.

S. E. H. Morant, New Iberia, La.

We passed an excellent time at New Iberia, with Bro. Anderson, pastor.

The church is alive, and \$60 of his benevolent money has been raised and reported at his fourth quarterly conference.

Improvements are constantly going on, among which a new stove has been purchased for the kitchen.

Iberia has gone beyond all former years in benevolences.

"Listed," as the brokers say, at "100 Doses One Dollar," Hood's Sarsaparilla is always a fair equivalent for the price.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

C. R. Buffington, Macon, Ga.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, A. M., Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was with us recently and addressed an appreciative audience on "Christian Education." He was listened to with rapt attention, as he delineated the influence of the church on other Christian bodies, her broad basis upon which every nationality could stand, and her educational facilities for the betterment of the people. All felt benefitted.

J. D. Mead, Mexia, Texas, Landers Chapel M. E. Church.

We had a grand and successful time at our corner stone laying. It was a gala day for this section. Rev. O. C. Minnegan, M. D., delivered two sermons, which were rich in style. Collection for the occasion, \$72.75. We had the presence of Misses Carrie McDonald and Lanetta Gregory, of the Mary Allen Seminary, Crockett, Texas. We are now enjoying the benedictions of a favoring heaven.

W. T. Trammell, Sylacauga, Ala.

Our camp meeting was highly appreciated by all the people around Sylacauga and elsewhere. We have succeeded in getting a lot on which to build our new church. The president of the Marable City Land Company promises to give us a deed to one and a half or two acres of land. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. W. F. Smith, spent a week on the camp grounds, doing effective work. He is away now at Atlanta, visiting his family. We added a few more to our membership here during the camp meeting. Collections, \$20.

A. Porter, Memphis, Tenn.

We have our church built, all

but ceiling, and we have a Sunday school numbering about 60 or 70 scholars. This school was organized by Rev. J. L. Massey and Bro. J. E. S. Read.

H. B. Hart, Vidalia, La.

This is my first year at this place, but we are doing all we can. We need a new church at Vidalia. We are yet holding church in the school house, but they will need the school house in a few weeks. Vidalia is a nice little city, and if we don't do something we will lose our hold at this place. Brethren, think of me at this poor charge, and speak for it. Our hearts are willing but our pockets are poor. I am in this country walking to my different points to preach. I left Vidalia on Saturday morning and walked to St. Joseph to preach on Sunday night, a distance of 50 miles. Pray for me at this place that we may get a new church. Most everything is Baptist, but I am holding my own.

W. L. Duncan, Huntsville, Tex.

The 24th of October found the Presiding Elder, Rev. F. Parker, with us. The reports from the pastor and brethren were very flattering. Everything is on an increase. The membership has been increased from 93 to 140, some of whom had been taken from Satan's camp, and others that had fallen by the wayside. The apportionment, \$80, has been raised, excepting a few dollars. Sunday the Lord poured out his blessings upon us. Paid Elder in full. The young men of our church and two sisters formed themselves into a pastor's club, and made him a present of one of the best conference snits. The names of the persons in the club are: B. Carter, Jesse Carter, John R. Porter, Johnnie Carter, Ella Johnson and Annie Dairy.

C. W. Butler, Ingram's Mill, Miss.

My third quarterly conference convened Oct. 31. Reports showed success all along the line of Christianity. The Elder, Dr. Revels, preached to a large congregation, after which he administered the sacrament, and 61 came forward for prayers. Collection, \$13.60. Paid Elder \$9; pastor \$43.10. The frame of our new church is up.

S. D. Troupe, Batesville, Miss.

The third quarterly conference at Spring Hill Church, Miss., was held Oct. 11, 12, Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D., presiding. The Elder preached twice and 71 partook of the Lord's Supper. The late revival resulted in 42 conversions.

Wm. Bell, Bee Lake, Miss.

Third quarterly conference was held Oct. 17, 18, by Elder McDonald. Paid pastor during quarter, \$52.80; entire collection for quarter \$94.85. Conversions, 3; new members, 12—8 of them from the A. M. E. Church.

R. H. Ponton, Monroe, Tex.

Fourth quarterly conference was held Oct. 10, 11, by Rev. Mack Henson. Reports were gratifying. Converted 29; new members, 25. We have built a nice church at a cost of \$1000, against which there is a small unmatured debt.

M. H. Hunter, Bastrop, La.

Fourth quarterly conference was held at Mt. Olive M. E. Church, Sept. 22, by Rev. S. Priestley. Reports showed a gradual improvement in every department. Collection \$75.60.

George W. Ziegler, Ninth Street M. E. Church, Covington, Ky.

The organization of our congregation of the Ninth Street M. E. Church into clubs, is meeting with much success. The clubs are styled "Self Help," and are for the purpose of raising revenue for the church needs. The result shows an encouraging state of affairs in this the most prosperous of our churches. The following amounts were collected in their recent rally: Sallie Hayes, \$31.53; Fleming Harris, \$29.55; Bedford Williams, \$29.34; James Connor, \$25.10; Clemmie Walls, \$24; Lilly B. Boswell, \$21.60; Edwin Jackson, \$24.16; Thomas Martin, \$21.17; James Bratton, \$25.50; Thomas Herskins, \$20; Lizzie Jones, \$19.85;

Susan Barnes, \$18.02; Samuel Payne, \$18; Anderson Ward, \$16.07; William Page, \$15.31; John T. Wells, \$16.56; Little Grant, \$12.30; John Carr, \$8.15; total, \$376.56. Well done.

B. Carr, Stony Point, Miss.

My charge is alive in every sense of the word. Our church debt will be paid soon, and we will raise all our benevolent money. Too much cannot be said in praise of our people here.

D. A. Bragg, Carrollton, Miss.

We are marching on to victory. Our third quarterly conference was held by Rev. A. McBeth. Reports showed the work in a good condition. We have been for 22 years trying to secure a church site at Rising Sun, and we have at last succeeded. On the fourth Sunday in October we raised \$65 as a commencement to build there.

A. D. Payne, Meridian, Miss.

On the first Sunday in November, by the exchange of pulpits with the Rev. A. M. Trotter, of Jackson, Miss., I had the pleasure of spending that day with and preaching to his people. I met a nice school. At 3 o'clock and at night a large congregation greeted me. Bro. Trotter and people have built one of the best churches in the State. After such grand work done by their pastor the people could but love him.

Moses Smith, St. James M. E. Church, Waco District, Texas.

Our grand Sunday School Missionary concert and entertainment given Oct. 31, was quite a success. Collected \$29.

F. D. Bowers, Houston, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held Oct. 24, 25. Our beloved Presiding Elder, Pierre Landry, and his amiable wife, were present. Honma never has been better entertained. The quarterly sermon preached Sunday, October 25, was a soul-stirring sermon, one that shall be thought of for years to come. Collection \$19. Amount raised by Mrs. Landry for education, \$5. We pray God to bless the Presiding Elder and his wife.

W. B. Anderson, New Iberia, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference just closed, was a grand occasion. Our much esteemed Presiding Elder, S. E. H. Morant, was on hand to hold it. His presence here gladdened many a heart which had been in deep sorrow on account of his misfortune. Thank God he is the same most worthy S. E. H. Morant. Raised for missions, \$15; Church Extension, \$5; Freedmen's Aid, \$10; Sunday schools, \$1; Bible cause, \$1; tracts, \$1; education, \$5; Sunday School Agent, \$10; Bishops, \$5; conference claimants, \$5; General Conference fund, \$2; total, \$60. We have paid our Presiding Elder for the conference year, \$48. Information comes to us that Bishop W. F. Mallalieu will preside over our next conference. Thank God for that.

B. J. Reddix.

I am glad to say that at our fourth quarterly conference everything went nicely. We had Elders Duncan and O. D. C. Bryan to preach for us. We had a glorious time all day for the spirit of God was with us. The collection was \$24.80. Rev. O. D. C. Bryan ad-

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ministered the sacrament and preached a glorious sermon. We have had a little trouble, our land being taken away from us at Grandco; but thank God we have bought more elsewhere, and expect to have a new church soon.

W. R. Butler, Baton Rouge, La.

October 18th was a high day at Wesley Chapel. Rev. E. Lyon, Sunday School Agent, and Rev. Thos. McCary, of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, New Orleans, were present. The Agent lectured on Saturday night, on "The disposition of benevolent monies of the M. E. Church." The fruits of that lecture were seen on Sunday at the missionary rally. Brother McCary preached the missionary sermon. Collection \$76.80. Brethren, I think you would profit by having the Sunday School Agent with you on such occasions.

The entertainment given by Miss Alice Thomas, our Sunday school superintendent, for the purpose of carpeting the pulpit, was a financial success; \$22 was raised and the carpet bought and put down. Fifteen were received into full connection on the second Sunday, and the good work still goes on. We have no right to complain; our church is holding her own. Rev. H. J. Wright, of Donaldsonville, paid us a visit last week.

At Stonewall, Miss., recently, a snapper was given to raise funds for fixing up the altar and pulpit. The entertainment was under the direction of the following young ladies: Misses Anna Patterson, Georgie Danlap, E. and J. Drackford. A table was set aside for the general indebtedness of the church, and was in charge of Sisters Bettie Goodman, R. Eastling and C. Piggue. The total result was \$31.

Rev. J. W. Winbush writes from Goodman circuit: "The Lord has prospered our work. The result of our protracted meetings was: Goodman, 14 conversions and accessions; Spring Lake, 23; Conparle City, 15; Georgeville, 16. Will raise \$50 for benevolences. Elder McDonald held our third quarter with good and satisfactory results." This is the kind of work that builds up the church.

Rev. H. P. Coulter writes that when he was assigned to the Bear-don circuit he found no church, no money, and but few members. He went to work with characteristic energy and raised money to buy a

frame building, and has succeeded in getting 30 members. Such men are an honor to the church.

John Brigham, Gateville, Tex., received 14 at his third quarterly. Oct. 23 his young people gave him a donation visit that was greatly enjoyed.

D. W. Frierson, Free Hope circuit, Texas, has had a successful year so far, having had 18 conversions, received 12 by letter, and 1 backslider has been reclaimed. \$41 has been paid on church debt, and a goodly sum raised for benevolences.

Rev. R. Williams, Sulphur station charge, Texas, reported 16 conversions and \$72.50 raised during third quarter. Everything looks prosperous.

Bro. White, the Kildare, Texas, pastor, says he began there with a membership of 32 and now has 76. He will not be satisfied unless he gets a round hundred.

Rev. F. L. Teague, Marion, Ala., had an interesting time during his last quarterly season. Rev. H. N. Brown, Presiding Elder, was present. Rev. J. A. Holiday, of Georgia, and Prof. McKinney lectured. The Presiding Elder was paid in full. \$53 raised for benevolences. The funeral services of Sister Hester Bennett were also attended. Twenty-three accessions to the church.

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For Thanksgiving.

No president or governor has ever issued a finer proclamation than is the following:

It is a very glad incident of the marvelous prosperity which has crowned the year now drawing to a close that its helpful and reassuring touch has been felt by all our people.

It has been as wide as our country, and so special that every home has felt its comforting influence. It is too great to be the work of man's power, and too particular to be the device of his mind.

To God, the beneficent and the all-wise, who makes the labors of men be fruitful, redeems their losses by his grace, and the measure of whose giving is as much beyond the thoughts of man as it is beyond his deserts, the praise and gratitude of the people of this favored nation are justly due.

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 26th day of November present, to be a day of joyful thanksgiving to God for the bounties of his providence, for the peace in which we are permitted to enjoy them, and for the preservation of those institutions of civil and religious liberty which he gave our fathers the wisdom to devise and establish, and us the courage to preserve.

Among the appropriate observances of the day are rest from toil, worship in public congregations, the renewal of family ties about our American firesides, and thoughtful helpfulness toward those who suffer lack of the body or of the spirit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

The special attention of our readers and of the whole church, is invited to the article by Rev. T. C. Carter, D.D., of the *Methodist Advocate*, in his paper of Nov. 18, in favor of the election of a colored bishop. The article in question speaks for itself, and if Dr. Carter speaks for our white work in the South, as we have every reason to believe, then it is evident that the white and black of the Methodist Episcopal Church are practically a unit in favor of the election of a colored bishop by the next General Conference. It now remains for the Northern portion of the church to squarely face the issue and decide to give it a trial. Thus far, our good friends, Dr. Moore of the *Western*, Dr. Cray of the *California*, and Dr. Warren of the *Northern*, have very favorably considered and expressed themselves in the premises, while the *Epworth Herald*, the *Northwestern*, and several others of our papers, have shown at least a friendly disposition towards the proposition; several of our bishops, too, have expressed themselves, to this editor, in favor of such an election. We gladly record the fact. Now let the whole church, North and South, unitedly recognize the justice of the claim, and trust this additional responsibility to one of our best colored elders, and see if the colored man does not "measure up" to the highest expectations of the church, as he has done in all other work previously entrusted to him. Try him.

Political Review.

The meeting of the National Republican Committee at Washington, D. C., this week, has called there quite a number of Republican leaders to the National Capital. The committee will appoint the time and place of meeting for the next National Convention.

Members of Congress are wending their way to Washington to arrange preliminaries in regard to the opening of the next Congress on the first Monday in December. Democrats especially are active in planning for the success of their several candidates for the speakership and the several other offices of the House.

The senatorial canvas in Ohio between Sherman and Foraker is turning decidedly in favor of John Sherman, the old war horse. It is reported that he has a majority now.

Gov. Nicholls in this State has disbanded the Attakapas Rangers, of which the chief regulator of Iberia was captain. This was because the captain is a lottery man. This is a fair illustration of the old saying, "when thieves fall out honest men get their dues." The Rangers were the gang that Gov. Nicholls sent out in the sugar region during the labor troubles there to murder helpless and defenseless Negro laborers.

The Warmoth satellites are manifesting the most active enterprise in seeking to crush out the popular uprising against his obnoxious leadership. The people, however, are united against his pretensions, and will show him that ward burners and his federal emissaries shall not be permitted to overrule their preferences in the primaries.

Gen. James H. Godman.

Gen James H. Godman, of Columbus, Ohio, died October 4, 1891, within a few days of 83 years of age. He was a distinguished member of the legal profession in Ohio, and served the State in both houses of the legislature. At one time he was engaged in building and controlling an important line of railroad, being president of the Bellefontaine & Indianapolis, part of "The Bee Line" When the tocsin of war sounded in 1861, at the age of 54, he raised and organized a company of volunteers and went immediately to the front, in obedience to the first call. He was eager to serve the Union cause in his native State, Virginia; and went with his regiment to join the force of McClellan in West Virginia. He went with his distinguished leader to the Army of the Potomac, in which he served continuously until he was severely wounded at Fredericksburg, having served as Colonel and Brigadier General.

After his recovery he was elected Auditor of State and served two terms, eight years. Because of his experience and financial skill, he was afterwards employed by the State for several years as examiner of county auditors' accounts, in which capacity he saved the State large amounts of money.

In private life Gen. Godman was a devoted Christian, and as husband and father he made his home of the happiest. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1842, and throughout his long career loved her and served her in many capacities. He was trustee of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, from the first organization until his death. He crowded his life with good deeds, and has doubtless begun a glorious life "beyond." His death was due to a complication of ailments resulting from his wounds and old age.

He was a man of extensive reading, and of rare excellence of judgment. Literary men and scholars have told me that they always came from his converse enriched with additional knowledge and broader views of life's problems. His was an eye that "kept watch o'er man's mortality." His heart was ever open to the sorrows of fellow-men, and his purse was at the command of the needy. He was always a friend of the Negro. He habitually employed Negro servants and helpers; and put his legal knowledge at their service in time of need; rejoiced when their freedom came, and contributed to their education.

W. D. GODMAN.

General Committee of Church Extension.

The opening session of the General Committee of Church Extension of the M. E. Church, convened at the elegant Wesley Chapel, Columbus, Ohio, on Nov. 5, Bishop Bowman in the chair, and Rev. D. McConnell of Philadelphia, as secretary of the committee.

The General Committee of Church Extension consists of:

I. Bishops Thomas Bowman, Randolph S. Foster, Stephen M. Merrill, Edward G. Andrews, Henry W. Warren, Cyrus D. Foss, John F. Hurst, William X. Ninde, John M. Walden, Willard F. Mallalien, Chas. H. Fowler, John H. Vincent, James N. FitzGerald, Isaac W. Joyce, John P. Newman, Daniel A. Goodsell.

II. Alpha J. Kynett, D.D., W. A. Spencer, D.D., James Long, Esq., and Rev. J. S. J. McConnell, secretary of the committee—officers of the board:

III. The representatives of the fourteen General Conference districts:

1. Rev. Jesse M. Durrell, D.D., Manchester, N. H.
2. C. S. Harrower, D.D., New York City.
3. W. F. Markham, D.D., Utica, N. Y.
4. L. L. Stewart, D.D., Parkersburg, W. Va.
5. J. C. Arbuckle, D.D., Columbus, Ohio.
6. W. F. Speake, D.D., Baltimore, Md.
7. J. S. Tevis, Indianapolis, Ind.
8. G. H. Foster, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
9. R. Forbes, D.D., St. Paul, Minn.
10. J. D. Maxfield, Omaha, Neb.
11. M. L. Curl, D.D., Little Rock, Ark.
12. J. H. Lockwood, D.D., Salina, Kan.
13. C. F. Grimm, New York City.
14. M. M. Bovard, D.D., Los Angeles, Cal.

IV. In attendance from the Board of Church Extension: Ministerial delegates: W. J. Paxson, D.D., Chester, Pa.; S. W. Thomas, D.D.; Wm. Swindells, D.D.; T. B. Neely, D.D.; J. H. Hargis, D.D.; Rev. J. F. Cronch; Rev. C. W. Bickley. Reserves: M. H. Hubbard, D.D.; Rev. J. B. Quigg; J. L. Sooy, D.D. Lay delegates: W. G. Spencer, Robert England, John E. James, M.D.; R. S. McCombs, M.D.; Francis Magee, J. W. Boughton, James Gillinder. Reserves: D. W. Bartine, M.D.; J. Gillespie, T. L. De Bow.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

With this report we close our twenty-sixth year.

For the last four years, closing with this report, our receipts have been \$1,145,354.08, an average of \$286,338.52 per annum, an increase of \$262,610.55 or 30 per cent. Of this amount \$418,723.12 were on account of the Loan Fund.

The entire receipts from the beginning are:

To Nov. 1, 1890..... \$4,017,977.87

To Nov. 1, 1891..... 311,820.56

\$4,329,798.43

These receipts are made up of the following items:

Receipts on General Fund,

To Nov. 1, 1890..... \$2,634,938.70

To Nov. 1, 1891, add'l... 193,788.10

\$2,828,726.80

Receipts on Loan Fund—On Capital,

To Nov. 1, 1890..... \$699,541.59

To Nov. 1, 1891, add'l... 62,876.39

\$762,417.98

Loans Returned,

To Nov. 1, 1890..... \$683,452.42

To Nov. 1, 1891, add'l... 65,156.07

\$748,608.49

Total on Loan Fund \$1,501,026.87

Grand total as above Churches aided, 7,399

To Nov. 1, 1890..... 593

To Nov. 1, 1891, add'l... 7,992

Giving a total of..... 55

Deducting for duplicate grants to same churches..... 55

Gives total number of churches aided to date..... 7,997

For the fiscal year, ending October 31, 1891, a summary of the treasurer's report, submitted herewith, shows receipts as follows:

On the General Fund, available for our general work, donations, etc.:

From Conference Col... \$145,008.78

From other sources..... 49,779.37

\$193,788.10

On the Loan Fund, for loans only:

From gifts, etc., adding to capital..... \$52,876.39

From property..... 7.00

From loans returned.... 65,156.07

\$118,039.46

Total receipts for year \$311,827.56

Loans Outstanding:

To Nov. 1, 1891, add'l... \$96,726.57

To Nov. 1, 1891, returned 65,155.07

\$31,570.51

November 1, 1890..... \$680,605.43

Showing loans outstanding Nov. 1, 1891 \$712,175.99

A comparison of the above with the receipts of the year preceding, shows:

On General Fund, a net increase of..... \$7,795.38

On Loan Fund, a net increase of..... 4,744.49

Giving a total net increase of..... \$12,539.77

The Loan Fund has grown steadily and has reached a cash capital of..... \$729,810.08

And property valued at 22,608.00

\$752,418.08

Making a total capital Of this amount there was contributed subject to life annuity..... \$527,407.04

Annuities have terminated on..... 124,565.00

Leaving the amount now subject to annuity \$402,842.04

The General Fund, as reported, includes with conference collections seventeen special gifts of \$250 each, for frontier churches. Last year there were thirty. We exceedingly regret this large decrease of these special gifts. We could have used, to most excellent advantage, at least 100. Our special gifts of \$100 under the Mountain Fund Plan have been eighteen as against twenty-one for the year preceding. The necessities and opportunities to which this plan is adapted have multiplied while our receipts have diminished. Of our frontier gifts of \$250 each, five were carried from last year into this, and nine will be carried from this year into the next, the special conditions, to which they are severally subject, not yet having been complied with.

We begin the year, Nov. 1, 1891, with grants to 317 different churches, on conditions to be complied with by each severally, to the aggregate amount of:

Donations..... \$67,200.00

Loans..... 76,425.00

\$143,625.00

And have on file, not yet considered, applications from 7 different churches, asking:

Donations..... \$3,150.00

Loans..... 250.00

\$3,400.00

Requiring for work already in hand..... \$147,025.00

To provide for this, we have in hand:

Cash and negotiable securities..... \$78,297.45

So that, to provide for present demands, requires an additional amount of..... \$68,727.55

Our Church Extension Building was purchased in 1878, and with improvements cost..... \$331,163.86

Revenues raised from the property have paid off principal, besides interest October 31, 1891..... 13,394.36

Leaving balance of indebtedness..... \$17,769.50

This debt is funded as follows:

Mortgage on the premises at 5 per cent..... \$15,000.00

Bonds bearing 5 per cent 5,000.00

\$20,000.00

Showing balance to credit of sinking fund \$2,230.50

That we are able to make so favorable report is an occasion for devout thanksgiving, but that, after twenty six years of careful planning and diligent effort, the average of returns by collections from conferences to the calls of this General Committee should fall below fifty cents on the dollar, is occasion for the most anxious concern. The generosity of our people in providing for local church support, and in contributions to the missionary cause, shows that the reason for failure is not lack of liberality, but rather, lack of general and systematic observance of the plans of the Discipline for the

support of Church Extension. We sincerely hope that the General Committee may be able to devise some means of securing a settled policy of responding in full to the apportionments made, and for the more successful prosecution of this work.

In behalf of the Board of Church Extension.

C. D. FOSS, President,
A. J. KYNETT, Cor. Sec'y.
JAMES LONG, Treasurer.

A communication from the Board of Church Extension referring back to the Bishops and General Committee the question of the election of a second assistant corresponding secretary, was by the General Committee, referred to the Board of Bishops, with whom the right of nomination rests.

The usual standing committees were appointed. The total amount asked from the church was fixed at 25 per cent of the amount asked for missions, or, \$312,500 for Church Extension on the \$1,250,000 line for missions.

While the generosity of the few who have contributed most generously, especially to our Loan Fund and for frontier churches has made up in part for this lack of service, the cause has suffered irreparably every year. We have been compelled to disregard the cry of the needy and to turn away from open gates leading to richest harvest fields. During the past year alone we have been constrained to decline 140 applications made in due form and recommended by conference boards, asking donations of \$31,050, and loans of \$82,575, and have declined 258 others below the amounts asked, granting less by donations of \$46,295, and by loans of \$15,420 below amounts asked.

And yet we stand at the threshold of our new year with 317 applications granted of donations aggregating \$67,200, and loans of \$76,455, requiring additional receipts to do the work in hand of \$67,000 as soon as the churches interested can raise the additional amounts needed to complete their work, and which we have required them to raise as a condition of getting aid of us. Besides these are others remaining on file, not yet considered, and still others coming by every mail, calling for immediate help. We regret that our failure to do more lies so largely with the failure of many of our larger and stronger conferences to make any advance for years and a positive decline on the part of others. The progress made has been chiefly by the weaker conferences of the church.

And all this in the presence of great activity and boasted success of the chief enemies of our country and our Protestant Christianity—the Roman hierarchy and the rum power.

We exceedingly regret the decline of personal gifts for frontier churches from 30 last year to 13 this, and for Mountain Fund Churches from 21 last year to 19 this year, while the needs and opportunities of the field have demanded a large increase of both.

Oppressed with a deep sense of our responsibility to God for the Christian care of this country, we look with the greatest concern upon the apathy and practical indifference of so many preachers and people, who should be laborers together with God in this, and in every department of Christian work. There has never been a time when a revival, which shall include the bringing in of the tithes, with the consequent opening of the windows of heaven, was more needed than now.

Let us lift up our eyes and behold the field, white already to the harvest. Let us encourage ourselves with our Father's promise: "He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." In no other field do the golden sheaves shine so clearly and so sweetly under the smile of our God.

A. J. KYNETT, Cor. Sec'y.
W. A. SPENCER, Asst. Cor. Sec'y.
JAMES LONG, Treasurer.

Personal.

—Rev. J. R. Howard, who was until very recently President Thirkield's private secretary at Gammon, is now teaching at Gainesville, Fla. He expects to join the Florida Conference at its next session. Glad to hear it.

—Rev. Stephen Priestley of the Monroe, and J. F. Marshall of the Baton Rouge district, left last Saturday to complete their fourth rounds.

—Presiding Elders Landry and Williams are in the midst of their last rounds in their city work, and report a splendid exhibition of the result of the year's work on their districts.

—No sadder death has occurred for a long time in this city, than that of the wife of Rev. R. L. Crawford, pastor of Ames Church, on St. Charles Avenue, which took place on Monday evening of last week. She came here a bride only about a year ago, and the divinely mated pair spent a year of happiness unalloyed except by the exigencies of the work in that pastorate. She had especially endeared herself to all her acquaintances. During all last winter she, in connection with her husband, devoted two or three evenings a week to teaching a free night school in the chapel of the church, which was quite fully intended. Her remains were next day taken to her former home at Greenwood, Ind., for interment, after short but impressive services at the church. Sympathy that cannot be expressed in words is felt for the bereaved ones. Her age was 30 years. Her death was a triumphant one.

—Hon. T. B. Stamps of the *Standard-Pelican*, has resigned his position as deputy internal revenue collector.

—Rev. Geo. Ansley, of the Savannah Conference, mourns the death of his wife, who departed this life Nov. 1st. Obituary next week.

—The whole church will rejoice to learn that Bishop Merrill, while not entirely out of danger, is considerably better, and may get well without the surgical operation which was deemed imperative a few days ago. He is in Chicago.

—We congratulate Rev. T. C. Carter, D.D., of the *Methodist Advocate*, President Grandison of Bennett College, Presiding Elder D. W. Hays, D.D., and Bros. R. L. Howard and Johnson, and Rev. C. B. Wilson upon their election to the General Conference by their respective conferences, i. e. the Holston, North Carolina, East Tennessee, and Tennessee.

—Bishop Turner of the A. M. E. Church, is now in Africa, and is writing an interesting account of his voyage over, through the columns of the *Christian Recorder*.

—Prof. J. H. Reed, A.B., of New Orleans University, has taken charge of the Houston Texas Academy recently opened there. Success to you, Bro. Reed.

—Rev. Wm. P. McLaughlin, D. D., preached at Hammond last Sunday.

—We were pleased to welcome to our sanctuary last Saturday, Prof. Collett, of New Orleans University. He reports the institution in a splendid condition. The attendance, scholarship and religious interest were never equalled.

Cheap Excursion to New Orleans.

Agents of the Queen & Crescent route on Dec. 1 will sell tickets at all stations between Meridian and Shiloh, to New Orleans and return, at one fare for the round trip, good until Dec. 7 for return.

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Colored Bishop.

THERE is not much use in trying to avoid the inevitable. Perhaps it is better to stand from under. It is certainly safe to give this question a fair study. The question of what the colored race may be somewhere in the future does not particularly enter the field of thought just at this time. The angel in the crude block of marble does not depend upon your criticism or mine, but upon the ability, design and chisel of the artist. A few hundred years ago it had been a wise prophet to stand beside "Prince John" and fully measure the quantity and quality of the Saxon of to-day. Let the providences of God provide for the hidden possibilities of his creatures. Are the colored people of the Methodist Episcopal Church entitled now to a bishop of their own race? Do you say, if so, then the German wing of our church are entitled to a bishop of their own tongue. Well, we are not opposing even that proposition. But the cases are not strictly parallel, our German people are not shut off from us by social customs or legal relations. They live with us and mingle with us on equal social relations. They are not colonized by climatic lines or social ostracism. If the lines are as distinctly drawn as in the other case then give them a bishop.

Here are more than 200,000 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church living the other side of this color line. They have their district organizations, district conferences officered by their own people. Their distinct schools from the university down, largely officered by scholars of their own race and in many particulars they are as distinct from us as though they were living in Africa. We are not here to prophecy whether this social distinction will be a fact of the future or not, it is a fact now. Are there, nearly a quarter of a million of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church loyal to the old church? Let the facts in their history answer. For years they have been living in the midst of their own race of large and prosperous organizations with their own officers from the bishop down, yet our people have never faltered in their allegiance to the old church.

It may but be just to our colored people to say that their loyalty has cost them something at times. They have been tantalized by some of their sister churches who have been officered by their own race, as being led by their white brethren. Is it said that the church is waiting for a man for the place? There may be force in this suggestion, but is it really worthy of the place it holds? Is it not true that when our colored brethren have been entrusted with responsibilities that they have measured up to the work among their people about as well as we have so far done among our people? Is it not probable that there are men now among our colored people who if this responsibility were placed upon them would tower as much above the less favored of their race as our bishops do above the less favored of our race? Twice in the past decade on two continents—the Methodism of the world has recognized in its councils and on its platforms the bishops of our sister colored churches, but our colored Methodism will all its culture are still asked to "show us the man."—*Methodist Advocate*.

Talking of patent medicines—you know the old prejudice. And the doctors—some of them are between you and us. They would like you to think that what's cured thousands won't cure you. You'd believe in patent medicines if they didn't profess to cure everything—and so, between the experiments of doctors and the experiments of patent medicines that are sold only because there's money in the "stuff," you lose faith in everything. And you can't always tell the prescriptions that cures by what you read in the papers. So, perhaps, there's no better way to sell a remedy than to tell the truth about it, and take the risk of its doing just what it professes to do. That's what the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of New York, does with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. If they don't do what their makers say they'll do—you get your money back.

Rev. Wm. Smith.

The Louisiana Conference mourns the death of one of her best and most honored ministers, in the person of the Rev. William Smith, who, after a brief spell of sickness, departed this life last Friday night, Nov. 20, at about midnight, from Thibodaux, his last appointment and the scene of his latest battles and conquests. He was buried there last Saturday morning; among the people whom he had served so faithfully, and in whose tenderest affections his memory will ever be embalmed and cherished. The news of his death came to us so unexpectedly and so suddenly that the shock therefrom scarcely permits us to realize the terrible fact. We did not know that he had been sick, and had no premonition whatever of his sudden removal. Sad indeed it is for us to contemplate and realize the fact that William Smith, so dear and endearing to all of us, has quit the walks of men and gone to his reward. We can scarcely control ourselves from weeping as we attempt to write an obituary of his precious life, victories and death. He was one of a class of nine of us, that joined the Louisiana Conference at Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 12, 1878, under the presidency of the now sainted Bishop William L. Harris, D.D., LL.D. The members of the class were Pierre Landry, Wm. Smith, from the Sixth Street Church, New Orleans; Alex. Priremus, Z. T. Gayden, J. W. Hudson, John Qualls, now of the Little Rock Conference; Daniel Sims and Jeremy S. Bean, deceased; and A. E. P. Albert.

Farwell, Bro. Smith, we'll meet you in the morning, the Lord being our helper.

Rev. Wm. Smith was one among the very best men we've ever known, and one of the best pastors and preachers the Louisiana Conference has ever produced. A good preacher, a kind and faithful pastor, a genial and agreeable companion, he was always and everywhere welcome by any congregation, and among all of his brethren in the ministry; sustaining everywhere a pure and blameless character, he passes out of our ranks into the ranks of the saints in light, without the smell of the fire of suspicion resting against his Christian character. His life, his triumphs and his death, are a rich legacy to the church, and an ample illustration of the full and free salvation that he so powerfully preached and exemplified. He now rests from his labors and his works do follow him. He was a native of Virginia, and was converted when quite a young man. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Sixth street Church of this city, and was appointed by Bishop Harris, as an unordained local preacher, as assistant pastor to Father Henry Green, at the church that had recommended him. The following year he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Andrews, and reappointed as preacher in charge of the same church. January, 1880, he was admitted with his class into full connection in the conference, by Bishop Harris, and appointed to Whitehall. He was ordained an elder at Shreveport, by Bishop Foss, January, 1881, and appointed to LaHarpe, now Scott Chinn M. E. Church, New Orleans. He afterwards served, to the gratification of those charges and the conference, in succession, the following charges, viz: Donaldsonville, 1882-84; Glenoe, 1885; Clinton Street (now Williams Chapel), New Orleans, 1886; Thibodaux, 1887; Glenoe again, 1888-90; and Thibodaux again, 1891; from whence he banded his sheaves together and shouted the harvest home. Bro. Smith has a wife that preceded him to heaven a few years ago. After remaining a widower nearly two years, he remarried a charming and accomplished Christian lady, who with a child a little over a year old, are left behind to mourn their irreparable loss. We extend to them our heartfelt sympathy.

Servant of God well done. Thy glorious warfare's past. The battle's fought, the victory's won, And thou art crowned at last.

Schools and Colleges.

A college item is to the effect that in the three Connecticut colleges—Yale, Trinity, and Wesleyan—attendance at morning prayers is made obligatory upon the students. Students at the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale are exempted from the prayer rule; and, in the absence of any explanation for the distinction, the academic youth say that the scientific boys are beyond the prayer line by reason of their pursuits.

Ann Arbor (Mich.) University this year graduated 620 students. This surpasses in numbers that of any institution of learning in the United States.

New Orleans University observed the week of prayer appointed by the Ecumenical Conference, and last Sabbath twenty-two were received into the church on probation and four by letter. All who joined on probation were happily converted during the week, a number were reclaimed, and students and teachers were made to rejoice in the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The meetings will be continued this week. Praise the Lord for the wonderful outpouring of his Spirit.

REV. J. A. Featherstone, of the Texas Conference, is publishing and editing a little paper at Navasota, Texas, in which he is carrying on a fight as to who should be the delegates from that conference to the General Conference. The idea is certainly in bad taste and contrary to all Methodist usages. In his method of treating the subject he goes off upon the absurd tangent, that the more experienced one is, as to the duties involved, the less his claim to re-election should be considered. Nonsense. Why are Blaine, Sherman, Allison and other great national characters the power in the national council that they are? Why, simply because they are experienced, and their States had too much sense to cast them aside, simply because they had been in office before. Why not have some sense?

Marriages.

In Kosciusko, Miss., by Rev. W. McDonald, Mr. Jordan Simpson to Miss C. A. Fuchses.

Nov. 16, Mr. W. Y. C. Wilson to Miss Abbie Cross, of Baton Rouge. W. R. Butler officiated, and Revs. H. James and T. A. Brown assisted.

At the church, Nov. 8, Rev. A. C. Culbreath and Miss Sarah Vogle. Rev. G. W. Gray, of the M. E. Church South, officiating.

Columbia, Texas.

Rev. P. H. Davis, pastor of the M. E. Church in Canton, Miss., and Miss C. L. Jackson of the same town and church, were united in holy wedlock on the night of the 11th inst. It was a very brilliant and happy affair. A large number of their friends, both white and colored, were present. May happiness be theirs, and may they live long to enjoy it. J. Campbell officiated.

Dyspepsia

Makes the lives of many people miserable, and often leads to self-destruction. Distress after eating, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn, loss of appetite, a faint, "all gone" feeling, bad taste, coated tongue, and irregularity of the bowels, are some of the more common symptoms. "Dyspepsia" does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent attention, and a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet surely and efficiently. It tones the stomach and other organs, regulates the digestion, creates a good appetite, and by thus overcoming the local symptoms removes the sympathetic effects of the disease, banishes the headache, and refreshes the tired mind.

"I have been troubled with dyspepsia. I had but little appetite, and what I did eat distressed me, or did me little good. In an hour after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. PAGE, Watertown, Mass.

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Heartburn—after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. PAGE, Watertown, Mass.

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Obituary.

Brinkley, Ark.—Bro. Wm. Rover departed this life August 15, aged 56. He was a member of the M. E. Church for about 20 years. On his death bed he claimed that he was going to rest. D. B. Harston, P. C.

In Shubuta, Miss., Nov. 10, Peter Davis, aged 84 years, a member of our church 25 years. Oct. 25th, Almy Daves, aged 70 years. Sister Fanny Mercardina, aged 65 years. These were all good members and died in triumph. S. M. May, P. C.

Little Zettia Johnson, of Marthaville, one of our most faithful little Sunday school scholars, died November 9. She was 5 years old the day she died. J. H. Pierre.

Talladega, Ala.—Sister Emma Turner, wife of Bro. Squire Turner, departed this life Oct. 31. She was a faithful member and died a witness on the Lord's side, saying, "When I was first converted I was fixing for this." Her age was 49. R. H. Flemming.

Nov. 18, Sister Ida Washington, a member of Jones Creek M. E. Church, died in Christ. Mr. Geo. Hood, a lover of the same church, died Nov. 16. W. R. Butler, Baton Rouge.

Bro. Charley Garrette, son of Sister Julia Garrett, departed this life Nov. 11. He died in full triumph of faith, aged 19 years. His remains were carried to New Hope M. E. Church, of which he was a member. His funeral was attended by the pastor and Rev. Huston. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn.

J. T. Henry, Sherman Heights, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. Romeo Carr, a faithful member of Briggs Chapel M. E. Church, died Nov. 7, aged 89 years. He was born in the State of Georgia and lived a Christian 36 years. A. J. Proctor, P. C., Abbeville, La.

Celia Henderson, of Merrell charge, died Nov. 11. J. Benn, P. C.

Annie Jones, of Helm, Miss., died Oct. 17, aged 66.

Sister Mary Allen died August 31, aged 25.

Little Conroy Lenzie, of Roseneath, Miss., died January 4, aged 5 years.

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Conference Notices.

Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren: I have secured reduced rates over the following lines for our annual session at Houston: Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, International & Great Northern, and Texas & Pacific. I am also in communication with the Houston & Texas Central and Southern Pacific. I think they will grant them also. The rate granted is 40c. per mile for round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 1st and 2nd, good to 9th. H. S. McMILLAN, Galveston, Texas.

Reduced rates on the certificate plan have been obtained for the district conference at Tullahoma, Tenn., Dec. 2d. Get certificates at starting point.

Indiana District, Lexington Conference. Fourth Round.

Pittsfield.....	Nov. 28-30
Lawrenceville.....	Dec. 5-6
Terre Haute.....	" 12-13
Green Castle.....	" 12-13
Bloomington.....	" 12-13
N. Indianapolis.....	" 19-20
New Castle.....	" 26-27
Princeton.....	Jan. 1-3
Graysville.....	" 9-10
Evansville.....	" 15-18
Newburg.....	" 15-18
Rock Port.....	" 22-24
Indianapolis.....	" 30-31
Shelbyville.....	Feb. 7-9
Jacksonville.....	" 12-15
Watson.....	" 12-15
Cementville.....	" 12-15
Madison.....	" 19-22
N. Vernon.....	" 19-22
Cleves.....	" 27-28
Connersville.....	Mar. 5-6
Anderson.....	" 12-13

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Palatka District, Florida Conference. Fourth Round.

Twin Lake.....	Dec. 5-6
Tampa.....	" 9-10
Lakeland.....	" 12-13
Homeland.....	" 19-20
Punta Gorda.....	" 23-24
St. Myers.....	" 26-27
Key West.....	Dec. 30, Jan. 3
Palatka.....	Jan. 7-8
Hawthorne.....	" 9-10
Reddick.....	" 17-18

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[Let us make the watch-word for the whole church: "A Million Converts in One Year"—Chaplain McCabe at the Erie Conference.]

A million souls for Jesus!
Pass it along the line,
A million gems fresh gathered
Within His crown to shine.

A million sheep now straying
On mountains bleak and bare,
By watchful shepherds gathered
With loving word and prayer.

'Till the dear Lord receives them
His blessed fold within,
Saved from the desert pathways
Of wandering and sin.

A million souls for Jesus,
Each with his torch aflame,
To light the darkened places,
And saving grace proclaim.

Invincible the army,
Should such a wondrous throng,
Put on the sacred armor,
And sing the glad new song.

Ho! to your towers, God's watchmen,
And work and sing and pray,
Till ye shall see the breaking
Of this long promised day.

A million souls for Jesus!
Like white doves flocking in,
Make ready to receive them
From the dark ways of sin.

A million souls for Jesus!
Lift up the standard high,
And shout the thrilling watchword
Till victory is nigh.

Millions of gold and silver
For missions still may flow,
Till all the blinded nations
The precious name shall know.

But a million souls for Jesus!
Redeemed and gathered here,
May bring the longed for kingdom
More infinitely near.
A million souls for Jesus!
To Heaven on wings of prayer
Lift up the grand petition,
Till it is answered there.

—By Mrs. Emily Bugbee Johnson.

The Household.

Points for Parents.

HOW TO BRING DOWN A SON.

1. Let him have plenty of spending money.
2. Permit him to choose his own companions without restraint or directions.
3. Give him a latch-key and allow him to return home late in the evening.
4. Make no inquiry as to where and with whom he spends his leisure moments.
5. Give him to understand that manners make a good substitute for morality.
6. Teach him to expect pay for every act of helpfulness to others.
7. Allow him to occupy a seat in church with the boys rather than a pew with his parents.
8. Permit him to regard the Sunday school unsuitable for boys on the verge of young manhood.
9. Let him spend the Sabbath hours between services on the street.
10. Be careful never to let him hear your voice in prayer for his salvation and spiritual growth.

HOW TO BRING UP A SON.

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place on earth.
2. Make him responsible for the performance of a limited number of daily duties.
3. Never punish him in anger.
4. Do not ridicule his conceits, but rather talk frankly on matters in which he is interested.
5. Let him feel free to invite his friends to your home and table.
6. Encourage his confidence by giving ready sympathy and advice.
7. Do not discourage "collection manias;" they help to give information and fix habits of investigation and perseverance.
8. Be careful to impress upon his mind that making character is more important than making money.
9. Live Christ before him all the time; then you will be able to talk of Christ to him with power when occasion offers.
10. Be much in prayer for his salvation and spiritual growth.

—Rev. D. E. Marvin, in Young Man's Era.

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General News Items.

The giant powder works at Ohappergate, Cal., blew up Nov. 6, killing three men and wounding a boy. It is claimed the explosion was predicted by a spiritualist who had been threatened with tar and feathers if he did not leave town.

The report that Jay Gould, the railroad magnate was dead, has proven to be untrue.

On the Majenta plantation, near Greenville, Miss., Wm. H. Hood, white, shot and killed Homer Dnvalba, colored, Nov. 12. As usual the plea is entered that Hood was an "impudent nigger," and the murder committed in self-defense.

Willis W. Banks of Mobile, Ala., won the second prize in the Hotel World's Essay Contest for the three best articles on "Hotel Stewarding." Mr. Banks is a colored man of exceptional intelligence and has contributed several very excellent articles to the columns of the Hotel World, on "The Duties and Management of Hotel Waiters."

Rev. B. A. Imes, of Memphis, Tenn., of the class of '75, Oberlin College, was the only race delegate from the United States to the International Congregation Council in London. He crossed in a Cunard boat. The captain invited him to preach Sunday, and Mr. Imes did so. A white passenger made some abusive remarks because Mr. Imes was a member of the race. The captain summoned the passenger and ordered him to make an apology. He refused to do so and engaged in further abuse. The captain told the passenger to pay the passenger the difference between the first and third-class passage and to put him in the steerage. On arriving in Liverpool the passenger complained to the company, but when they learned the facts they not only upheld the captain but presented Mr. Imes \$150 for his work.

John Hossack, one of Ottawa, Canada's oldest citizens, died there Nov. 8, in his 85th year. He was an old-time abolitionist, and assisted many slaves to escape out of American bondage into Canada. He was sentenced by the United States Court in Chicago, while a citizen there, to ten days imprisonment and \$100 fine for rescuing a fleeing fugitive slave from a U. S. Marshall, and helping him to escape into Canada. In September, 1860, he was nominated for Governor of Illinois on the abolition ticket. He numbered among his warm personal friends such men as Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, Charles Sumner, Joshua A. Giddings, Ben Wade, and other staunch abolitionists and anti-slavery men. For many years Mr. Hossack was blind and led a retired life. A wife and ten children survive him. Mr. and Mrs. Hossack celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1883.

Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Patrons will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my people. My mother's name was Ellen Lee. She did belong to John Lee, in Dail county, Alabama. After his death she belonged to his son, Berry Lee. My father's name was Sam McNier. He belonged to Dr. Robert McNier. My sister's name was Fanny. Brothers' names were Samson, George and Jeff Lee. Any one knowing them, please address Frank Wheat, Campbellville, Miss.

Through Suz.

Bonaparte broached the plan of re-entring through Suz. Half a century later Engineer De Lesseps did it. He actually changed geography. He broke a continent in two for the world's commerce. An old man now, Count De Lesseps writes for The Youth's Companion, in humorous, charming vein, how he came to build the canal.

Harper & Brothers have just published Pharaohs, Fellahs, and Explorers, by Amelie B. Edwards, and Ben-Hur, containing over one thousand marginal drawings, beside twenty full-page photogravure illustrations.

Our Symposium.

There is a strong movement on foot in the new territory of Oklahoma to have President Harrison appoint the Hon. Edward P. Sh- ahead McCabe Governor to succeed George W. Steele, who has just resigned.

The suggestion is an eminently wise and patriotic one. No man in the territory has done more to advertise its resources and to augment its population than Mr. McCabe has. Indeed, he has been foremost as an Oklahoma boomer.

President Harrison will have to travel a long way before he finds a more deserving and capable successor of George W. Steele as Governor of Oklahoma than Edward P. McCabe.—N. Y. Age.

Such an act would be the crowning act of his administration.

The following from the Washington, D. C., correspondent of the *Shreveport Caucasian*, is quite creditable to Major McKinley, Governor elect of Ohio, as well as to American womanhood. "The next morning after the election about half of the women in Washington rushed for the morning paper before they had completed their toilets. They wanted to see if Major McKinley had been elected Governor of Ohio. Whenever the Major runs for office the women of Washington, irrespective of party or politics, are on his side. They talk for him, hope for him and some of them pray for him. That they do so is to their credit and to the Major's too. Their interest in him is not that which their sex is usually supposed to display in a gallant or handsome man, but genuine love for him because of his tender devotion to his invalid and at times helpless wife. If the women of the country could vote I think Mr. McKinley could be elected President or anything else, and an Ohio man who was here a few days before election told me that the friendly influence of the women out there, in Democratic as well as Republican households, was a strong factor in the situation."

Anxiety about the future is natural, but needless. There are some things which are beyond our control; there is no need to be anxious about them. There are other things which are largely within our power; they should be met manfully in the discharge of duty. It is also a good thing to be anxious about divine help; it has been promised, and it will surely be given.—United Presbyterian.

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WE extend our hearty congratulations, for his able counsel, to T. McCant, Stewart, Esq.

ONLY four more weeks to Christmas. And yet how many who are reading these lines, yea, you, yourself may not live to see it. Prepare to meet thy God.

WE welcome to our list of exchanges *Il Pensiero*, the organ of our Italian Methodist Missions in this city. It is printed by our New Orleans University, boys upon the University press, and makes a neat and presentable appearance.

THE California Conference, by a standing vote, unanimously requested Bishop Fowler to continue his residence on the Pacific Coast during the next quadrennium. That's what every preacher, layman and Sunday school scholar in our section is ready to do in favor of Bishop Mallalien's continued residence in New Orleans.

THE main building and library of Straight University, this city, was destroyed by fire last Sunday midnight. The loss will be about \$30,000, which is partially covered by insurance. The fire originated from a heating stove on the ground floor. Our people all regret this terrible loss, and extend the hope that old Straight may shake herself out of the ashes for a second time and come forth in better shape than ever.

WHEN the Louisiana Lottery-curse was fostered upon this State it was pointed out as the best evidence of the Negro's unfitness to participate in government affairs. To-day, in the Democratic white primaries, the lottery is being supported three to one by the same people that used to thus abuse the race. Thus far the lottery has 297 supporters in the next Democratic convention to only 176 opponents. Tens of thousands of the colored citizens of this State stand ready to assist the white Anti-lottery folks in ridding the monster from this State. The question now is, will their white supremacy prejudices permit them to accept the assistance.

THE GREAT ECUMENICAL.

Christian Work in Agricultural Districts.

By Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio, Methodist Episcopal Church.

[Address before Ecumenical Methodist Conference, Washington, D. C., Oct. 16, 1891.]

What I shall say will have special reference to agricultural districts and population in the United States. It is the old problem of the country church, how to plant it and how to hold and maintain it as a fortress of social and moral power in the midst of villages and less thickly settled portion of our country.

Every third person in the United States lives in a city of eight thousand or more inhabitants. New York with its suburbs numbers three millions, so that this young American metropolis, next to London, is the largest center of population in the world. Chicago, one thousand miles from the seaboard, in two generations has leaped from a village hamlet to a metropolis of one and one-quarter millions of people, and when the World's Columbian Fair begins in 1893, it will have at least one and one-half millions. This growth of cities will continue. Improvements in the methods of communications between continents and nations, and the achievements of science and invention are scarcely begun. The social and commercial forces which are now building our cities will continue to operate. But if one out of every three of the people of the United States live in large towns and cities, then two out of every three, or twice as many, live in smaller towns and the rural districts, taking our most densely settled territory, that lying east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river, contains two-thirds of our city population. Even here, fully one-half of the people dwell in country townships of less than two thousand inhabitants. In our Southern States, which include one third of the national domain, only seven persons out of a hundred live in cities, while in the far west, 95 per cent live in rural districts. Taking our nation as a whole, fully one-third, or twenty-one millions, live in villages and farming districts or still more sparsely settled regions.

Our cities must be evangelized. All the thought, prayer and leadership necessary to accomplish that work must be given. On the other hand, the permanent maintenance of the institutions of the gospel in our rural districts is a question of equally vital importance. The actual relations between cities and rural districts are such that the salvation of either is impossible without the combined moral forces of both. American leaders in education are giving larger attention to the country school house. Dr. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, has lately said that one of the dangers to the efficiency of the American school system, centers in our rural regions. The planning of daily United States mail in country sections by the Post Master General shows a wise tendency in administration. In politics, the Farmers' Alliance has come to be a powerful factor.

The majority of the world's population must always live in rural districts. The tide toward the cities may not end, but must be greatly modified. The reflex waves are already setting toward the mountain villages and farms of New England. Machinery cannot do for agriculture what it does for manufactures. The demand for laborers for the farm will increase as agricultural conditions improve. The plow will always be the em-

blem of man's greatest wealth. The muscle and brain and moral stamina which build our cities and lead the thought of the world, and give to commerce its stability and strength, come chiefly from the rural districts. How long could our missionary and other benevolent movements be maintained if they were compelled to rely upon the city churches for workers? Only a small per cent of the advanced students in our Christian colleges are from cities. In 1888, outside of the city where the institution is located, only four per cent of the graduates in Rochester University were from large towns or cities. The Christian ministry receives its chief supply from the country. In a sermon some years since, Dr. Herriek Johnson said, that the great city churches of Presbyterianism furnish very few candidates for the ministry. Our metropolitan congregations are supplied very largely with pastors, and pastors' wives and effective laymen and workers in city evangelization, from the ranks of young men and women who were born and received their early training in rural sections. The little town of Socowan in New Hampshire, under its faithful pastor, Dr. Woods, prepared one hundred youths for college. Dr. Josiah Strongs says that the collegiate and professional record of that town contains more than 130 names, and that among them were two missionaries, six journalists, twenty-one lawyers, thirty-five physicians and forty-two ministers. Of the 1,571 Congregational ministers born in one hundred years up to 1885, twenty per cent came from country places of a thousand inhabitants or less. Seven towns with an aggregate population of about 5,000, gave 154 ministers. The students of Andover Seminary are nearly all from the country. Taking the churches which sent them, those will less than one hundred members furnish two students to each three hundred communicants; while from churches of three hundred and over, it took four thousand members to furnish one candidate for the ministry. These illustrations from Congregational and Presbyterian Churches are the more remarkable for the chief strength of these divisions of Christ's army is in cities. In all ages the church has depended chiefly for her leadership, on the strength and moral force of her young men and women who were physically and morally prepared for their work away from the intense and absorbing activities of large centers of population.

There is a great need of a forward improvement of consecrated church activity among the rural populations of America. The difficulties are many and as various as sections differ, but if the church has the spirit and faith of her Master, difficulties are but the shadows of angel hands beckoning her on to victory. The farm neighborhood church is being weakened by removals to the larger villages, and these again are giving their best life to the churches in the larger towns and cities. Eighty Congregational villages and country churches became extinct in Illinois in twenty years. I heard a Methodist Presiding Elder say a few weeks since that two or three of his country churches would probably die. Another difficulty is in securing not only prominent ministerial supplies, but supplies of sufficient intellectual and moral force to direct and spiritually feed the intelligent minds and souls of our country people. A distinguished minister, in giving advice to the young men, said: "When you fill a city pulpit, wear your best clothes, but when you preach in the country,

preach your best sermon." An expert has shown by statistics that of the non church going population in the Eastern and Middle States, fifty per cent live two miles from any church. How shall these outlying populations be reached? In many places American populations are being supplanted by foreigners who are Roman Catholics or infidels. I have seen scores of such places in various parts of the North and West practically abandoned by Protestants. In the Southern States where ninety-three per cent of the people live in rural villages and districts, the call for larger planning and more consecrated work is great. There are sections among the white people, especially among the mountain regions of the central South, where many thousands scarcely ever attend an intelligently conducted, Christian service. And as for the seven millions of Negro population who live outside of cities, the demand for increased intelligent, Christian activity is still greater. The ministry of that people is much better than could reasonably have been expected in so few years from slavery. Many of her Christian ministers and leaders are doing noble work, and they long, and are waiting for the incoming tide of greater Christian sentiment and activity to touch and uplift their less favored people in the villages and agricultural districts. The Negro cabin church in rural sections is often a bar-leque on Christianity. I speak from personal observation and express the sentiment of our best Negro ministers and people.

How shall Christian work in these districts of our country be increased in efficiency and extent to reach all? I have no faith in aggressive Christian work among any people except under the direction of some organized and aggressive branch of Christ's Church. So-called union churches which ignore all creeds and denominational lines have proved to be inefficient and ephemeral. Co operative movements by which various denominations have sought to blend methods, have failed upon trial under the most favorable circumstances. Sectarianism is a fixed factor in Protestantism. Among families there is great practical wisdom in the saying that high fences make good neighbors. The same is true of denominations. Unity of spirit with diversity of methods, each church following her own traditions and plans as God may lead her, will bring the largest results. Every branch of the church militant must build the wall over against her own house.

The spirit and genius of Methodism have had many of their most signal triumphs in reaching and saving the people in agricultural districts. The Methodist circuit rider threading his way through mountain passes or over the Southern or Western plains has gone into history as the permanent type of much that is heroic and successful in Christian endeavor. Methodism needs no new methods in planting and maintaining the country church wherever needed. There is great need that she returns more fully to the old circuit system. Our Bishop Foster a few weeks ago told the Cincinnati conference of the marvelous outpouring of the living Spirit which resulted in the ingathering of thousands of souls on the great circuits of Ohio Methodism fifty years ago. This system means one man of age and experience and power in the pulpit, and one or two young men associated with him with as much territory as is needed to support them. This secures experienced direction of the work of the church and as acceptable preaching, at

least a part of the time, to the thoughtful people of the country as is given to the churches in the city. It is a fact that Methodism is losing many of her best families throughout the agricultural districts, simply because they become weary of being forced to have as pastors men who cannot feed them intellectually and morally. Then again there is need that the local preacher arm of power in the church be rehabilitated with efficiency and strength. With wise management the Epworth League can utilize the country church, the school-house and neighborhood social gatherings for Christ and his kingdom. No new methods are needed. What is wanted is a revival of the spirit of aggressiveness in the church. The country church must be dignified more than it is. The work of the country pastor must be appreciated more than it is. The question of quality must be emphasized as well as the quantity, and the man who, in the country district, preaches the gospel to the smaller company, and because of the peculiarly favorable conditions, gets nearer and directs the rising tide of intellectual and moral power in the growing youth about him, is certainly doing a work equal to that of the city pastor. A large proportion of the time of the latter must be spent in simply holding his church from disorganization in the midst of the tremendous currents of evil about it.

Especially among the different Methodisms of America, operating on the same territory there should be a spirit of unity, unquestioned and Christ-like, and a perfect willingness to go wherever the Spirit of Christ, in the midst of that unity, may lead. Our Canadian brethren have done well to unite the two white Methodisms of Canada into one body. If now, they will gather up the three or four fragments of African Methodism in their midst, and unite all, white and black, in one greater Methodism of Canada, she will continue to lead the Methodist world in the matter of organization.

The final test of the triumphant Church on earth will be in its ability to reach the last man on the outer rim of the world's population. We have an illustration in national life. The strength of the nation is measured by its power to protect its poorest citizen on the farthest border of its domain. The English statesman voiced this sentiment when he said: "The rights of the proudest Englishman on the banks of the Thames are not secured, until the rights of the poorest Indian on the banks of the Ganges are made secure." So with the church: Her highest test of power for good is in her ability to give spiritual food to the souls that are farthest from God; to touch and lift up the lowest in the social scale, and give the blessing of the sanctuary to those most removed from the centers of population.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Spread of Methodism in the South.

By C. N. GRANDISON, B.D., D.D.

Twenty odd years ago when the Methodist Episcopal Church reentered the Southern field, she found herself preceded by two other Methodist bodies, the African M. E., and the African M. E. Zion Churches, which following in the wake of the victorious Federal army had largely pre-empted the ground.

The advance agents of these two African denominations were for the most part intelligent and shrewd men, zealous for the spread of their peculiar Methodisms, and I

fear some of them were sometimes unscrupulous in their methods of propagation. They found most of our people of Methodist proclivities in the Southern Methodist Church. These agents expatiated upon the horrors of the abject bondage from which we had so recently been emancipated and the glorious freedom that had come to us by the stern arbitrament of arms. They discoursed upon the restrictions and limitations to which our people were subjected in the Southern Church, and in language, eloquent and fitting, invited the people to come out into a church of their own wherein they could worship God under their own vine and fig tree. To understand and appreciate the force and effect of this skillful appeal

A LITTLE RETROSPECT

is necessary. In the days of slavery the colored members of the Southern Church had been compelled to worship in the gallery or rear of the church, or where in towns and cities they were permitted to have meeting houses to themselves, their pastors were white men, and they were not allowed to hold social meetings in the absence of a white face. In the public worship in white churches the colored members felt a natural restraint; they could not give vent to their feelings in bodily motions, shouts and ejaculations, which were considered the most proper means of expressing their religious experiences and internal states. In their social meeting it was both unwise and unsafe for them to give expression to the real burden of their hearts, their desires for freedom. Hence the African Church when they came to us found the desire for separate meeting houses already ardent on the part of colored members in the Southern Church. The people did not stop to enquire anything about denominational organizations. They knew nothing of different denominations; they wanted to be to themselves in their worship and that was enough, and the African offered them that. They knew nothing of the "Mother Church," they were sick of the slave-holding and privilege-restricting Southern Church. Hence the African Churches reaped a large harvest in membership; and, as before remarked, the Methodist Episcopal Church, when she re-entered the Southern field, found it already well occupied.

THE MOTHER CHURCH AND HIGHER MOTIVES.

To the motives which had led the colored people out of the Southern into the African Churches she opposed another and higher set of motives why colored Methodists should come into her communion. She explained that she was not the same as the old proslavery organization out of which they had come; but that she had always stood for freedom, and suffered herself to be rent in twain in '44, rather than allow one of her bishops to exercise his episcopal functions so long as he was complicated with slavery, even through his wife's inheritance; that as she believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, colored men were eligible to any and the highest positions in the gift of the church; that her financial resources being large, she could and would assist us in supporting our ministry, in building churches and establishing and equipping educational institutions for us, and that she would put into them to teach our boys and girls, men and women of the highest qualifications, mental and moral, men and women who would associate with the students and patrons on terms of equality, and thus elevate our people.

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THE California Conference, at its recent session, unanimously and heartily approved the administration of Dr. B. F. Crary as editor of the *California Christian Advocate*, and recommended him to the General Conference for re-election to the responsible post he so ably fills.

We would gladly join in such a resolution, for in our opinion, no editor in the church does more and better work with the means at his command than our venerable friend, the Rev. B. F. Crary, D. D.

BISHOP Mallalien, seconded by Bishops Newman, Goodsell and Foss, stood nobly by every phase of our Southern work at the General Missionary Committee meeting. Bishop Mallalien especially, by the liberal advances that he advocates on every such occasion, has well deserved and won for himself the proud title of the great forward movement bishop of the church. His brethren throughout the South, next to good Bishop Gilbert Haven, upon whom his great mantle has fallen, regard him the best substitute for a bishop of their own kith and kin that the church could have possibly elected. God bless and spare his precious life to us for many years to come.

WE congratulate the G. A. R. upon their signal victory over the caste prejudice of the Southern white G. A. R. that were disposed to ignore or pen them to themselves in a race organization of their own. In keeping with the verdict rendered by the National Encampment last August, Commander-in-Chief Palmer has ordered Department Commander Hodges of this department to recognize posts 9, 17, colored posts in this city and section. A copy of the letter has been sent to Col. James Lewis, commander post 14. As Adjutant Gen. Pfisterer expresses it, we have no doubt that the colored posts after having been properly recognized by the authorities of the department and national headquarters, will so conduct themselves as to be an honor to the organization, and merit the commendation of their superior officers.

THE attention of our reader and of the church is specially invited to the remarkable clear and logical argument presented by Dr. Grandison in his communication in another column, on the "Spread of our Methodism in the South." While some of his statements seem startling, they are not altogether without foundation, and deserve the considerate attention of thoughtful people in the church. His conclusion however savors of a lack of faith in his part in the final outcome, in which, we are free to say, we do not share. We do not believe that such an exigency will ever come, which will bring about the day when "not a baker's dozen of Negroes will be found in the Methodist Episcopal Church." Our faith is too well founded in the sincerity and honest intentions of the old church toward our people, and in the Divine Hand that has guided her in her dealings towards us all these years to entertain such a fear. The fear exists in certain quarters however; and we would be unfaithful to the trust reposed in us by the church, if we failed to recognize it, and to allow the church to know all about about through our columns. Hence our ready publication of Dr. Grandison's article, and our earnest request that it be read by our readers generally.

The National American University and the Negro Question.

AT the recent meeting of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Cincinnati, a banquet was tendered them, and several addresses were delivered. Bishop Hurst spoke on "The American University," and his address was published in the *Western Christian Advocate* of November 5. From it we make the following extract:

"The welcome this university scheme received was wonderful. There is not a single important institution of our own church, or any other church, that has not sent congratulations, and God bless you to this plan. Our own colleges say: It will not interfere with us. It is not intended for the college curriculum, but provided for post-graduate and professional training for men or women, white or black—any persons who possess a good moral character and the requisite degree to enter a university course."

The above excerpt from Bishop Hurst's able and patriotic address is a source of unspeakable horror to the hide bound, bigoted and Negro hating propensities of Dr. Meeks, the fossilized editor of the *Central Methodist* organ of the M. E. Church South. He feels outraged at the idea that Negroes are to be admitted, if otherwise qualified. He fairly foams at the mouth and declares that there remains now but one thing for the Church South to do, under the circumstances, and that is "to withdraw its endorsement and support" from the institution.

The idea that such a man should occupy such a position as editor of a great church organ, and should thus express himself in reference to his darker skinned brother, for whom the Lord Jesus Christ died quite as much as for himself, is to us, at least, sacrilegious. We wonder if that antiquated old man ever reads that part of the good Book that teaches that God is no respecter of person, but that "in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." Read it. It may be found in Acts x ch. 34-35 verse.

ONE of the official *Advocates*, edited by a colored man, very severely presses the subject of the possible election of a colored bishop in the Methodist Church. It is undoubtedly right in its contention that it will be in order to elect a colored bishop just as soon as one is found that proves himself so superior that he deserves the honor by the side of any white competing candidate. But the partiality which our New Orleans contemporary shows to the topic would seem to convey the impression that it had somebody in mind who would make an available candidate in 1892.—N. Y. Independent.

Why, bless your old heart, you never before struck a nail so squarely on its head. Of course we have "somebody in mind" who would make an available candidate in 1892; and if you knew our colored ministry as well as we know it, you too would have "somebody in mind" from among them, "that would make an available candidate in 1892." We have in mind a dozen colored ministers, any one of whom would exactly fill the bill. To admit less is to confess that the Negro ministry in the old church is inferior to that to be found in the Negro race churches. Their bishops, as Dr. Carter well says in his paper, the *Methodist Advocate*, have presided over the Ecumenical Conferences in England and America with such dignity and ability as to elicit the highest praise of two continents. We have just such colored bishop timber in our church.

Let the grand old mother church elect one; and the *Independent*, which never fails to recognize real merit wherever found will be among the first to see it, and to sing the praises of the diamond in ebony, as he proves himself to be of the "first water." Come now, Bro. Carroll, put your strong shoulders to the hub, and give the wheel of progress another shove upward, in the full recognition of your friend and "brother in black."

Political Review.

The National Republican Convention has been called to meet at Minneapolis, Minn., June 7, 1892.

The Democratic National Committee will meet at Washington, Dec. 8, to arrange for their National Convention.

The Republican State Central Committee of this State has been called to meet in this city Dec. 19.

The lottery and anti lottery fight inside the lines of the Democratic party continues with increasing intensity and bitterness. Whether the Republicans will now have the moral courage to step into the breach, and pluck victory for their party and for the anti-lottery cause, remains to be seen.

WARMOTH'S Postmaster Eaton of this city has shown his utter unfitness for the position that he fills, by the wholesale charges that he has made to the effect that railway postal clerks were a set of thieves, gamblers, drunkards and seducers of the tender sex; who, to keep up their expensive habits, robbed the mails, and gave the grounds for the numerous complaints constantly heard against the inefficiency of the mail service in this section of the country. Mr. Eaton owes it to that branch of the service to retract his sweeping charges, prove them, resign, or be bounced. It is true that our mail service is not altogether what it should be, but it is not true that it is any worse since the passage of the Anti-lottery postal law. That is just what the pro-lottery, (we were about to say the pro-slavery, for such it is) press is trying to make out. It is simply magnifying mountains out of mole-hills, just to show how, by permitting interference with the lottery matter through the mail, the service has deteriorated. Such is not the case, and Postmaster Eaton should have had the good judgment to see through the villany, or should have pronounced his own unfitness for the place he occupies, and resigned. We do not wonder that the postal clerks of the country feel outraged over his utterances, and demand their retraction, his resignation or removal. He should either make good his charges or be bounced.

THE *Plain Speaker* of Orangeburg, S. C., wants a colored man elected bishop by the next General Conference; and two co-ordinate corresponding secretaries to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society elected by the next General Conference, "one of whom should be a colored man." It makes the same application to the missionary and church extension societies. It says:

The colored members of that body should be men of unquestionable devotion to the church as well as to the interests of the race that they are expected to represent. Most of the colored delegates are to be elected. Let the churches and conferences act wisely. Earnest and faithful prayer to God for guidance in making our choice of delegates is the duty of the hour.

Tonching the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference, it says:

"This question will engage the conference for several days, perhaps weeks. The ablest men of the church, such as Buckley, Moore, Albert, Parkhurst, Lanahan, M. son, Hurlbert, Grandison, McCabe, etc., will shake the church by the discussion of that subject at Omaha."

Don't know brother; some of these men have not been elected, and we are not sure that they will. They ought to be, though.

General Conference Delegates.

DAKOTA.—Ministerial: O. O. Clark, A. W. Adkinson. Reserves: W. H. Jordan, F. A. Bardick. Lay: H. E. Kraz, E. T. Langley.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Ministerial: William G. Biheldaffer, Loren L. Stewart, Calvin H. Lakin, Lewis H. Jordan. Reserves: S. Barn-

est Jones, James A. Fullerton. Lay: Harlan P. McGregor, H. L. A. Martin.

UPPER IOWA.—Ministerial: J. C. Magee, A. J. Kynett, T. E. Fleming, S. W. Heald, J. H. Rhea. Reserves: J. W. Bissell, Hugh Boyd. Lay: H. Egbert, O. Yoran.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—Ministerial: O. H. Clark, F. M. Van Treese.

NORTHWEST INDIANA.—Ministerial: J. L. Smith, J. H. Cissel, H. A. Gobin. Lay: W. Kendall, Oliver Gard.

KENTUCKY.—Ministerial: A. Boring, E. L. Shepard. Reserves: J. D. Walsh, D. Stevenson. Lay: Amos Shinkle, J. S. Jones.

NORTHWEST GERMAN.—Ministerial: A. Dalitz. Reserve: F. Sohanb.

NORTH GERMAN.—Ministerial: J. G. Baur. Reserve: E. J. Fank. Lay: F. Fink.

ILLINOIS.—Ministerial: S. H. Whitlock, H. N. McElroy, O. Ga leener, M. W. Everhard, W. H. Mnsgrrove, W. H. Webster, W. H. Smith.

PITTSBURG.—Ministerial: O. W. Smith, A. L. Petty, T. H. Woodring, J. W. Miles. Lay: Harding, Lane.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.)

Malden Chapel is trying to do something for herself before the year is out. Class No. 2, gave another grand union meeting Sunday, November 15. We had a large congregation, a good time and took up a good collection.

Revs. J. Kelly and R. Spiles preached good sermons. Bro. Matthews of Williams Chapel, assisted. ISAIAH BROWN.

First Street M. E. Church rally Nov. 15, was a grand success. Mrs. S. Jones, captain of the Tribe of Joseph, raised \$44.40; Mrs. M. Shipley, of the Tribe of Simeon, \$42.50; Mrs. E. Smith, of the Tribe of Levi, \$27.90; Mrs. T. Green, of the Tribe of Benjamin, \$21.50; other collections, \$15.50. Total for the day, \$151.80. May God bless the tribes and the friends.

T. G. MONTGOMERY.

Union Chapel, through her pastor, Rev. J. W. Hudson, returns thanks to the following named ministers and their friends who came to help them Nov. 22; Revs. W. P. Forrest, T. A. Wilson, D. J. Price, R. Thompson, and Dr. A. E. P. Albert. Raised \$150. All holding envelopes please return them this week.

There will be a union and basket meeting at Onshman Chapel, Sunday, December 13. Given by the Love and Union Branch No. 20, C. P. U.

Schools and Colleges.

We have received from President Thirkield the last Quarterly Bulletin of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., in which we find an excellent account of the formal opening of the school with Dr. Hawthorne's admirable address and other items of interest with reference to the seminary. The attendance exceeds that of last year, but the seminary should have 100 students enrolled. The great demand in our conferences for the kind of men who are fitted to do efficient work in the seminary, and the small number of graduates from our colleges and academies combine to limit the attendance, though we have a large territory from which to draw. However, beginning only eight years ago this fall, the seminary has 46 graduates from the three year's course in the field who are doing effective work in our conferences and educational institutions. When our conferences become fully awakened to the necessity of a larger number of thoroughly trained ministers for a really efficient prosecution of the

work there will be 200 students instead of an enrollment of seventy-nine.

President Cool and faculty of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., gave a fine Thanksgiving Day dinner, to which they invited President Wolverton and faculty of Bishop College of the same place. The program included an address of welcome by President Wolverton, a speech by Dr. A. O. Coffin, Professor Wells and others.

Personal.

—Rev. R. O. Barrow of Springfield, called last Monday, and reported his work in good condition.

—Rev. Emanuel Harris of Rosedale, called last Thursday, and reported his work in good condition.

—The Rev. Asbury Lowry, the veteran editor and preacher, is quite sick. We hope to hear of his early recovery.

—Mrs. Mary Karnik, evangelist, is now working in Baton Rouge. There have been 11 converts, and the altar is full of seekers.

—Rev. R. L. Crawford, pastor of Ames Church, who has been so sadly bereft of his wife, says in a private letter, that he expects to remain away a few days longer.

—Editor Fortune, of the *Age*, has won his suit against a New York hotel-keeper for denial of equal accommodation in the fellow's establishment.

—Presiding Elder Landry has appointed the Rev. Wesley Turner, of Raceland, in charge of Thibodaux in place of Rev. Wm. Smith, deceased.

—The whole church will rejoice to learn that Bishop Merrill, who has been so very dangerously ill, is now convalescent, and is able to be about his room and to conduct his personal and official correspondence. The Lord be praised!

—Revs. H. Roundtree of Summerville, H. May of Pass Christian, I. L. Pratt, of Moss Point, Miss., and H. L. Kennedy of Handsboro, Miss., gave us a call on their way to the Brookhaven District Conference at Magnolia, Miss., last week.

—Rev. W. E. Shinn, at one time pastor of Ames Church, this city, and more recently pastor of one of our churches in Buffalo, N. Y., has quit our church and established an independent church in Buffalo, N. Y. He was dissatisfied with work given him, hence his withdrawal.

A Well Deserved Compliment.

The *Sionix City (Iowa) Journal*, commenting upon the presence and address of the Rev. M. O. B. Mason, B. D., Field Agent of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, at the Sheldon District Conference there, says:

"The conference and congregation enjoyed a rare treat in the way of an address by Rev. M. O. B. Mason, B. D., of Atlanta, Ga., on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational work of the church. Mr. Mason is a colored man about 31 years of age, with probably no Anglo-Saxon blood in his veins, born in slavery, educated in the freedmen's schools of the M. E. Church, and a graduate from the New Orleans University. He was appointed last July as Field Agent for this department of church work and certainly proves himself a workman that need not be ashamed. He is a gentleman in the full meaning of the term. Educated and cultured, and yet meek and humble as a child; thoroughly religious, a hard student and a man of deep thought. As an orator he is a master. With a wonderful flow of language, fine adaptability, and a fund of original wit, which he uses with telling effect, he is a power on the rostrum. He spoke for an hour and a quarter and held the audience in a vice like grip. While his argument was able and convincing beyond a doubt of the necessity of educational and religious work in the South, yet the man himself as a living witness and the incarnation of the fact, is the greatest argument and exhibition of the truth in the matter that the church can produce."

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

A Memorial to the General Conference.

REV. I. B. SCOTT, D. D.

I ask the attention of our annual conferences of the South to the following memorial to our next General Conference. It is my purpose to bring it before the next session of the Texas Annual Conference and ask its adoption. This I trust will be done at everyone of our Southern conferences. If we mean to perpetuate our work in the South we ought to lay the proper foundation. There is no portion of the church in this country which is in greater need of cultivation, and just that kind of encouragement such a step as is herein requested would afford. In my humble judgment, such a prayer as is hereto attached ought not to be considered out of place. True such an undertaking would entail considerable outlay for the present, but I believe it would pay in the long run. At any rate, the church is not speculating on its financial returns, but seeking its further development and perpetuity.

You of the South know as well as I that in order to hold our intelligent young people something must be done. We are surrounded by an ever increasing pressure. If you have anything better to suggest please do so; if not, let us put this through our annual conferences and then seek the approval of the General Conference. I shall be glad to know what you think of the plan, either through the paper or private correspondence.

A MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, The work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South is rapidly increasing in intelligence, wealth and the aggregate number of its communicants, and

WHEREAS, The schools of the church are annually preparing and sending forth our young men and women who are certified by them to be thoroughly equipped to fill positions as clerks, compositors, etc., and,

WHEREAS, We believe it would be the means of not only quickening the circulation of our literature and increasing the sale of our books among the more than two hundred thousand members of this section, but draw them nearer the church and awaken in them a more lively interest in the same, therefore be it

Resolved, That the annual conference memorialize our next General Conference to establish at New Orleans; a regular depository which shall carry a full line of our books, periodicals and Sunday school literature,

Resolved, That we also request the establishment in connection with the SOUTHWESTERN a printing office fully provided with presses and printing material for the publication of the paper and to do such job work as is expected of an office of the kind; and in which some of our young people might find employment.

Houston, Texas.

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

Quick or You Lose It.

Perhaps some who intend to avail themselves of our splendid sewing machine offer are thinking that the chance will be kept open indefinitely. This is a mistake. It is liable to be withdrawn at any time after Jan. 1st. The announcement occupies a good deal of valuable space, and we have faithfully carried out its provisions for a year and a half to the joy of over 200 homes. A good many orders are still coming in, yet we fear many are holding off, thinking that the offer will always be open. Better not trust to that. All new subscribers for next year get the balance of this year free, which makes the offer still more valuable.

Old as well as new subscribers can have the benefit of the offer, but don't delay too long.

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ple through contact as well as by instructions imparted.

For the first time since the great session in '44, the colored people were brought face to face with the old "Mother Church," as they affectionately called her, and learned of different Methodist denominations. Her promises were great and her ability to fulfill her promises was unquestioned, and her disposition to fulfill was not so much as mooted. Many therefore flocked into the church, large numbers both of laymen and ministers, coming from the African communities. It was thought, and reasonably, that if the church laid no caste or privilege restrictions upon her colored members, and promised to do so much for them in the way of ministerial support, building churches and establishing schools, it was of course better for the people in their beggarly condition, just out of the house of bondage, to connect themselves with that great and influential denomination.

A DUAL CAMPAIGN AND MIXED CONFERENCES.

The church undertook to bring together in one in Christ Jesus the Negro who had been and was the subservient element in Southern society, and the white man the ruling element. She had congregations of whites and congregations of blacks, separate of course, but the conferences were mixed. Quite frequently white presiding elders were over districts composed almost wholly of colored preachers and membership, and in the white presiding elder's quarterly rounds he was usually entertained in colored families. Sometimes there were white pastors over Negro congregations. Conducting a dual campaign exposed the church to opposition from two directions at the same time. The African Churches thought they had a right to all colored people of Methodist tendency, and the Southern Church were equally as sure that they could care for all white people of like proclivity. The African, to retrieve what they had lost, to prevent defection in the future, and to cripple the influence of the Methodist Episcopal Church among the colored people, raised the cry that the church was ruled by white bishops, that all our property was deeded to white conferences, that the colored people had no control over it whatever, that the colored were but servants for the whites, and a deal of stuff of similar import and purpose. The Southern whites gazed on white members with such taints as, "mixed up with Negroes," "sanctioning Negro equality," "Negroes may be members and even officers, in white congregations," "you will have to send your children to school with Negroes," etc.

The church, in entering upon her dual campaign in the South had calculated that the majority of the old Union element in the South were also abolitionists and in sympathy with the church in her advanced views on the Negro question. But in this she was mistaken; for these people, while they believed in the preservation of the Union, partook of all the race antipathies and prejudices of their surroundings. They may not, all of them, have believed in slavery; still they believed in keeping the Negro in his place.

SEPARATION AND A DUAL POLICY.

Our white preachers, most of whom were from the North, soon ascertained that they would make but little headway among the whites so long as they were in mixed conferences, and therefore seceded from the General Conference the act permitting a division of the conferences on the color line. I am aware that the general opinion at the North is that these divisions were first sought and urged by the colored brethren on the ground that in mixed conferences the white brethren naturally came in for the honors, such as secretary of conference, and delegates to General Conference, etc. This is not true. On the contrary, the colored brethren knowing what capital their

African rivals would make of the separation, strenuously, almost pathetically, pleaded with their white brethren not to withdraw from them. I well remember that in my own conference, more than twelve years ago, the first day the question was up it was voted down, a majority of the white brethren voting for division, but two voting against, while the colored brethren voted as solidly against division. I well remember the arguments need by a certain white brother in favor of division, and how he begged the colored brethren to loose and let go the white brethren who were hindered in their work among the whites by their conference relations. Seeing the little effect their other arguments had upon the brother in black, the white brethren themselves used the argument *ad hominem*, that if the white brethren were permitted to withdraw, we would have our own secretary and General Conference delegates; and, saving in the matter of having for the time being a white bishop to preside over us, we would have the entire control of the affairs of conference. Even then they did not prevail, and so brought to their support the presiding bishop—since deceased, who used the influence of his high position in favor of division in something like a set speech.

The church had been between two fires by reason of her dual campaign in the South, one from the Africans, the other from the Southern Church, and her agents hoped by their dual policy and separation to silence one of those fires. In this, however, they were again mistaken; for the enemy, seeing they had made a breach, continued their assault with increasing vigor. The breach widened, and continues to widen, so that to day there is no closer fellowship between the colored and white members in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South than there is between our colored members and the members of the Southern Church. You want the proof? Well, then, proof you shall have. One of our bishops has told me that in presiding over a white conference in the South, he asked for introductions, and, while every local preacher in the Southern Church, or licentiate in the Baptist Church, who happened to be present, were brought forward for introduction, he was surprised to see two intelligent Negro preachers, one a presiding elder, entirely ignored. Be it said to the credit of that bishop that he called these brethren forward and introduced them. In a conference covering the same territory as my own, I know a white brother who invited one of our brethren into his pulpit to invoke the divine blessing, and thereby broke up his congregation. This same brother lost another small flock by going to a Negro camp meeting and taking a seat among his colored ministerial brethren. In another conference a white brother was discriminated against and had it made hard for him generally, because he attended the Gammon Theological Seminary. I once happened, in Chattanooga, when a reception was being tendered one of our bishops in the name of our Methodism in that city, and though the colored have two churches there, and Dr. Hays and Revs. Harris and Johnson were in the city at the time, yet not a single Negro was invited or expected to participate in that reception. If anybody wants names, let him write me and they will be furnished.

The African, also, seeing that the church was endeavoring "to go forward by going backward," renewed their fusillade against us. It is surprising, therefore, that the spread of our beloved Methodism in the South is not as rapid as it was in the earlier days of its re-entrance upon its Southern field! When the church conducted a dual campaign, she had the respect even of her enemies for her courage and consistency, and love for her many children because of her inward goodness and manifold benefactions. But when she consented

to a dual policy, she incurred the contempt of her enemies and the suspicion of her children.

HOW TO REPAIR THE BREACH.

There is, there can be, no denial of the fact that in our ranks there is a deep and widespread undercurrent of dissatisfaction. The dissatisfaction is caused, in part, by the tantalizing of the Africans who, from sexton to bishop, are officered by colored men of acknowledged ability, the dual policy the church is pursuing in the South in concession to the prejudices of a part of her constituency, and the mistakes and blunders, not to say wretched administration and political intrigues of some of her agents in this field. Now, if the church would hold her own, and continue to prosper among the colored people, in the face of all we have to confront us in our work, just as she has made concessions to the prejudices of our white brethren, just so must she now yield something to our sense of justice and our natural longings for the placing on high some of our own race, to whom we may with pride point our children, to quicken their aspirations and to inoite them to higher endeavors and loftier achievements in the intellectual and moral realms. He who is most vehement in denying the condition of things I have endeavored to describe, does so because of a consciousness, of which he can not rid himself, of an unrest on the part of the people that bodes what I fear to mention. I make bold to assert, at the risk of being misunderstood, and encountering a storm of emphatic denials, impugnations of my motives, indefinite imputations, and innuendoes, that, if the pecuniary interests of our connection with the church and the humiliating taints the Africans might fling, and the fear of the same, into our faces were eliminated, should a Negro bishop and larger official representation be refused us, in the next decade there would not be left in the church a baker's dozen of Negroes, except in the case of a few advanced individuals who cherish the hope of seeing in the not very distant future the complete obliteration in social, political and ecclesiastical life of all race antipathies and race prejudices, and hence all race discriminations and restrictions based on color. There is no use in denying this fact, and what is the use in trying? I trust I shall not, in defense of my position, be driven to tell what I know. The sooner this truth is known and appreciated the better it will be for all concerned.

If the church intends to keep us within her fold, would it not be wisdom on her part, in so far as she has the power, to change the ground of our loyalty to her?

How a Student Makes Money.

DEAR READERS—I am able to pay my board and tuition, wear good clothes and have money in my pocket by spending my odd hours and vacations plating jewelry and tableware and selling platters. I have made \$20 per day, never less than \$4. I paid \$3 for my plater to M. C. Delno & Co., Columbus, O. Any one can profit by my experience by writing there for circulars.

A STUDENT.

Marriages.

Mr. Van H. McKinnie, professor of the printing department, to Miss Anna M. Crawford, a graduate of the class of '91, and teacher in Plunder Smith College, Nov. 5. The faculty of the college, class mates and a large number of friends, were present at Wesley Chapel to witness the ceremony. May long life attend them.

J. E. Toombs officiated.

Mr. William McCurdy to Miss Rosa Jones, Nov. 18.

Mr. William F. Cottles to Miss Marie Taylor, Nov. 18.

T. G. Montgomery officiated.

Carrollton, Miss.—Mr. James Cross to Miss Lucy McAfee, Nov. 11.

Rev. D. A. Bragg, P. C.

Farmington, Tenn.—October, 1891, Mr. Zacharia Boren to Miss Catherine Stephenson, Rev. W. Ellison officiating. [Rec'd Nov. 21, '91.—Ed.]

Starke, Fla.—Oct. 8, Mr. W. M. Smith to Miss Lula Hall.

Also, Nov. 12, Mr. Miles Thompson to Miss Yeta Teadie.

Rev. P. M. McCray officiated.

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Brinkley, Ark.—Mr. Henry Crump to Mrs. Alice Moore, Nov. 19.

Obituary.

Sister Nancy Ansley, the wife of Rev. George Ansley, one of the honored fathers and members of the Savannah Annual Conference, departed this life Nov. 1, 1891, in full triumph of faith. The writer was called upon to attend her funeral at Union Grove M. E. Church, in Newton county, the pastor being absent to see his sick wife. Sister Ansley was one of the historical landmarks of our church in this State. Her husband was one of the brave heroes that helped to organize the M. E. Church in this State just after the War. She was a "preacher's wife" in those dark days, and shared the hardships of a preacher's life in those days of strife with the many forms of opposition to the M. E. Church. Sister Ansley lived with her husband for more than forty years. Their home was one of love and peace. During the whole of the forty years of their married life they never had a cross word. She leaves a husband, two children and many friends to mourn her loss. She was more than 60 years of age, and was afflicted for 18 months with paralysis. Her remains were interred near Union Grove M. E. Church. R. T. Adams.

Be Sure

If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar medicine, possessing, by virtue of its peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation, curative power superior to any other article. A Boston lady who knew what she wanted, and whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below:

To Get

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W. Elison, P. C.

Meridian, Miss.—Sister Ellen Brown, a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. Church, departed this life Oct. 5. She lived for Christ, therefore death was gain.

Sister Mary Sloan, after many months of affliction, passed to the home of the saints, Nov. 17.

A. D. Payne, P. C.

Rosedale La.—Joseph Madison, a member of Hartzell Chapel, departed this life Nov. 18, fully conscious of entering into a life of eternal joy.

Emanuel Harris, P. C.

Alamo, Texas.—Sister Pheby Harris, one of the oldest members of Meggett's Chapel, aged 41 years, died July 29. Sister Harris was a great worker in the church, and her house was the preacher's home when traveling.

B. F. Anderson, P. E.

Little Rock, Ark.—Rachel Cecilia, wife of Prof. C. C. Riley, died at her residence Nov. 10. She was born in New Orleans, February 13, 1837, joined the church March 9, 1874, and since that time has lived a strict Christian and a strong Methodist. She died happy.

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To the Members and Delegates of the Central Alabama Conference.

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No, 'tis a circle, infinitely great,
All the circumference with creations
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God at the centre dwells, beholding all,
And, as we move in this eternal round,
The finite portion which alone we see
Behind us, is the Past; what lies before,
We call the Future. But to Him who
dwells

Far at the centre, equally remote
From every point of the circumference,
Both are alike—the Future and the
Past.

—Tennyson

The Household.

Drunkenness a Disease.

A physician at Dwight, Ill., has discovered a remedy, and used it quite effectually. It is supposed to be bichloride of gold, but what else no one but the doctor knows. He refuses to publish his discovery, and that is unprofessional, if he is now sure of his facts. A physician who knows what will cure leprosy ought to tell it. Drunkenness is more than leprosy. That is a disease, we believe, but most men who have it are guilty of great impenitence in bringing it upon themselves. Some may have a hereditary taint that tends to intemperance, but can resist it if they would only try, and especially if they would ask God to help them.

The Dwight cure is attracting wide attention, and many go there to be treated. We think it worth a trial. The policy of licensing thousands of men to make drunkards, and then of building asylums for them, is not statesmanship.

No woman ought to marry a leper, or drunkard. Of the two the leper is far preferable. Leprosy does not make a man a fiend; drunkenness does. Drunkards ought to be segregated from human society, just as lepers are.—California Advocate.

To Make a Christmas Cake.

Here is an excellent recipe from the December *Ladies' Home Journal* which is guaranteed will make a thoroughly satisfactory Christmas cake, provided, always, the directions are carefully followed.

One pound each of sugar, butter, citron and currants; two pounds of raisins, seeded; one and one-half pounds of flour, two-thirds of a cup of currant jelly, twelve eggs, one teaspoonful of soda, the same of salt; a dash each of cayenne pepper and black pepper, and one cupful of molasses. Divide the flour into two parts: into one part put one teaspoonful of cinnamon; one nutmeg, grated; one-fourth teaspoonful of cloves, and two-thirds teaspoonful of allspice. Mix fruit with the other half of flour. Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs, well beaten; dissolve the soda in warm water, and stir in the molasses. Mix all well together, and put in pans lined with buttered paper. This will make two large loaves. Bake in a moderate oven for two hours. The result is a Christmas cake which will delight the heart of a good housewife and please the palates of those who eat it.

CHARLOTTE RUSSE.—Cover one-third box of gelatine with cold water, and let stand several hours; then set on the stove in a basin of hot water until thoroughly dissolved. Sweeten and flavor one quart of rich cream, and whip to a stiff froth. Beat well the whites of four eggs, stir three of them into a cream, and mix the fourth with the gelatine, which is stirred rapidly into the cream. After all is well stirred together, turn into a glass dish which has been lined with lady fingers and sponge cake.

Roast chickens are a delicacy, if the chickens are of a good quality. Obtain, if possible, chickens with a whole breast-bone; truss them neatly, and let them be carefully singed; put celery dressing inside each chicken; tie a piece of buttered paper of a slice of bacon over the breast, and roast in a moderate oven, basting frequently. About ten minutes before they are done, remove the paper or bacon, and

sprinkle them freely with salt. Serve with plain gravy in a boat, not in the dish, garnished with thin slices of broiled bacon rolled up.

General News Items.

The Virginia Legislature, it is reported, will vote an annual pension to the widow of Jefferson Davis. Other Southern States are expected to follow.

General Palmer of the G. A. R. has issued an order requesting G. A. R. men not to participate in parades and ceremonies wherein the Confederate flag is unfurled.

Brazil is in the throes of another revolution. The President has resigned.

Donn Piatt the great journalist is dead.

Admiral Jorge Montt has been elected president of Chile, vice Balmaceda, who was defeated in the late revolution and who since committed suicide.

Sunday, Nov. 16, at Omaha, Neb., Capt. Hattie Smith of the Salvation Army, while holding a meeting there in the open air, was shot by Nettie Biedler, a young woman, who immediately shot and killed herself. Capt. Smith may recover. No cause is assigned for the terrible tragedy.

St. Louis, Mo., and St. Paul, Minn., each suffered a million dollar fire a few days ago.

About 200 more Tennessee convicts have been liberated by the miners.

The Augusta, Ga., exposition has opened the largest ever held in the South.

Emin Pasha is charged with encroaching on the British sphere in Africa.

The Chileans apparently are coming to their senses.

A terrible storm in Yokohama; 82 lives lost, 3,700 houses destroyed, 780 vessels carried out to sea or sunk.

Prof. Briggs has been acquitted by the New York Presbytery of the charge of heresy.

There is a reported revolution in Brazil on account of Congress passing a bill depriving the President of the right to veto.

Most of the Tennessee convicts released by the miners were recaptured.

President Harrison is to arbitrate the Brazil-Argentine boundary dispute.

A druggist says that an article much sold now in the drug trade is perisip. It is obtained by a cruel process. A pig is agitated or tortured by pricking with a knife and afterwards killed. The stomach is immediately taken out and put through a chemical process. The product is a brownish crystal or scale. Most of our pepsin comes from Phil Armon's Chicago slaughter houses.

In Virginia there are 15,000,000 acres of valuable land lying untitled. The greater part of it is the property of large holders who get no income from it and who do not possess the capital needed for its cultivation. The State authorities have come to their aid and are striving to attract immigrants who will take it up and put it to service.

The Guide to Holiness is now in its fifty-second year and is commended by ministers and people of the several Evangelical Churches. It studiously avoids controversy. It aims to show that Christianity is love, pure love, and urges Christians to claim their privilege, which is a fullness of love in Christ Jesus. The November number contains a superior sermon on Robbing God. Published monthly, at one dollar per year.

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Our Symposium.

For years the Federal power has effected to be wonderfully sensitive about the protection of its citizens abroad, the least hint of any mistreatment being sufficient to start diplomatic correspondence for the purpose of securing explanation or reparation. At the same time citizens of the United States were murdered by the hundreds and thousands with the open and avowed objects of depriving them of the very rights of citizenship which the government had given to them, the government standing idly by witnessing massacre after massacre and never making the slightest effort to protect from inhuman barbarism its own citizens inside its own domain.—Conservator.

It is easy to treat the various aspects in which Jesus Christ is our ensample as merely commonplace, but it is far better to study them afresh and draw strength from the Father by doing as the Son did. What a world of worry it will save us, if we will only keep to the promises! What errancy it will guard us against to follow Christ in strictly doing "as it is written!" What a loftiness of love and of service can be ours, if we will be like Christ "alone" with God!—Northern Christian Advocate.

Doubt is not necessarily and essentially sinful. It may be an incident in intellectual and spiritual growth; the natural uncertainty that comes sometimes to honest and devout souls in feeling their way out of darkness into light, or in struggling up from a lower to a higher plane of Christian experience and faith. God sees that it is sometimes good for us to be left for a time to grope our way. Prof. Drummond well says: "Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is can't believe. Unbelief is won't believe."—Cumberland Presbyterian.

No one would suspect me of any want of sympathy with music; but I confess that I think it would be a great advantage if, during public worship, the singing were very much more congregational. Nothing can compensate for the absence of hearty united congregational singing of well-known words to well-known tunes.—Hugh Price Hughes.

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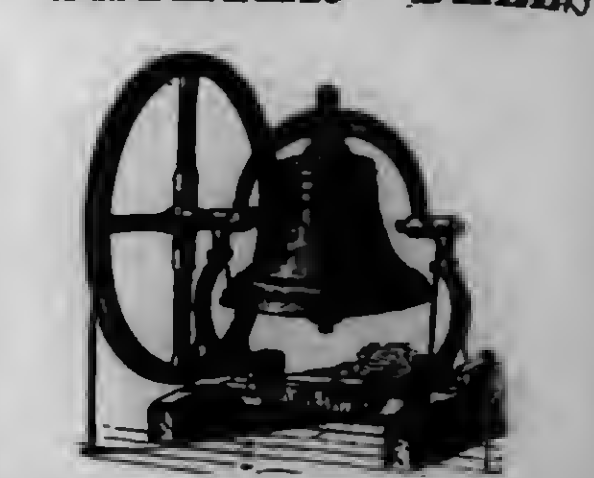
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Dear Uncle Cephas: I go to school every day and like it very much, but I like vacation too sometimes. I want to work and be a great man. I know I can make a name for myself anyhow. My sister was a school teacher here. I love good books and know they will help me, but ought to be careful and not read detective stories.

Your Nephew,
GABRIEL M. COLE.

Meridian, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 12 years old. I go to Sunday school at Thomas Hill, and day school at Smith Chapel. Mamma, papa and my oldest sister are members of the church. I think the death of grandmother last Wednesday, Nov. 11, will hasten me to join. Because she loved me so well. I want to meet her in heaven. She was 72 years old and God saved her, and if I join the church and do right God will save me too. Papa is a local preacher and takes the SOUTHWESTERN. He hasn't paid for it yet, but I hope he will soon, because we delight in reading it.

Your Niece,
F. E. STARR.

Starrville, Ga.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little girl 12 years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Our superintendent is Mr. J. F. Hason. Our pastor is Rev. S. C. Upshaw. We all like him very much for he takes so much interest in the children. I have been going to day school; my teacher is Miss A. C. Davis. Our principal is T. M. Dent. My mother takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I delight in reading the Children's Legion. Mamma and papa belong to the M. E. Church.

Your Niece,
MAMIE WINN.

Rome, Ga.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little boy 10 years old, and go to school every day. I am learning my lessons well. My studies are third reader, Swinton's word primer and second geography. My father, Rev. F. Gilmore, is pastor. He takes the SOUTHWESTERN, and I love to read the children's letters. Papa has paid all the Church Extension debt that has been so long hanging over the St. Paul M. E. Church here, and he is getting ready for conference. We had the district conference here October 29, and had a nice time. Rev. P. Morgan is our Presiding Elder. I am studying hard to be somebody in this world if the Lord lets me live, and a worker for the M. E. Church.

Your Nephew,
HENRY W. GILMORE.

Clarksville, Texas.

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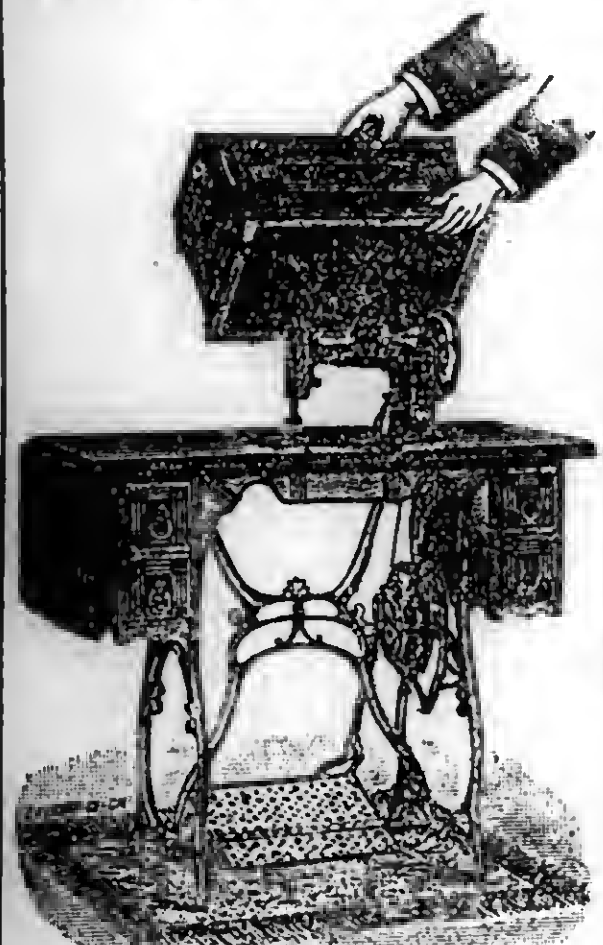
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And have laid up their treasures above!
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The sweet comfort and peace
Of a soul in its earliest love!"

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PREPARE for a grand celebration
of National Emancipation Day,
Jan. 1, 1892.

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and doctrine; but be steadfast, un-
movable, always abounding in the
works of the Lord.

DR. Keeley's preparation of the
"bichloride of gold" is declared by
competent authority to be a posi-
tive cure for drunkenness.

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now reported has finally sonred,
and has decided to rule the Negro
positively out of politics, and has
declared in favor of pure white
supremacy.

MAKE your Sunday schools inter-
esting and attractive by supplying
them with every available Sunday
school help, and insisting that pas-
tors and teachers come with well
prepared lessons.

THE jim crow car must go; the
citizens' committee reports to date
\$2,245.30 to test the law. Let
others send their contributions.
Whatever is sent to this office for
the cause will be faithfully applied
to the same.

THE time for registration is rap-
idly passing away. If you would
be prepared to vote in the prima-
ries and next general election day,
you should not neglect longer but
register at once. An entirely new
registration has been ordered for
this year. The office is open from
9 to 4, opposite Lafayette square,
on Camp street.

THE whole civilized world stands
appalled by the news of a terrible
earthquake in Japan, which oc-
curred there Nov. 28, and continued
until Nov. 5. Over 6,000 shocks
have been experienced. Thousands
of people have been killed outright
or wounded, 40,000 houses demol-
ished, and 200,000 have been ren-
dered homeless. The earthquake
is unprecedented.

WE warn our people against the
insinuating literature and argu-
ments of the missionaries of the
Seventh Day Adventists, who are
operating among them and posing
as great defenders of religious
liberty. They are stealthily seek-
ing thereby to undermine the
Christian Sabbath, because they
do not believe in it. Beware of
them.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Wandering Flocks.

BY STEPHEN PRIESTLY.

In many localities, and especi-
ally in the up-country parishes of
Louisiana, our people are given to
rambling, by the plans adopted by
some of the ministers, with very
few exceptions. The terms used, for
this rambling are Union meetings,
Basket meeting, Grand rallye,
Silver dollar Days, Tribes' days,
Class Union days, etc.

The pastors generally will have
to pay four or five visits to differ-
ent charges in order to secure the
help of strangers for his support
and the support of his church and
the benevolent causes of our
church.

This system makes a wandering
congregation and a rambling pas-
tor. First, the preacher has two
or three charges; the congregation
and members of his church know
that the pastor must necessarily
be away two or three Sundays from
each of these charges during the
month. Secondly, the members
take advantage of these Sabbaths
and either stay home or go off
visiting with their pastor to the
other charges. Now, here are one
or two charges or churches with-
out a pastor and some of the mem-
bers only attend church when a
big meeting takes place.

Thirdly, the Sunday school is
neglected, and has only a name in
many places. The young men and
young women ramble and wander
from church to church, paying for
horses and buggies to accommo-
date their friends and ladies, and
pay more or as much money in
rambling as the church gets for
whatever purpose given.

In many instances pastors are
invited and feel it an honor to tell
their members when he is invited
to preach away and thus neglect
their churches two or three Sun-
days, and especially when it hap-
pens to be a rainy Sunday or sick-
ness, etc.

Fourthly, this system of wander-
ing and rambling has had its good
and evil, as other things have had,
but cannot live much longer
among our people. As they are
being educated they will have to
be more self dependent and not
ramble; work more at our own
churches and don't depend upon
strangers. Does it not show weak-
ness on the part of the church,
rather than strength when we have
to resort to so many plans to get
money.

Fifth, a rambling congregation
carries much news. Many of the
pastors have no small amount of
trouble at times with this wander-
ing and tramping class. They live
on free grace and try to support
their churches by the help of
strangers. Class meetings, prayer
meetings and Sunday schools are
only names, and the ramblers
never see them, because they are
about ten or fifteen miles away
tramping to some big meeting.
This was well in the old time past
when pastors were few. We should
let go the past and take a hold on
the present, and serve the present
age.

The best way to test a true work-
ing Methodist congregation and
pastor is take notice of their church
records, take notice of the accounts
at the Cincinnati Book Concern,
New York Book Concern, and the
SOUTHWESTERN whether they
take books for class discipline
among the members of the church.
These are good proofs of a Metho-
dist congregation and a firm pas-
tor. It has been said by pastors,
they had to go about to get their
bread or starve. This is an insult
to their people, and only makes
them do much less while the pastor
is away to some other place ram-
bling among people who may flatter

him, and help to pull down the
charge that he should stick to and
build up. Don't ramble. People
get lost when they ramble.

Sixthly, no congregation wants
a rambling man or woman, no
father or mother wants a son or
daughter to wander away from
home. The same is true of the
merchant, shop boss and the
farmer. A double minded man
cannot be trusted. A rambling
preacher never amounts to much,
as a general rule, and he loses his
good name, and his influence, if he
has any. He loses his time, which
belongs to his congregation, his
friendship at some places. He
loses the love of his Sabbath
school, the time for taking up the
benevolent collections; the pres-
ents and donations that people
would bring to him at his own
charge; and the worst of all, he
loses his salary and a comfortable
support for himself and family. I
advise young pastors to stop and
study! Stop and reason! Stop
this way of rambling for fame and
flattery.

Funeral of Rev. Wm. Smith.

BY REV. PIERRE LANDRY.

Dear Dr. Albert:

Upon receipt of the following
sad message dated Thibodaux, La.,
Nov. 28, 1891. "Rev. Wm. Smith,
our beloved pastor here, is dead.
Died Friday at 12.35 a. m., and
will be buried Saturday at 10 a. m.
Don't fail to come."

WESLEY TURNER.

At the hour appointed and under
the direction of the Revs. Charles
Monroe, of Schriever; Travis Lar-
kin, of Morgan City; D. G. Butler,
of Napoleonville; Allen Luster, of
Woodlawn; Austin Kennedy and
Wesley Turner, Methodist; L. D.
Cunningham, Congregational; and
the Rev. Mr. Garrison of the Bap-
tist church, the obsequies were
held.

At the conclusion of the sad
services at Calvary M. E. Church,
the remains were followed by one
of the largest concourses of people
and mourning friends ever wit-
nessed in Thibodaux, and deposited
in a vault especially built for the
purpose in the Protestant burying
grounds.

On Sunday, the 26th, at 7 p. m.,
the church was crowded to its
utmost capacity to hear a eulogy
on the life and usefulness of the
dead pastor by the writer, who was
assisted by Bros. Campbell and
Bailey of the A. M. E. Church and
Gabriel Watkins of Mt. Zion Bap-
tist Church, and Bro. R. Higgen-
botham. After a collection of \$18
to defray funeral and other ex-
penses, the following report by a
committee appointed for the pur-
pose was approved:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Al-
mighty God in his wise providence
to remove from us, and that in the
prime of his useful life, the Rev.
Wm. Smith, the beloved pastor of
this church, who passed from labor
to reward on Friday at 12:35 a. m.,
and

WHEREAS, In his death this
church and community in common
with the great church he repre-
sented and of which we are a part,
do mourn over a loss not easily
repaired. Therefore be it

Resolved, That with bowed heads
in submission to the will of God,
we do hereby express to his grieving
widow our deepest sympathy in
her great loss and sore trials.

Resolved, That a copy of these
resolutions be handed to sister Wm.
Smith and a copy be forwarded to
the SOUTHWESTERN for publica-
tion.

Signed: Wesley Turner, chair-
man; Walker Wilson, Joseph Wil-
liams, committee.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Roll of Honor.

BY REV. R. THOMPSON.

Dear Brethren:

You are aware that by a vote of
the conference it is the duty of the
treasurer to make out what we are
pleased to call the Roll of Honor.

Twenty-five per cent per mem-
ber being the required amount to
put a church on the roll. Prelimi-
nary to the roll, I desire to say a
few things that concerns us; and
that are being considerably agi-
tated by some.

The things that concern us as
ministers of the Louisiana Confer-
ence. The average amount of sup-
port for the ministry of the Louisi-
ana Conference this year is \$276.52
or \$23.04 per month.

The average amount of benev-
olent money per member is 24 per
cent. It is a well known fact that
many of our brethren undergo
great privations in the country
and plantation charges to stick to
their work and bring up their be-
nevolent collections. It is but just
to say of many of them, that they
have done herculean work: we know
whereof we speak. It is com-
mendable for us to have done so
well under such adverse circum-
stances, yet we should not rest
contented until we have fully es-
tablished the principle of self-help
in every one of our charges and
among all of our people. The M.
E. Church has been the Negro's
true and tried friend from the con-
ference of 1784 to the conference
of 1888; and there is every evidence
that she will be his friend to the
end. From 1880 to 1889, the Mis-
sionary Society has appropriated to
the Louisiana Conference \$59,506.
In the same length of time, the
Louisiana Conference has raised
for the Missionary Society \$6,207,
or about ten per cent of the amount
appropriated.

The Freedmen's Aid and Sout-
hern Education Society has raised
and expended in the South mostly
among our people in the twenty-
five years, nearly three million dol-
lars, and has real estate to the
amount of one million eight hun-
dred thousand and eight hundred
dollars. The greater part of this
is for the higher education of the
colored people. These things con-
cern us very much. We should be
deeply interested in them. Let us
as true Christians and loyal Meth-
odists do our duty. The church
will stand by us, and God will
bring us out more than conquerors.

The following is a list of the
charges that came up to the Roll
of Honor last conference:

THE DISTRICTS.

Baton Rouge district 18 cents
per member, Lake Charles district
58, LaTeche district 32, Mission
district 64, Monroe district 15,
North New Orleans district 30,
South New Orleans district 26,
Shreveport district 15.

THE CHARGES.

St. Marks 45, Wesley Chapel
38, St. Bayou 42, Bayou Pail
33, Bayou Sara 23, Clinton 25,
Comite 26, West Melville 30,
Baldwin 30, Crowley 39, Jen-
nings 32, Lake Charles 11.19,
Abbeville 30, Alexandria 81,
Boonville 30, Cheneyville 46,
Cotton and Bordelonville 26, Eola
and Sun Flower 36, Lafayette 61,
Newman and Warren Chapel 12.20,
Olivier 35, Opelousas 31, Wash-
ington and Ville Platte 44, Ham-
mond 67, Italian Mission 1.65,
St. Bernard 55, Ames Chapel 36,
Mount Nebo 56, Asbury Chapel
88, Donaldsonville 38, Klotzville
75, Napoleonville 36, LaHarpe
54, Thompson Chapel 59, St.
Charles 56, St. John 23, White
Hall 27, Camp Parapet 41,
Franklin 27, Gretna 57, Morgan
City 36, Clinton Street 33, Win-

stus Chapel 29, Mallalien Chapel
33, Winsted circuit 88, Univer-
sity charge \$1.17, Dulac 27,
Thomas Chapel 30, Chopin
Bayou Natchez 25, Fairmount
23, Grand Cane and Mt. Zion 25,
Long Street 35, Natchitoches and
Newton 29, Pelican station 33,
Robeline circuit 60, Providence
32, Ethel 61, Munson 26, Hart-
zell Chapel 30, Bagtrop and Mer
Ronge 45, LaPlace 3, Pleasant
Plains 26, Woodlawn 55, Wesley
Chapel 38.

These figures do not include pro-
bationers.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Colored Bishop.

BY REV. J. C. HOUSTON.

We are driven to our pen on this
question by the many things that
are being said on the outside and
inside of the church derogatory to
the interest of the thousands whom
it seeks to bless.

The *Rocky Mountain Advocate*
said in a recent issue: "To elect a
colored man Bishop because he is a
colored man and, as a matter of
policy, would be yielding to a race
prejudice which is not part of the
spirit of our Methodism." We do
not ask a colored Bishop simply on
the ground of color, nor a matter
of policy. But upon the ground of
Negro proficiency and church con-
sistency. The "race prejudice,"
we think, is rather with the *Moun-
tain* editor.

The *Texas Christian Advocate*
undertakes to help us out of dis-
tress by the following advice:
"The best thing to do with the
colored members of the M. E.
Church is to set them up for them-
selves or to dismiss them by cer-
tificate to existing organizations of
their own race."

This good Southern brother does
not seem to understand the ecclesi-
astical economy of the church
whose course he seeks to dictate.
The church has three ways to dis-
miss its members, viz: expulsion,
withdrawal and certificate. We
have not deserved the former nor
ask the latter, and do not expect
to.

Then comes our Dr. Potts, of the
Michigan Advocate, who speaks as
if a thousand years are but a day
in his sight. He says: "One hun-
dred years would be a brief space
for the evolution of men from a
condition of slavery to the topmost
round of ecclesiastical privileges in
a church whose jurisdiction en-
girdles the world."

This quotation is fully in keep-
ing with the Doctor's past edito-
rials on the subject, and betrays a
spirit foreign to the expressed
principles of the church. If it
takes the M. E. Church one hun-
dred years to educate and otherwise
qualify one man, it would be better
to advise her broad-hearted phil-
anthropists to keep their money in
their pockets and burn down her
universities and colleges. The
thing is absurd. We fear that the
Doctor needs St. Peter's experience
at Joppa.

The *Nashville Christian Advoca-
te* of the Church South, reasons
on this point thus: "To maintain
that there is not one person in
250,000 fit to be a Bishop, is to
take an extreme view of the infe-
riority of the class to which these
persons belong."

When our Dr. Albert expressed
himself in favor of the election of a
colored Bishop, he was not alone,
as some of the papers would have
the world believe; he expressed a
desire formed in the breast of every
Negro member in the church, and
we assure the objectors that this
desire is not born of a selfish ambi-
tion for the high places in the
church. Nor is it prompted by
that restless egotism which sighs
for the recognition of the public
eye. But that higher motive

which looks rather to the interest
of the church than of the race.
We are satisfied that the election
of such a Bishop would help the
church numerically, financially and
spiritually. It would throw wide
a door through which thousands
would enter her fold. It would
put theory into practice. It would
put life into the expressed prin-
ciples of the church and soul into
her promises. Some years ago
many of us regarded the claim
that there was a lack of qualifica-
tion, but to day this excuse is re-
garded by us as an effort to cover
something blacker than the faces
of those whom it opposes.

Church Polity.

Question. What is the estimated
population of Africa, and what
portion of the population are Chris-
tians?

Answer. The population is es-
timated at about two hundred mil-
lions, one-fourth of whom are Mo-
hammedans, and most of the re-
maining three-fourths pagans.
There are about 1,750,000 Coptic
and Abyssinian Christians, about
875,000 Roman Catholics, and about
the same number of Protestants.

Q. When and where was the first
Methodist mission started in Africa?
A. At Monrovia, Liberia, where
Melville B. Cox landed March 8,
1833.

Q. How many Methodist mis-
sions, where located, and how many
missionaries sent by the Methodist
Episcopal Church are they in
Africa now?

A. There is one mission con-
nected with the Missionary Society
of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
with headquarters at Monrovia,
Liberia. The workers are nearly
all native ministers. There are
about twenty five ordained minis-
ters and about sixty other helpers.
Bishop Taylor's missions are along
the Congo, Cavalla, and other
rivers, covering a very large ex-
tent of territory. There are sixty
or seventy missionaries from this
country in connection with these
missions. We cannot be more
exact.

Q. What States, if any, in Africa
may be considered as under Chris-
tian civilization?

A. Abyssinia is known as a
Christian country, but its ancient
form of Christianity is very corrupt.
Christian civilization exists in Li-
beria, Sierra Leone, Senegambia,
the South African Republic, Cape
Colony, Orange Free State, and
Congo Free State; but, of course,
there are very large numbers of
pagans and Mohammedans within
the boundaries of some of these
States which are under Christian
influence.—*Christian Advocate*.

Address of Welcome.

[By Miss Estell Levy to the Monroe Dis-
trict Conference at Bastrop, La.]

Christian Friends and Brethren:

We heartily welcome you to our
church and city. We extend to
you the hospitalities of our town
and a kind and warm reception at
our homes and firesides. We have
been waiting and waiting faithfully
for years for this day. Many of the
pioneers that planted the banner
of Methodism in North Louisiana
are asleep, but still live and their
work still goes on.

The names of Revs. Feener,
George Washington, James M.
Vance, Joseph Dutch, Sam Os-
borne, etc., shall ever be in re-
membrance never to be forgotten.
We who are gathered here upon
this occasion can but say though
they have died they still live. In
behalf of all denominations and
all classes of citizens in our town,
I welcome your honorable body in
Bastrop.

PRIZE fights are now known as
glove contests in the States wherein
prize fighting is prohibited. No
such unblushing evasion of the
law should be tolerated.

Letters from the Districts.

Bristol District, Va.
J. L. WITTEN.

The third session of the district conference of the Bristol District convened on Thursday, Nov. 13, with Rev. C. Boyd in the chair. The Elder made a very able and encouraging address.

J. L. Witten and P. P. Brooks were elected secretaries.

The work of the conference was dispatched with order and decorum; seasoned with thrilling and interesting talks from first one and then another member.

The Presiding Elder spoke in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN. He emphasized the necessity of placing just such a paper in our homes to feed the minds with religious thoughts, to broaden our sympathies and elevate our aims.

Resolutions were adopted exhorting the preachers to divide the benevolent collections into four equal parts, and to take a part every quarter; to collect 25c. from every member by each quarterly conference; and to wholly abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks and tobacco.

Able speeches were delivered on the several subjects by members of the conference.

The next session, next fall, will meet at Rural Retreat.

On Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. C. Boyd, Presiding Elder, preached a soul stirring sermon.

At 3 p. m., Rev. F. A. Hatcher preached. At 7 o'clock, Rev. P. P. Brooks preached. These were all excellent sermons. Every one was held spell-bound.

Paris District, Texas Conference.

P. MORGAN, P. E.

I am closing up one of my best years, spiritually, intellectually and financially. Up to date, peace and harmony prevail.

Rev. Wm. Bartley has done a grand work at Texarkana. The people all love him.

Bro. Ned Graham served DeKalb Circuit this year, but did not do much, there being no church on the work and only eight members. Yet he is willing.

Bro. D. Friarson, on Free Hope Circuit, is a patient, earnest worker, and is not without success. His dear wife has been sick for two years, and up to date does not appear any better. She rather seems to be sinking. Our prayers are going up to God in their behalf.

Bro. F. Gilmore is closing up his second year at Clarksville with much success. Under his faithful administration, the last dollar of indebtedness against St. Paul Church has been paid.

Bro. P. L. Jackson has been none the less faithful on the Clarksville Circuit. His pastoral labors speak credit for him.

Bro. J. W. H. Moore has wrought well on the Blossom and Detroit work. He has rebuilt the church at Bagwell and is planning to build one at Detroit.

Bro. W. J. Holland, of Gibson Circuit, has not done as much as was expected, in consequence of bad health this year, both on the part of himself and family.

Bro. P. H. Halley has closed out a year of toil and hardship on Red River Circuit. We have a lot on this circuit, but no church as yet.

Bro. Moses Littlejohn has done very good work on the Wolfe City Circuit.

Greenville work has suffered a little, caused by Bro. Pollard not being able to attend to it. Bro. J. G. Gilliam is closing up the year instead. We are trying hard to build a church at that point. A large portion of the material is on the ground.

Bro. Paul Prewett, on the Cooper circuit, is making himself one of the coming young men of the Texas Conference. His work this year is round and full. They all want him again.

Bro. W. H. Jackson, at Paris, closes the year successfully.

Bro. W. B. Perry has accomplished good work on the Brookston circuit. He is building a church at Northwest Paris.

Bro. L. Woodward, one of the Texas fathers, has done good work at Honey Grove. He leaves in peace with all.

Bro. A. Taylor has finished up a good pastorate at Bonham. All love him and want him to stay another year.

In conclusion, I will say that a fair average has been reached on all lines. Four new churches are being erected. A goodly number of boys and girls have been sent to Wiley University, and many more are preparing to go later on. God has blessed us spiritually and financially. Now we are preparing to meet Bishop Harst. To this end I close my fourth year's work on the Paris district. The district is now four years old; though a mission work almost totally.

Gainesville District, Florida Conference.

A. DEBOSE, P. E.

I have completed my first, second and third rounds with splendid success, revivals having been carried on in nearly every charge.

Gainesville, Rev. P. Swearingen—Has enjoyed a short revival which resulted in 7 converts. This is his first year, and he is very successful in raising money to pay off old indebtedness of our church. Mikesville—Rev. O. F. Niblack—His revival resulted in 27 converts. He is doing remarkable work on his charge. Has bought and on the ground the lumber to erect a \$1000 church.

Newnausville, Rev. A. S. J. Allen—His revival resulted in 7 converts. This brother is a young man, and is making splendid progress in general.

Hagne Station, Rev. J. Jenkins—He is an earnest worker, and is expecting to erect a new church soon. He had a short revival also, which resulted in 3 converts.

Micanopy, Rev. E. Sabie—Is expecting to erect a new church in Rochelle. One has been added to the church.

Gordon, Rev. J. Keller—His revival resulted in 16 converts. This is his first year, but he is an untiring worker and is liked by all.

Liberty Hill, Rev. E. Ferguson—He is doing a splendid work on his charge.

Stark, Rev. P. McCray—This place has enjoyed a great revival, which resulted in more than 10 converts. This brother is an earnest worker.

Walde, Rev. R. Small—This charge is having splendid progress. The pastor is preparing to erect a parsonage, which will be the first. Four have been added to the church.

Arredondo, Rev. T. Austin—He is having success on his charge, and is expecting to erect a new church at Union Lake.

Cedar Keys, Rev. L. Welch—This brother is an earnest worker, and is very successful on his charge. He had a glorious revival which resulted in many converts. He is preparing to erect a new church at Rosewood.

Pleasant Plain, Rev. F. M. Spicer—Had a glorious revival which resulted in more than 27 converts. He has built a new church, but it is not completed. Bro. Spicer is having much success, and is one of the aspiring preachers of the conference.

Archer, Rev. J. A. Bain—He is doing very well on his charge.

Connell Pond, Rev. J. Hills—This charge has suffered somewhat on account of changing pastors, but we hope for its success.

Levyville, Rev. S. Wright—He is doing splendid work on his charge; has erected a new church in Old Town. Revival resulted in 5 converts.

Otter Creek, J. J. Debose—This charge was added to the district

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at the last conference, but was left unsupplied. When I returned I appointed Bro. J. J. Debose, and he has made a splendid success. He has erected a new church, and had a revival which resulted in 5 converts.

We are doing all we can to see that the SOUTHWESTERN is in as many families as possible. Gainesville district is in a prosperous condition all along the line.

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Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, let that all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d, Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d, No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th, Abbreviations should not be used; 5th, Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th, We return no manuscript.

P. G. Goins, Anniston, Ala.

The Haven Chapel quarterly conference convened here Nov. 22. Rev. N. H. Speight held the quarter for us, the Presiding Elder being at Heffan. We raised \$8.50 for the Presiding Elder. Rev. Speight preached a soul-stirring sermon and baptized six little ones. The work here is doing nicely, and as soon as we get a church our sheaves will be many. All the local preachers and stewards promised to subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN by the next quarter.

P. W. Baldwin, Steens Creek, Miss.

My third quarterly was held at Spring Hill, Nov. 14, 15, Rev. J. Campbell presiding. Pastor reported 68 accessions since district conference, and one new church built at a cost of over \$300. This is my third year on this circuit. The membership has been increased from 160 to 238. Two houses of worship have been built, one at Spring Hill and one at New Begin. The sisters of Bethel Church presented the elder with \$6 on a snit of clothes which he accepted gracefully. On Sunday the elder preached an able sermon and administered the sacrament to a goodly number. Collection for Presiding Elder, \$12.60.

A. B. Venable, Bonchast village, La.

Our Presiding Elder was with us Nov. 10, 11, 12, and held our fourth quarterly conference. He preached one of his soul-stirring sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to many souls. We had a good time. The church is spiritually and financially alive. Converts 23, added to the church this year 23. We have part of our benevolent collection on hand and expect to come to conference all right. Paid pastor, \$97; Presiding Elder, \$20. We have not forgotten the SOUTHWESTERN.

S. M. Bolden, Jefferson, Tex.

Sunday, November 15, was a grand day at the St. Paul M. E. Church. At 3 p. m., the Rev. Wade Hamilton, Presiding Elder, preached to a crowded house. At 8 p. m., the president and wife of Wiley University were with us. He spoke in the interest of the school and the need of a Christian education. The lecture was very impressive. Jefferson is sending a good many students to Wiley this term. Collection closing the day, \$40. Come again president and wife. God bless the church that sends out such efficient men and women.

A. Quinn, Decoto, Miss.

Our fourth quarterly conference convened Nov. 13, Rev. J. M. Shimpert presiding. The elder preached a grand sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to 151 persons. Conversions this year 65.

J. W. Brownlee, Linwood, Ark.

We are building a church in the back woods, south of Linwood, and hope to finish before our fourth quarterly conference. Rev. O. W. Taylor, of Sweet Home, held our third quarter. A very useful young man of the A. M. E. Church joined.

A. Butler, pastor at Waynesboro circuit, Miss., has added 77 to the church this year, and raised \$120.50.

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Letters from the Laity.

G. W. Baker, Hernando, Miss.

We are doing grandly at this point. Bro. O. W. Walton is doing all he can to bring the many souls to the kingdom. I visited the district conference that convened at New Midway M. E. Church on the 19th, Dr. H. B. Revels presiding. Rev. A. G. Hnston of Oxford Street, preached Sunday at 11 o'clock to a crowded house. Rev. D. P. Shaw and family made everybody welcome. Prof. Byrd lectured on Sunday night in the interest of Rnst University. I saw yesterday at the depot at this place, three white women, one colored woman and three colored men on their way to the convict farm; the white women were not, but the colored woman was handcuffed to one of the colored men, of course that was to lower the race.

Jessie Johnson, Fredonia, Ala.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. It was a grand success spiritually and financially. Our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. W. F. Smith, preached two sermons with great power. He is a power in the Dadeville district. Paid the Presiding Elder \$24.65; pastor, \$71.08; for missions, \$5.15. Two subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. I take the SOUTHWESTERN myself and can't do without it.

A. R. Jones, Ebenezer M. E. Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Ebenezer Church has much to be proud of this conference year under the pastorate of our well beloved brother and pastor, John B. L. Williams, who was transferred from the Savannah Conference to this church. He preached his initiatory sermon on the first Sunday in March, 1891, to an overflowing congregation. The church has steadily grown under his administration, and seasons of rejoicing under the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit. The church has steadily grown strong both temporal and spiritual. We are much impressed with the fact that the Savannah Conference has lost in Bro. Williams, one of her most noble sons, while Florida has been made to rejoice that such sons are being born into the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the loss to the Savannah Conference is a precious gain to the Florida Conference.

The alumni of Gammon should be proud that she can send forth such noble representatives; more are needed. May God continue to pour his blessing upon Gammon, and enable her to equip and send forth more such men as have come to Ebenezer.

Miss Sadie A. Holford closed her school here Nov. 27, after a very successful year's work. She has been in our midst as teacher for three years, and has proved a blessing to our children and an ornament to the community. A zealous Christian and an earnest Sunday school worker. She will be welcomed back next year.

N. Q. Tolbert, of Lodi circuit, Texas, local preacher, writes a letter highly extolling his pastor, Rev. G. W. Gill, who is now closing his second year. Last year he received 116 members and this year 96, and has built a \$1,500 church. Givo God the glory.

W. C. Williamson, Cedar Bluff, Ala.

Rev. I. Townsend, our Presiding Elder, held our third quarterly conference Nov. 7 and 8. The conference was pleasant. Paid pastor, Rev. E. L. Watson, \$15; Presiding Elder, 12; and raised for building and other purposes, \$35. Bro. Watson, who originally hailed from New Orleans, La., was assigned to this circuit in July to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. W. M. Sullivan, who resigned. Brother Watson has the right place, having a great ambition for building. At one of his appointments we had no house in which to worship and was compelled to worship in the Zion Church.

We purchased land and lumber for building two years ago, the membership being small at that point, the preacher failed to build



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the church that was much needed, but when the energetic Rev. Watson came the work was accomplished, and now we have a new church worth \$400.

John Harrison of Long Branch, Texas, seems to have a level head, for he admires the SOUTHWESTERN, likes his pastor, and is pleased with the way the church work is prospering.

H. B. Pemberton, Marshall, Tex.

The camp meeting conducted by the pastor, Rev. Thos. Cole, resulted in the conversion of 90 souls, and 16 reclaimed; total received in the church 120. The church has witnessed a year of spiritual uplifting and reviving. The Sunday school under the efficient superintendency of Prof. S. S. Reid and his able corps of teachers is on the increase; it has 21 officers and teachers, over 275 pupils, and collections proportionally good.

The Albert Epworth League is proving itself quite a factor in the church. Its members are working enthusiastically to raise money to purchase a new church lot. God bless and speed the young people of the Albert Epworth League. There are about 12 other leagues on the district in prosperous operation, organized by the writer, and others to follow.

The work of our beloved Presiding Elder, the Rev. Wade Hamilton, is worthy of commendation. The successful organization of a District Sunday School Institute and Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the special encouragement he gives to the Epworth League and members are very laudable indeed. Wiley University is still on the increase; enrollment 275. The president hopes to register 300 before or by Christmas. Bishop College, of this city, will celebrate Thanksgiving with Wiley. The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN is a very popular man in this part of the country. Success to you personally and the SOUTHWESTERN in general.

P. J. Banco, Cotton Plant, Fla., reports a glorious time at the quarterly meeting held there recently by Rev. S. A. Hughes, Presiding Elder. The church is in good trim. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Higgs and wife however were reported in poor health.

A. Foster, Groesbeck, Tex.

I have finished my work here. Church enterprise has been pushed by Rev. Wormley and his faithful brethren beyond any previous year. Groesbeck is the county seat of Limestone county, about 1,200 inhabitants. Springfield and Cedar are heavy settlements of our people, where there are eighty-two owners of real estate worth one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. This settlement has several colored men worth from five thousand to fifteen thousand dollars, with good teams and farming implements.

Mr. Ralph Long owns a farm with one of the best springs in this country. Constructed a dam and utilized the forces of the water from the spring and is now running a cotton gin and grist mill. Several whitemen owned this spring before Mr. Long, and tried their skill and used their means but failed, and

for a colored man to succeed where a white man of skill and means failed, is what Mr. Long calls solving the Negro problem.

Mr. Henry Majors is a wealthy farmer with several renters, and has the reputation of being a good farmer.

Mr. Sam Hawkins, our worthy district steward, has a good farm and several renters, and has lately taken to himself one of the ribs that Adam lost in the Garden, and with it came another farm.

I might go on and mention Harry Anderson, Taylor Kelly, Jack Murphy, the Baker boys, etc., who have gained for themselves and race a reputation through industry and frugality. I look forward to the day when this will be a great community with all the modern agricultural improvements; high schools, commodious churches, banking and commercial business, with great and good men and women to fill them.

Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Marshall, Tex.

Our church is in a good condition spiritually and financially. We have a good preacher. Our camp meeting began on Sept. 2, and lasted three weeks, resulting in 48 conversions and 42 accessions. The meeting was conducted by Rev. W. Hamilton, our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. Thos. Cole, and others of this district. Our Sunday school is in a prosperous condition.

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Conferences, 1892.

Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Mississippi, Meridian, Miss.	Jan. 6	Mallard
Ind. Miss. Conf., Oklahoma, O. T.	" 7	Newman
South Carolina, Orangeburg, S. C.	" 13	Foster
Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.	" 23	Merrill
St. John's River, Jacksonville, Fla.	" 13	Nimble
Louisiana, New Orleans, La.	" 13	Mallard
Alabama, Anniston, Ala.	" 23	Merrill
Florida, Fernandina, Fla.	" 23	Nimble
Cent. Alabama, Huntsville, Ala.	" 27	Merrill
Savannah, Newnan, Ga.	" 27	Nimble
Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark.	" 27	Mallard
Upper Miss., Columbia, Miss.	" 16	Warren
Little Rock, Little Rock, Ark.	" 3	Mallard
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	Mar. 2	Foster
Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.	" 2	Warren
Virginia, Falls Church, Va.	" 2	Walden
Missouri, Chillicothe, Mo.	" 2	Newman
South Kansas, Ottawa, Kan.	" 2	Warren
Washington, Lynchburg, Va.	" 9	Hunt
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	" 9	Walden
Central Missouri, St. Louis, Mo.	" 8	Newman
Wilmington, Wilmington, Del.	" 16	Andrews
Southwest Kansas, Winfield, Kan.	" 16	Vincent
New Jersey, New Brunswick, N. J.	" 16	Newman
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.	" 16	Newman
Northwest Kansas, Concordia, Kan.	" 23	Andrews
Lexington, Indianapolis, Ind.	" 23	Walden
Delaware, Salisbury, Md.	" 23	Vincent
Georgia, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	" 23	Goodell
Newark, Morristown, N. J.	" 30	Bowman
New York, New York, N. Y.	" 30	Foss
North Indiana, Anderson, Ind.	" 30	FitzGerald
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.	" 30	Foss
N. Engl. St. N. Bedford, Mass.	Apr. 6	Foss
New England, Boston, Mass.	" 6	Hunt
Maine, Augusta, Me.	" 6	Goodell
Switzerland, Geneva, Switzerland	" 6	FitzGerald
North New York, Utica, N. Y.	" 13	Bowman
Troy, Plattsburg, N. Y.	" 13	Foster
Montpelier, Montpelier, Vt.	" 13	Foss
New Hampshire, Haverhill, Mass.	" 13	Hunt
East Maine, Bangor, Me.	" 13	Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.	Time.	Bishop.
South India, Poona, India.	Dec. 17	Thoburn
North India, Cawnpore, India.	Jan. 6	Thoburn
Mexico, Puebla, Mexico.	" 14	Fowler
Bengal, Calcutta, India.	" 14	Thoburn
Africa, Cape Town, South Africa.	" 20	Taylor
West China, Chungking, China.	" 27	Thoburn
Malaya, Singapore, Straits.	" Feb. 11	Thoburn
Cent. China, Nanking, China.	Mar. 23	Thoburn
North China, Peking, China.	Apr. 27	Thoburn
Korea, Seoul, Korea.	June 7	Thoburn
Switzerland, Geneva, Switzerland	" 6	FitzGerald
Germany, Frankfurt, Germany.	" 30	Joyce
Japan, Tokyo, Japan.	July 6	Joyce
Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark.	" 14	Joyce
Norway, Drammen, Norway.	" 24	Joyce
Sweden, Goteborg, Sweden.	" Aug. 18	Joyce
Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria.	Sept. 8	Joyce
Italy, Palermo, Italy.	Oct. 6	Joyce

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THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1891.

NEXT year is General Conference year, and we must prepare to make a good report to that body. Let every one owing accounts to the SOUTHWESTERN take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

THE colored people of Atlanta, Ga., are making extensive preparations for a grand parade, demonstration and speech making on Jan. 1, National Emancipation Day. Let every city, town and hamlet throughout the country do likewise.

THE Nashville, Tenn., Republican is the latest journalistic venture by our people in that city. We extend it a warm welcome and the hope that it may enjoy long life and usefulness. Theo. A. Thompson, Esq., is editor.

THE people of Carrollton and the upper portion of this city are stirred up in favor of rapid transit from the business to their residence portion of this city, and the prospects are that they will soon secure the electric car system up that way. So mote it be.

THE report that the Rev. O. N. Grandison, D.D., of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., had stamped the State of New York for the Democracy last October is groundless. The Doctor did no such a thing, and would not do so for "love nor money." He is a Republican Prohibitionist.

THE address of welcome by Rev. James M. King, D.D., to the eastern delegates to the Ecumenical conference, at the reception given in Music Hall, New York, Oct. 5, was a masterly effort. Dr. King will accept thanks for a copy which we read with pleasure and profit.

RECOGNIZING in the American saloon the greatest foe to the spread of Christianity and the general welfare, *Christianity in Earnest*, organ of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, never fails to exhort and denounce the infamy in every issue of that excellent magazine.

EMANCIPATION Day, Jan. 1, 1892, promises to be celebrated by our people all over the South as never before. Grand preparations are being made every where. Get ready for a grand and glorious time. Give thanks to Almighty God for the past and present and take courage for the future.

BRETHREN, pay up your pastor's salary. He cannot settle up his store and other accounts before leaving for conference unless you pay him. Settle in full with him whatever you owe the SOUTHWESTERN, as we will insist upon a full settlement at conference. Come now, let us be honest with each other.

SCORES of our loyal and patriotic citizens, white and colored, in this city, have united in sending words of appreciation to Judge A. W. Tongue for his humane and patriotic efforts to unite the friends of equal rights and justice, in defense of the civil rights, secured by the nullified constitutional amendments to the colored people. Among the signers we noticed the names of Capt. A. T. Wimberly, Gen. A. S. Badger, Col. O. W. Keeting, Hon. S. M. Eaton, Gov. H. C. Warmoth, Gen. W. L. McMillen, Pres. Atwood of Straight University, Hon. E. B. Earhart, Hon. P. F. Herwig, Col. James Lewis, Lieut. Gov. Antoine, R. A. Pannelle, C. O. Morse, of the SOUTHWESTERN, and many others.

Emancipation Day.

Fifteen more days, and January 1, 1892, the twenty ninth anniversary of the ever memorable proclamation of freedom to the slaves in this country by the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, will be here. What preparations are you making for it? Ever since our editorial management of the SOUTHWESTERN began, a little over four years ago, we have been pressing the duty upon our people of properly observing this great National event annually. Every year we have witnessed greater interest in its celebration. As the time draws near, we again remind our people of the same duty. We hope, as indications now seem to promise, that every city, town and hamlet in the South, and as time moves on in this whole country, will celebrate the anniversary of this glorious day which was fraught with so many blessings to our fathers, to us and to unborn millions. Let the day be observed in thanksgiving to Almighty God for our wonderful deliverance from the most cruel bondage upon which the sun ever shone, and for the many blessings that have flowed to us from our deliverance. Let services be held in all the churches; let patriotic songs be sung, and let orations, imposing trust in God and loyalty to his service, to the truth, integrity of character, frugality, education, and to the old flag, be pronounced, and let a shout of triumph go up to Almighty God over what our eyes see and our hearts feel and believe. Let collections be taken in every assembly for the cause of education, the relief of the victims of slavery, to further our civil and political rights, or some other patriotic cause on that occasion. Another good idea would be to send for the "House of Bondage", and read therefrom chapters from living characters, which will properly show our children and children's children the great depths out of which the Lord has brought us out. Bishop Mallalien, who encouraged the idea from the first, writes us from Elizabeth, N. J.: "I hope, as heretofore, you will take the lead and call on all the people to observe the day. I hope our people in New Orleans and Louisiana will keep at the head." We rejoice to learn of the purpose to celebrate this day in many places. Let it be observed everywhere.

THE Pacific Methodist Advocate of the M. E. Church South, demands, as the price of organic union, that the Methodist Episcopal Church "shall give up the colored brother and set him up for himself or give him over to the United African Church. Such a proposition would do very well if the Negro was a slave or a chattel; but he is neither. The colored membership of our church hurl back the insulting proposition into the face of the man that would dare insult them. Dr. Edwards of the Northwestern, anticipated just such a proposition from that source and very tersely and emphatically expresses the sentiment of our church in the premises, in the following editorial excerpt:

"We favor organic union unless it is brought to pass at too great cost. And practical repudiation of the colored man of the south who came to us as his best friends, is too great a price for even the almost priceless union with any white Methodist church that has repudiated the colored man as to organic union. We hold, in all tenderness, that when union issues are raised, the colored man shall have the final word. The question of slavery accounts for certain Methodist disunion in this country, and ordinary justice forbids reunion at the price of any item that affects the interests or strong preferences of the African Methodist in our church. This is the only consistent or tenable ground on which our church can and should stand, and we are persuaded that that ground will continue to be occupied. We say this to emphasize the simple just inter-

ests of the colored man, and not to hint or imply an iota of disregard or love for any white Methodist church that may not relish our deliverance. The two largest Methodist churches in the United States unhappily are apart, but their reunion at the cost of a principle held by either body is not to be preferred to continued non-union."

Political Review.

Congress met last Monday. Up to the hour of going to press no speaker of the House had been chosen. Crisp of Georgia had a slight lead in Democratic caucuses with Mills of Texas close behind. "Czar Reed" received the unanimous vote for speaker in the Republican caucus, an honor worthily bestowed, though of no effect in the coming organization.

In this State the lottery and the anti are both claiming delegates enough to organize the Democratic convention to be held on the 16th. The probable result will be two conventions, and two Democratic candidates for Governor, for we cannot conceive how an honest anti-lottery man can vote for a man put in nomination by the Lottery Company or its agents, though it is hard telling what a Louisiana Democrat will do under the peculiar circumstances of this case.

A call for a meeting of the Republican State Committee has been issued. It is hoped that a convention will be called and a good candidate nominated.

Harper's Weekly very wisely suggests that the failure to return John Sherman to the United States Senate would be a notorious calamity. The indications, however, are that he will be returned and the calamity averted.

Personal.

—Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society stopped over here a few hours on his way from Cincinnati, to Houston, the seat of the Texas Conference last week. His many friends were delighted to meet him. He reports the schools and colleges under his supervision in splendid condition. He has since returned North.

Our people will rejoice to learn that after several month's absence Bishop Mallalien is expected to reach this city sometime this week.

—Mrs. Mary Karnik is having continued success at Baton Rouge. On Monday night of last week was witnessed one of the most powerful meetings ever held. Sinners were falling all over the house and crying for mercy. Fourteen found pardon that night, and fifty or more since the meeting began. She will go to another church in that city and labor for a while.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Rev. M. Joiner, of Scottsboro, Ala., in the irreparable loss which he has sustained in the loss of his precious wife and missionary companion. She went to her reward Nov. 27. Obituary notice in another column.

Dr. Albert, the editor, returned from the Texas Conference, Houston, Tex., last Tuesday morning. Full account of the session next week.

Too many of our boys and girls are growing up with the notion that if educated, they must of necessity teach school if they can't get in the Federal service or be idle till something turns up. They think labor is a disgrace, so they try to live by their wits and sharp practice. Give your boys and girls a good trade and teach them that it is far better, in the sight of both God and man, that they have horny hands and a spotless character, than that they should have velvet hands, fine dress and an infamous and disreputable character.

THE solution of the race problem rests with every individual Negro. It rests in his industry, intelligence and integrity.

Schools and Colleges.

President Hickman, of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., sends us Thanksgiving greetings; in which he says:

"We feel, as a body of teachers, that we have many reasons for gratitude.

1. We have never had better health; not one dangerous illness among us so far; and but very few sick.

2. Our enrollment is large. At this date last year we had 291; two years ago not over 275; to-day we have 302.

3. We have never had such good order, application to study and kindly disposition toward teachers and students as we are now having.

4. We have not had one student under serious discipline. The committee on discipline has been called but once this year. We think our classes were never better organized. We have the largest sixth year class we have had. We have a large junior class; the middle class and senior class are represented; hence, a good prospect for college classes. We have two good classical freshmen; and we will have six to graduate from the Normal school.

5. We have 75 students in the Trade Schools; and that department never went so smoothly, and with more promise.

We have had a visit from Dr. Curry, of the Slater Board, and Senator Colquitt and Ex-President Hayes; and they were well pleased with our Trade Schools and the Girl's Industrial Schools.

6. In the Model Home, for girls, we have 15 students; and in Warren Hall under our preceptress, we have 35 students. We have about 150 girls who are having more or less training for home-keeping; and all are under good religious influence. We trust, that every this school year closes many of our young boys and girls will be converted to God. We are not unduly sectarian; and yet, we are loyal to Methodism.

7. If the ministers of our Methodism through this country, and our friends generally, would come and see us in the midst of our work, with these promising boys and girls, it would make their hearts glad; and they would go home to help us gather ways and means of building a house we greatly need; namely, a building for the English grades; and especially to provide better things for the primary department under Miss Hardwick.

We have never had a larger hope, or more enthusiasm for our work than we have this day. We ask your sympathy, your helpful words and deeds, and your prayers, that we may make this school one of the great factors in preparing a people for true citizenship and a nation to obey government and love God."

The letter is signed by the following faculty:

W. H. Hickman, W. H. Orogman, D. Moury, W. N. Olifford, L. M. Linebarger, Lonisa Smith, A. D. Houghton, W. I. Graham, Lulu Y. Stretch, E. W. Beighle, Mrs. W. N. Olifford, Flora Mitchell, Sadie Ranb, Louise Hardwick.

We rejoice to note this season of prosperity at Clark, and congratulate Dr. Hickman and his excellent corps of teachers in their marked success.

That Wesleyan Monument.

John Wesley is entitled to as great a monument as was ever reared to the memory of any man. We honor ourselves in proportion as we honor him. How can it be done? What shall we leave to posterity to show our estimate of the gospel according to "Wesley"? Some say erect a large shaft of polished marble that may hold its head aloft above all, and proclaim our affection for him, whom so many Methodists delight to honor.

If any desire to thus invest means at their disposal, we hold their right to such privilege as a sacred matter, but we ask a hearing before final action is taken.

We propose a new monument to John Wesley in the great Southwest.

It shall be of better material than the one proposed at Washington, D. C.

It will stand much higher in the sight of future generations of men.

It will do the world a thousand times more good.

It will endure to reflect this light of "his" countenances and trust long after the one that is to overlook the Potomac has crumbled to dust.

The place we want erected has already been designated by our church as worthy of large things; not for its "own sake," but for the sake of humanity. The "site" is one of the most beautiful that could be found anywhere. It is the campus of the Wiley University at Marshall, Texas. This is one of the most promising schools under the management of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in the whole South-west.

Within a radius of fifty miles there are said to be fifty thousand colored people.

There is a general awakening among them in all parts of Texas. The brightest and best of the young men and women are flocking to the schools. The Wiley University has now, Nov. 25, 275 students, and the time for the usual increase is not at hand for one month yet. They cannot all get into the chapel. They sit three in a seat in the recitation rooms, and many still standing about the walls. Only a few more can be accommodated in the dormitories, and still they are seeking admission from every quarter.

We must make room for them. God has heard the prayer of the church to awaken the young men and women of the Southwest, and here they come. We must have more room or soon shut the doors against them. Our students represent four states, six conferences and nearly every church in the kingdom. Who will help us to build a monument that will throb with the inspiration of God for this uplift of this whole nation. The great future of the Southwest is already assured by the substantial advance of this immediate post. Money invested for God and his kingdom here, will very soon bring a hundred fold in return.

This is a Macedonian cry. We want this monument; not for glory, not merely as an object lesson, but to help to provide the means to satisfy the thirst for Christian light and knowledge; a desire for an education awakened by the spirit of truth. What man or woman that loves God will come forward now before they pass to his presence on high, and help to build the new monument in the Southwest.

Write to the president, P. A. COOL.

DR. MENDENHALL will speak on the "Life Tenure of the Episcopacy" in the next number of the *Methodist Review*. His article will receive a wide reading.

Panoramic Entertainments.

To the Editor:

I wish to say to the brethren of the North Missouri district, Central Missouri Conference, that there are certain men traveling through the country with a panorama under the garb of ministers of the gospel. Their only care is to obtain money, for which they cannot give an equivalent. Such business is an outrage upon Christianity and our people. I hope no pastor in the district will allow our churches to be perverted by such men. R. E. GILLUM.

The editor joins the Presiding Elder of the North Missouri district in warning the people against these traveling showmen. They are using Sunday schools and churches for simple money making, pocketing the proceeds of the labor of the churches that sell the tickets and furnish them a place for their unprofitable exhibition.—Central.

A New York paper makes a wise suggestion as to the best way to check the undesirable immigration. It says truly that if the sale of intoxicating liquors was forbidden in the United States, it would stop the coming in of the dangerous classes. There is no question of it. And if the law was well enforced many thousands whom the United States would gladly get rid of would go back to Europe, nor would they stand upon the order of their going.

THE Report of the Commissioner of Pensions, for the year ending June 30, 1891, just at hand, makes an excellent exhibition of the workings of that department during the past year.

Marriages.

DeSoto, Miss.—Mr. G. W. Davis and Miss J. Davis were married Nov. 22.

Also, Mr. S. Parker and Miss Carry Johnson.

Rev. A. Ruinn officiating.

Clarksville, Tex.—Mr. C. E. Elliot to Miss Mollie Davis, at the residence of the bride.

Also, Mr. J. H. Balty to Miss Mongil Reeves, Nov. 17, at the residence of the bride.

D. Frierson officiated.

Philadelphia, Miss.—Nov. 12, Mr. John Darrell to Miss Eliza Pollock.

W. H. F. Smith officiating.

Miss Mary Jane Callahan, of Cave Spring, Ga., and Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor of East Atlanta, were married Nov. 26. Rev. J. C. Hunt, of South Atlanta, officiated.

Morales, Tex., Nov. 17, Mr. Major Dennis to Miss Hester A. Chase.

I. Smith, P. C.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Mr. E. Lewis and Mrs. Annie Holden, at the residence of the bride, Nov. 20.

Rev. W. T. Marly officiating.

Millen, Ga.—At the residence of the bride, Saturday, Nov. 17, Mr. Walter Golden and Miss Lena Clark were united in marriage, after which a reception followed at the residence of the groom's father.

Rev. A. Owens officiated.

Obituary.

Fayette, Miss.—Mr. Thomas Howard died Nov. 1, aged 42 years. He was converted on his bed of affliction.

Sister Charlotte Simpson died Nov. 9, in triumph.

Bro. James Perce, a member of Harrison Chapel, died Nov. 12.

Sister Patsy Fushly died Nov. 10.

Bro. Willie Baker died Dec. 1, aged 25 years. He was converted in my revival at Harrison Chapel last August. I visited him and administered the Lord's Supper.

N. Cannon, P. C.

Livonia, La.—Sister Ella Dennis fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 24.

J. H. Rylander, P. C.

Hazlehurst, Miss.—Sister Doda, one of the old members of Mt. Sinai M. E. Church, aged 90, and for 40 years a member of the church, died June 12. She lived a consistent Christian until death. She leaves two daughters, many grandchildren and friends to mourn her loss. Her funeral was attended by the writer.

D. Ray, P. C.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Nov. 20, Bro. John Crawford, a local preacher in the M. E. Church, departed this life Oct. 31 after a painful illness of three weeks. He died in Christian faith, leaving a son, two daughters and many friends to mourn his loss.

W. T. Marly officiated.

Boyce, La.—Bro. Jerry Haynesworth departed this life Nov. 23. He was a member of the M. E. Church, aged 90 years. He leaves a wife and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Little Willie Macode died Nov. 25, aged 2 years. A mother and three sisters are left to mourn.

P. C. Colton, P. C.

Sister Lizzie Dicou, died Nov. 30. She was a probationer of St. Peter M. E. Church.

Rev. H. J. Wright officiated.

Eylan, Tex.—Nov. 23, Little Vallerie Adams departed this life, aged 1 year, 10 months, 17 days. Sister and Brother Adams have our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs. M. E. Kellum.

Prevention is Better

Than cure, and those who are subject to rheumatism can prevent attacks by keeping the blood pure and free from the acid which causes the disease. For this purpose Hood's Sarsaparilla is used by thousands with great success. It is the best blood purifier.

Constipation is caused by the loss of the peristaltic action of the bowels. Hood's Pills restore this action and invigorate the liver.

DAILY BREAD.

If you want to dry a cow up just milk her once a day instead of twice, and be so afraid, when you do milk her, that if you take too much away there will be no more left for the next time, that you only half do the work, and you will have a dry cow as the result of sparing her. If you want to dry up the liberal impulses of a church, just be afraid of asking that church for money.—Christian Standard.

A minister's little daughter, who had been to church for the first time and heard her father preach, was questioned by him on reaching home as to how she liked his sermon. There was an embarrassed silence; then the little maid, tired out with the long strain of "being good," and yet anxious not to offend, made answer, with a long-drawn breath of patient resignation, "You preached awful long, papa; but I beared it."—New York Advocate.

"We doubt any man's religion when it can't be seen. What are lamps good for that never shine? A light-house beats no drums, blows no trumpets, but its glory is seen in throwing out light across the dark sea to guide safely the storm-tossed sailors. Streams of radiant light from sermons of faith, love, obedience in every day life are the things that guide the wayward steps of a straying world back to God and heaven."

"Because of a father's love, Joseph was hated by his brothers; and this hatred became so intense that they sold him into Egypt, thinking they would get rid of him, and of him they would hear nothing more. But through this means Joseph was raised to national honors, and lived to bless, not only in Egypt, but his wicked brothers also. Man cannot flee the judgments of God. And it is useless, as well as wicked, for a man to oppose the right way of the Lord, for all such, sooner or later, are sure to be overthrown. God often makes the wrath of man praise him."

Jesus appears to have devoted himself specially to prayer at times when his life was unusually full of work and excitement. His was a very busy life; there were nearly always "many coming and going" about him. Sometimes, however, there was such a congestion of thronging objects that he had scarcely time to eat. But even then he found time to pray. Indeed, these appear to have been with him seasons of more prolonged prayer than usual. Thus we read: "So much the more went there a fame abroad of him; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. And he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed."

Many in our day know what this congestion of occupation is. They are swept off their feet with their engagements, and can scarcely find time to eat. We make this a reason for not praying; Jesus made it a reason for praying. Is there any doubt which is the better course? Many of the wisest have in this respect done as Jesus did. When Luther had a specially busy and exciting day, he allowed himself longer time than usual for prayer beforehand. A wise man said once that he was too busy to be in a hurry. He meant that if he allowed himself to become hurried he could not do all that he had to do.

Homiletics.

Thanksgiving Address.

[By invitation of the Rector, Rev. H. H. Waters, before the congregation of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Ames Chapel M. E. Church, by Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, D.D., Presiding Elder, Methodist Episcopal Church, Nov. 26, 1891.]

The great question of antiquity was—whether the relation of the soul to the body was that of music to the harp or that of the rower to

the boat? The harp destroyed, the music ceased forever. Was it so with man, or was the relation rather that of the rower to the boat?

The boat tossed upon the crested wave, charred by the lightning and splintered on the rocks, the rower might survive the lurid lightning and angry sea, and live on in all his dauntless might when his frail bark was wrecked.

This is no longer a question with those who have learned with St. Paul to sing the glad doxology: "Now thanks be unto God that giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Our lives are fragile, indeed, but they are not as bottles floating on some great, eternal, shoreless sea—the glass contents to flow back and mingle and be lost in the everlasting surge. But, endowed with reason, dominion, immortality,—redeemed by the blood of God's own and only Son, we shall live, and think, and know, and love as long as our great original himself.

Where we have reasons so innumerable for thanksgiving, it is difficult to know how to begin or where to end. We are here to day as Americans and as Christians. Let us briefly consider some of the reasons for gratitude implied in these two facts. The nation, and the world at large, will soon celebrate the immortal discovery of Christopher Columbus. We, as Americans and Christians, must not forget the most important side of this great event. Columbus was a deeply religious man—no man of his generation was better posted in Holy scripture.

A recent writer has called his undertaking "the last great drama of the Crusades." The Crusades had failed, and now Columbus dreamed of a land whose wealth would enable Christendom to start on its holy quest once more and whose regions would open up new areas for the triumph of the Cross. And to be forever associated with this great dream there are two other dreams—which became glorious realities—the invention of printing, and the Protestant Reformation.

It was not accidental, but providential, that these three, among the greatest events in human history, followed each other in such quick succession that it may be said that they came together.

God hid the great American continent behind the waters of a pathless ocean until Gutenberg should cast the types and Martin Luther unchain the Bible for the nations. Renaissance and reformation both were necessary to train the men who should be worthy to lay the foundation of this new world. And now, at the command of God, the great procession begins its march. First came the Pilgrim fathers to the snows of the wild New England shore. Men like the iron sides who were with Oliver Cromwell at Naseby and on Marston Moor, who fought for civil and religious liberty for the English speaking world.

To New York came the men of the Netherlands—men who had fought under William of Orange and John of Barneveld for the constitutional liberty of Holland and of Europe.

To Pennsylvania came the simple, God-fearing quakers.

To Delaware, the Swedes who fought under Gustavus Adolphus, the great Protestant champion and king.

To Georgia came the pious Moravians. From their distant home in Germany they start with Bibles, hymn books and catechisms. They enter Frankfort-on-the-Main and start down the Rhine singing spiritual songs.

The ocean quickens their adoration, and as they lose sight of land they burst into a hymn to God's glory. Their village in Georgia they call Ebenezer—"Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

To the Carolinas and to Florida came the Huguenots. They are the most industrious people in France. In Languedoc, and B'Arne their lands are covered

with grains and vines, and the hillsides are covered with sheep. In Lyons and Tours they manufacture the best silks, velvets and cloths in Europe. In one province of Hungary they have 600 paper mills. These people, because of their religious faith, are put to death, sent to the galleys chained with thieves and murderers. Those who can escape wander in exile and come in the providence of God to help found the greatest Republic of all time. And so as America we have devout reasons for thanksgiving, for the God fearing men who were the fathers and founders of the nation. The great problem that now confronts us is the vast tide of foreign immigration that still pours upon our shores. There is but one solution to this problem—it is in two words—Christianize! Americanize!

A few weeks ago I preached to a Cincinnati congregation, and had seated just under the pulpit the venerable William Nast. Sixty years ago he came from Germany, a youth of 21. He had been the classmate in the university and intimate friend of David Frederik Stranas, and like him, was a thorough rationalist. He came under the godly influence of that apostolic man, Bishop Mollvaine, of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He became a tutor also in the family of a wealthy widow lady of the Methodist faith. His heart was touched by God's spirit. He began to labor as a missionary among the German people. The result to-day is that we have in our branch of the Methodist Church 500 German preachers, 71,000 members, 70,500 Sunday school scholars, \$3,000,000 of church property and a religious literature that for ability and wide circulation is unsurpassed.

And this work has reacted on the Fatherland until to-day there are strong conferences with thousands of members in Germany and Switzerland, and all this under God starting with one man, and that man still alive, hale, hearty and happy, at the age of 82. What William Nast has done among the German people in this country the Church of Christ can do among all nationalities. We never were confronted with a greater, but at the same time more glorious work than we are to-day. For this also should we be devoutly thankful.

But I can merely allude in closing to the reason we have for thanksgiving as Christians for our present faith.

Edwin Arnold, who gave the world a few years ago his beautiful poem, "The Light of Asia, or the Great Renunciation," has now given us another, "The Light of the World, or the Great Consummation."

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The incarnate Christ is indeed the "light of the world and the great consummation," but we knew this from the fishermen of Galilee and the Apostle to the Gentiles long before Edwin Arnold told it in his beautiful verse.

We know it to-day from living faith in the ever living Christ. We have learned from St. Paul to "rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks." Thanks in the sorrow as well as in the joy, looking ever forward to that day when we shall say with Paul—"O death where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory! For the sting of death is sin; but thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

With chastened heart we think to-day of the holy dead who sleep where we may rest when thus God's people meet again. But our faith on this Thanksgiving day is that of the Nation's white haired quaker poet, as he sings—

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Conference Notices.

District Conference.

The Forrest City District Conference will convene at Cotton Plant, Taylor's Chapel, Ark., Wednesday January 2, at 9 a. m. Every member of the conference is urgently requested to be in attendance. Remember our pledge at the last district session regarding local preachers, exhorters, the "Southwestern," and other causes. The literary program will be published in due time.

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City Church Notes.

[Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.]

There will be a series of sermons, against unjust class legislation and popular evils of the day, Monday, Thursday and Sunday, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m., commencing the first Sunday night and closing the third Sunday night in December, 1891, at the St. Matthews Baptist Church, on Second street, between Magnolia and Clara.

A grand union meeting will take place the third Sunday in December, to raise money to help test the constitutionality of the Jim Crow car law. Every lover of American manhood and liberty is cordially invited.

Yours in Christ,
F. J. DAVIDSON, Pastor.
M. LEE, Secretary.

Thanksgiving at Pleasant Plains was duly observed. Appropriate remarks by the pastor and Rev. J. E. Smith, of the Central Congregational church, this city. Select readings and songs by Alexander Ready, A. W. Wilson, Mrs. Lanna Price, Mrs. C. Brown, Mrs. M. Jackson, Mrs. M. J. Nickerson, and N. Johnson. D. J. Price, P. O.

WHAT IS SCROFULA

It is that impurity in the blood, which, accumulating in the glands of the neck, produces unsightly lumps or swellings; which causes painful running sores on the arms, legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or deafness; which is the origin of pimples, cancerous growths, or the many other manifestations usually ascribed to "humors," which, fastening upon the lungs, causes consumption and death. Being the most ancient, it is the most general of all diseases or affections, for very few persons are entirely free from it.

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ON TAKING THE COLLECTION.

I was taking my collection for the foreign mission work; And believing it the practice of the part of some to shirk From the clearest Christian duty—leaving others to sustain The noblest work of ages—in my preaching I was plain, Rather personal in places, and, as people sometimes say, Struck out squarely from the shoulder, in the good old-fashioned way. There were restlessness and motion, quite unusual, in the pews; Women re-arranged their bennets, men had trouble with their shoes. In the gallery all around me there was one continual stir, And a large amount of coughing for that season of the year. This but acted as a challenge on a nature such as mine, So I rose to the occasion, hewing closer to the line. Uncle Ben, as was his custom, gave the sermon earnest heed, But his face wore some expressions that were difficult to read. I discoursed upon the subject, argued, scolded, for an hour, And pronounced a peroration of considerable power. The collection was my first one, and I naturally believed It would reach a handsome figure.—I was thoroughly deceived. When the ushers gave the total, they both said, with solemn face, It was far the smallest offering ever taken in that place. Full of weariness, reflecting on the selfishness of men, I went early Monday morning to talk with Uncle Ben. He was milking, and I asked him what the bottom reason was That the people gave so little to the foreign mission cause. "Try your hand at milking, parson," Uncle Ben said, with a smile; "Take this Jersey," and I sat down, pleased enough to make a trial; Going at the business roughly, like a novice, pull, tug, pound, And that heifer in a moment laid me flat out on the ground. "Whoa, there, Bessie! Jump up, parson; ain't hart much! I'll brush your coat. Here's your hat," he said. I swallowed something rising in my throat. Then he sat beside that Jersey, humming some old-fashioned air, Milking, humming, and the creature stood and never stirred a hair. "Well," I said, regaining slowly calmness and a sweeter mood, "Who would dream, to see that heifer, she would ever act so rude!" Uncle Ben looked up and whispered: "It's a curious kind of trick, How to get the milk out from her, and not have the creature kick. Learn the lesson, parson, clearly; learn it here and learn it now— You must touch a congregation gently, as I touch this Jersey cow. Lay your hand upon the people with a stroke as soft as silk, And you'll fill the plates with money as I fill this pail with milk."

The Household.

BUNS.—One cupful of sugar, two tablespoonsful of butter, three cupful of milk, a pinch of salt, half a cake of compressed yeast or half a cupful of liquid yeast. Make a stiff batter and allow it to rise over night. In the morning roll out with a layer of currants kneaded in, cut into rounds and when light bake. Before taking from the oven brush over with a cupful of sugar dissolved in a tablespoon of milk, and let this brown.

COMMON CAKE.—One cupful of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of saleratus dissolved in one cupful of sour milk, two cupful of flour and one cupful of raisins.

Books and Current Literature.

The School of Hard Knocks was where Andrew Carnegie gained his start; forty years ago a poor Scotch boy—to-day, prince of manufacturers, author and philanthropist. It is from his own experience that he is to write for the *Youth's Companion* on Habits of Thrift.

We have received and advanced copy of the Thanksgiving Holiday Number of the *Youth's Companion*. It is three times its normal size, and contains several times the usual number of illustrations. The artistic cover is illuminated with a harvest scene. A large variety of Thanksgiving Day stories and articles and family amusements fill its twenty-four pages. A new poem by Ezekiah Butterworth, the Flag that the Emigrants Cheered, is stirring.

Dr. J. R. Miller is among the

best devotional writers of our day. His carefully trained intellect is such as permits utterance only when speech is necessary. The Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago, has issued from his pen the *Dew of Thy Youth*, which applies the knowledge of nature, as found in the Bible, to the attainments most worthy of our pursuit. Written for the young, it can only inspire their zeal, and will lead many readers to purity of life as found in the brilliant crystal—the morning dew. Price, 20 cents.

The temptations of young men were never greater than to-day. With evils lurking in every hiding place, it is well that an occasional light-house flashes forth its rays and points out to the helmsman the rocks that lead to ruin. The Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago, in their popular *Vellum Series*, have issued a neat brochure on *Temptation from the tried pen of Dr. Stalker, of Edinburg*. Price, 20 cents.

The *Preacher's Magazine* for the current month reaches us and maintains its unique, aidful and attractive excellencies. It is a magazine for preachers, teachers and Bible students, and they can ill afford to be without it. \$1.50 per year. Single copy, 15 cents. Wilbur B. Ketchum, publisher, 2 Cooper Union, New York.

The *Announcements of The Youth's Companion*, which we have received, seem to touch about all healthy tastes. Its general articles cover a wide range. Self-Education, Business Success, College Success. The *Companion* readers thus come into personal touch with the people whose greatness make our age famous. Its 500,000 subscribers show how it is appreciated. Whoever subscribes now for 1892 gets it free from the time the subscription is received till Jan. 1, 1892. \$1.75 a year. Address, The *Youth's Companion*, Boston, Mass.

Logic, women and love are three forces hard to connect. But, connecting the three as closely as they seem capable of being joined, it is logical to judge that women are best fitted to write fiction which is purely romantic. At any rate, Mrs. Amelia E. Barr leads one to this belief. She has written an exquisitely romantic and idyllic love story, which she has named *Love for an Hour is Love Forever*, which is soon to appear in serial form in the columns of a metropolitan weekly. In what weekly it will appear has not yet been announced.

The *Living Age* has had a remarkably successful career of nearly fifty years. There could be no stronger proof that it meets a decided and continued want of the reading public. It grows in value as the years increase, and as periodicals of all sorts multiply. It is unrivalled in its field, and easily enables its readers to keep abreast with the best thought and literature of the day. Its prospectus for 1892 is well worth attention in selecting one's reading matter for the new year. Reduced clubbing rates with other periodicals are given, and to new subscribers remitting now for the year 1892 the intervening numbers are sent gratis. Little & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

The useful applications of science are especially prominent in *The Popular Science Monthly* for December. Prof. G. L. Goodale's address on the Possibilities of Economic Botany is concluded, the topics considered being fruits, timbers, fibres, fodder-plants, etc. Dr. Wesley Mills has a practical article on *The Training of Dogs*, which is illustrated with pictures of a number of champion hunting-dogs. Rev. J. W. Quinby gives a striking exhortation to Breathe Pure Air. The last of Prof. Frederick Starr's illustrated dress articles, dealing with Religious Dress, is published this month. The editorials deal with the decline of popular heroes, political justice, and modern charities. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 50c. a number; \$5 a year.

The *Quintanqua* for December has several illustrated articles and the portraits of a number of prominent men and women. The following are in the table of contents: Domestic and Social Life of the Colonists, III, by Edward Everett Hale; Sunday Readings, Selected by Bishop Vincent; Charles Stewart Parnell, by Ralph D. St. John; Qualifications Requisite for the Trained Nurse, by Lisbeth D. Price; The Art of Visiting, by Kate Gannett Wells; Women in the Land Office, by Ella Lorraine Dorsey; The Methodist Ecumenical Council in Washington, and Literature as a Profession. There are the usual departments devoted to the *Quintanqua* Literary and Scientific Circle.

Our Symposium.

Orators as Editors. Orators as editors are failures. Charles James Fox defined oratory as high commonplace. Fastidious in musical voice and graceful action tickles the crowd. In cold type it is tasteless as the beer of yesterday's broaching and tinnelless as a last year's bird's nest. The orator is the gold beater. The writer is the coiner. Conducting a journal with a Demosthenes as its chief scribe is like following land with a balloon in the traces. The mold-board splits furrows in the air, and the plow-handles drag along the ground. The eloquence of the tongue is of necessity exaggeration. A battle fought with a kaleidoscope for a field-glass will end in a rout. Excessive rhetoric dilates, like belladonna, the iris of the mind. Presently it produces a *delirium tremens* of hyperbole. If the victim but taste an adjective, he will swallow a dictionary. An editor always superlative would upset with surplage of sail the safest ship on the sea. Aaron was the orator, and his climax a calf clad in a glitter of gold.—*Richmond Advocate*.

"I Can Tell Them." It is my deliberate judgment that more preachers injure their usefulness by tediousness than any thing else, save the fundamentals. They wear the people out by their long and tiresome attention to details. Now I can pick such preachers out by the way they make their reports. There is no occasion for the laymen to come and see me about them. I can tell them at once.—Bishop Hargrove, in *Southern Christian Advocate*.

"No drunkard shall inherit eternal life;" and yet the American people, said to be a Christian people, legally authorized 300,000 men to engage in a traffic that lures our boys and young men into drunkards' graves and into drunkards' hell at the rate of 60,000 to 100,000 annually. There is an awful responsibility resting somewhere. Every one shall give account for himself to God.—*Religious Telescope*.

"There is not now, and there will not be in the future, a reform of any kind worthy the name that does not find the political power of the saloon a bar to its success. This does not merely happen so, it is a necessary result of the business. To it gravitate the corrupt forces of politics as naturally as slugs and centipedes gather in the heart of a rotten log. The saloons, as an organized political power, are to-day bossing the bosses. It is this fact that makes this issue an urgent one.—N. Y. Voice.

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FOURTH QUARTER.—Studies in the Gospel of St. John. Lesson XI. Christ Risen. A. D. 30. John 20. 1-18. Commits to memory verses 14-16. Dec. 13 1891.

HOME READINGS.

M. John 20. 1-10. Th. John 20. 11-18. W. Luke 24. 1-12. Th. Matt. 28. 1-15. F. Acts 2. 22-32. S. 1 Cor. 15. 1-8. S. 1 Cor. 15. 12-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is risen again. (Rom. 8. 34.)

LESSON HYMN.

Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day,
Sons of men and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens,—and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! the sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

Time.—Dawn of the day after the Jewish Sabbath.

Place.—Near Jerusalem, in Joseph's garden.

Rulers.—Herod in Galilee, Pilate in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links.—"The day," in Jewish phraseology, meant the hours between sunrise and sunset—not, as with us, between midnight and midnight. So, when Jesus died on what we would now call Friday afternoon, it was already within an hour or two of the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath.

To prevent the scandal of the exposure of the body of Jesus during the holy day Joseph and Nicodemus, two influential believers, hastily obtained Pilate's permission and buried it. Soldiers were sent from Jerusalem to guard the sepulcher where the Master lay during the long hours of a Sabbath which must have been inexpressibly sad to the disciples.

Very early in the morning of the following day the Lord rose from the dead.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. An empty sepulcher, v. 1-10.

Who first came to the sepulcher? What discovery did Mary there make?

To whom did she tell her story? What did the disciples do?

Which one first reached the sepulcher?

Which one entered the place? What did the disciples see?

What effect had the sight on John? Of what were the disciples yet ignorant?

Where did they then go?

2. A weeping woman, v. 11-13.

Where did Mary remain? What did she see in the sepulcher?

What question was asked her? What was her answer?

3. A risen Christ, v. 14-18.

Whom did Mary see as she turned away?

What question did Jesus ask? For whom did she mistake him?

What did she answer? How did Jesus make himself known?

What message did he give her? What report did Mary bear to the disciples?

How was her message received? (Mark 16. 11.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught:

1. A lesson of hope?

2. A lesson of faith?

3. A lesson of service?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG BE-REANS.

Find the first mention in the Gospel of Mary Magdalene.

Find the difference between a sepulcher and a grave.

Give in your own words the proof that that "other disciple" was John.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. How long was the body of Jesus in the tomb? From Friday afternoon till Sunday morning.

2. What then took place? Jesus rose from the dead.

3. Who first saw him after his resurrection? Mary Magdalene.

4. What did Jesus tell her? "I ascend unto my Father."

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appear on the day of his resurrection! Five times.
6. What is the Golden Text?
"It is Christ," etc.

EXPLANATIONS.

First day of the week.—What we call Sunday, or the Lord's day.

Sepulcher.—Not a grave like ours, but a cavern. The stone taken away.—This tomb was closed by a great stone rolled in front of the entrance, which would not be taken away except to remove the body. Linnen clothes.—The wrappings with which it was usual to dress the body for the grave. The gardener.—Jesus was buried in the private grounds of Joseph of Arimathea. The "gardener" may have been the third keeper of the grounds. Touch me not.—She was probably casting herself at his feet to embrace and worship him.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—The resurrection of Christ.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

111. What will he say to the righteous? "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 25. 32.)

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THE Washington (D. C.) preacher's meeting discussed the qualifications for the ministry at its recent session, and resolved to see to it that no man who fails to properly prepare himself for the work shall be admitted into the traveling connection in that conference. This is a move in the right direction which should be rigidly adopted and enforced in all of our conferences. "A call to preach is a call to prepare to preach," and no man is fit for the work that will not thus attend to the necessary prerequisite.

Mrs. E. M. Jewell, a white friend of our people, of Vicksburg, Miss., writes us a letter in which she says: "After I read your paper, I send it to friends of your people and mine. Sometimes to the old Bay State and sometimes to Iowa, where I have friends and kindred, but remember I always send the papers to Republicans. I am a woman, 'tis true, but a greater and truer Republican you never saw and a better friend the colored people never had. We are all blood kin. My prayers are always for your success. Let us have a colored bishop by all means. 'Tis my heartfelt prayer."

The Texas Conference.

The Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met Wednesday, Dec. 2, Bishop J. F. Hurst, D.D., in the chair.

C. O. Minegan was elected secretary; E. Lee, statistical secretary, and Thomas Cole, treasurer. The sacrament was administered by the Bishop and Presiding Elders.

W. H. Logan reported the work on the Navasota district.

Dr. I. B. Scott reported the Houston district. Several new churches had been built and the membership increased.

Rev. F. Parker reported the work of the Huntsville district. Five new parsonages and a number of churches had been built.

W. Wesley reported the Palestine district. His work has done well.

Prof. P. A. Cool, A.M., president of Wiley University, Prof. H. B. Pemberton, one of the professors, and Dr. J. C. Hartzell, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, spoke on the educational work.

SECOND DAY.

Rev. P. A. Cool, president of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, was introduced and addressed the conference.

A resolution was offered welcoming the transfer of Rev. Dr. Cool from the Illinois to the Texas Conference.

The following were also introduced: Revs. Yates and Bradley of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Brown of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Mr. J. M. Cool.

Reports from the districts were then taken up. W. H. Hamilton, Presiding Elder of Marshall district, reported the work on his district and his character passed.

P. Morgan, Presiding Elder of Paris district, reported his work and his character passed.

A partial report of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was made, and Dr. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., corresponding secretary of the society, addressed the conference on the educational interest of the church. He set forth very prominently the growth of educational institutions in the South, encouraged the spirit of self-help among the people and also dwelt at length upon the unity of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

After his address the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The sum of \$3,000 was pledged to be raised for the erection of a main building at Wiley University, this amount to be apportioned among the various charges by the Presiding Elders.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Gillett, Sunday School Agent, addressed the conference on the importance of the organization of the Epworth League in the various charges.

Prof. H. B. Pemberton of Wiley University also spoke of the necessity of such an organization among the young people.

THIRD DAY.

Revs. Dr. I. B. Scott, W. H. Logan and Edward Lee were elected delegates to the General Conference. F. Parker and W. H. Hamilton were chosen as reserves.

The Lay Electoral Conference elected Prof. H. B. Pemberton and Mr. B. B. Smith delegates. Drs. J. H. Wilkins and E. B. Ramsey were elected as reserves.

FOURTH DAY.

The following were admitted into full connection: W. A. Ray, J. E. Bryant, H. A. Smith, Moses Littlejohn, Raphael Beaver, Jalins L. Owens, E. D. Blackwell, G. W. Love, Jesse Stewart, Tucker Young, Plenuy H. Hailey.

The following were received on credentials: Gabriel M. Stewart,

from the Presbyterian Church; J. D. Gibson.

The following were admitted on trial: John H. Reed, Edward D. Hubbard, Wright S. Curtis, John Solomon, Edward Holiday, Charles Adair.

The following local preachers were elected to deacons' orders: Ellis Michaux, J. Hamilton Reed and C. G. Curtis.

The following local deacons were elected to elders' orders: S. H. Grant, Jordan Jordan, Calvin G. Curtis, J. D. Meade, Lewis Burton, Thornton Scott, Lymus Felder, Mason Wilson, Thomas Schinalt and Cary Davenport.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, New Orleans, was introduced to the conference and the Bishop stated that Dr. Albert would address the conference at the evening session.

The committee in the cases of W. H. Jackson, L. D. Thompson and Silas M. Boldeu reported, and the Bishop announced to the conference the fact that they had been expelled.

Marshall was chosen as the seat of the next conference.

The conference again convened at 3:30 o'clock p. m., Rev. Dr. P. A. Cool in the chair.

The following reports were received: on the condition of the church; on auditing Presiding Elders' accounts, and on Woman's Home Missionary Society; the report on Woman's Home Missionary Society was referred to the committee on education and Freedmen's Aid Society.

After addresses were delivered by C. O. Minegan, Edward Lee, V. M. Cole and Prof. J. H. Reed touching the importance of the Houston Academy, now under the management of Prof. J. H. Reed, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Rev. A. E. P. Albert, D.D., addressed the conference. He congratulated the Texas Conference on the fact of having such a noted educator as Rev. Dr. Cool as president of Wiley University, and Prof. J. H. Reed as principal of Houston Academy. Dwelling upon the great church work he made some important remarks upon the fact of the Methodist Episcopal Church as the church of the great agency in all reform movements in the world. He also made important remarks on the colored Bishop question now being discussed throughout the church.

Among others, the following announcements were made for Sunday: Trinity Church: 11 a. m., Bishop J. F. Hurst, D.D., ordination of deacons; 3 p. m., Dr. A. E. P. Albert, editor SOUTHWESTERN; 7:30 p. m., Rev. W. L. Duncan.

Mt. Vernon: 11 a. m., William Bartley; 3 p. m., Rev. H. Webb, ordination of elders.

The character of the pastors were examined and passed.

The conference adjourned Monday morning, after the conclusion of its work. Very flattering resolutions were adopted in reference to the SOUTHWESTERN and Dr. Albert, its editor. The presidency of Bishop Hurst was a source of great joy to the conference, and its session one of the best ever had.

The appointments are as follows: HOUSTON DISTRICT.—I. B. Scott, P. E. (P. O., Houston). Beaumont—W. B. Pnlam. Columbia—W. M. Brooks. Galveston, St. Paul—H. S. Mo-Millan.

Galveston, West Tabernacle—W. W. Brown.

Harrisburg—G. W. Norris. Houston, Boynton—J. H. Reed. Houston, Mt. Vernon—Edward Lee.

Houston, St. James—Jeremiah Smith.

Houston, Sloan St.—Jesse Jones.

Houston, Trinity—V. M. Cole.

Liberty—J. A. Stewart.

Orange—A. O. Onbreath.

Oyster Creek—W. A. Parks.

Richmond and Kendleton—G. J. Izard.

Richmond Cir.—W. S. Curtis.

Roweville—John Solomon.

Valasco—To be snp.

Wallisville—Louis Burton.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.—Freeman Parker, P. E. (P. O. Huntsville, Texas.)

Gold Springs—S. H. Grant.

Colmesneil—J. G. Gibson.

Corrigan—C. O. Adair.

Crockett—Edmund Holliday.

Dodge—L. J. Hogan.

Huntsville—W. L. Duncan.

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Livingston—Spencer Kelley.

Lovelady—M. Q. A. Fuller.

Montgomery and Conroe—Linus Felder.

Newton—To be snp.

Prairie Plains—Thornton Scott.

Springs—To be snp.

Town Bluff—Tobias Ward.

Willis—C. G. Curtis.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.—Wade Hamilton, P. E. (P. O. Marshall, Texas.)

Cypress—C. M. Moore.

Dangerfield—To be snp.

Hawkins—To be supplied.

Jefferson—Aaron Alexander.

Jefferson Cir.—Raphael Beaver.

Kildare—To be snp.

Lodi—Robert Williams.

Marshall, Ebenezer—Thos. Cole.

Marshall, Mallalien—T. C. Shein-alt.

Wiley Chapel—P. A. Cool.

Marshall Cir.—J. L. Owens.

Mineola—Anderson Williams.

Pittsburg—E. D. Hubbard.

Pleasant Grove—W. A. Ray.

Queen City—T. S. McMorris.

Oak and Longview—J. Jordan.

Waller—To be snp.

P. A. Cool, President Wiley University, quarterly conference.

J. S. Whitaker, Tucker Young and Frank Gary left without appointment to attend school.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT.—W. H. Logan, P. E. (P. O. Navasota, Texas.)

Anderson—H. R. Smith.

Belleville and Lealey—W. J. Holland.

Brenham—Teuola Edwards.

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Hempstead—C. O. Minnegan.

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Hockley—S. E. Ewing.

Millican—W. McKenzie.

Navasota—J. A. Featherston.

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San Felipe Cir.—M. M. Muldrew.

Welborn—William Josey.

Yarborough—J. E. Bryant.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.—William Wesley, P. E. (P. O. Palestine, Texas.)

Buffalo and Hopewell—Benjamin Fisher.

Butler—Mason Wilson.

East Mexia—J. D. Mead.

Greenville and Sulphur Springs—P. L. Jackson.

Honey Grove—G. N. Stewart.

Paris—William Bartley.

Red River—Edward Graham.

Texarkana—Aaron Taylor.

Wolf City—J. W. H. Moore.

Friends of Equal Rights, Attention.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee, author of that remarkable book, "The Fool's Errand," a standard friend of equal rights, has inaugurated a movement to unite all of the friends of the like principle into a national Equal Rights Association. His purpose is to awaken public opinion against the outrageous nullification of the war amendments throughout the South, and to secure to every citizen, white or colored, the equal protection of the law, without discrimination on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

In reply to the question as to the ultimate work of the association, Judge Tourgee says that in his opinion, "more can be done for the repeal of oppressive measures and the removal of harmful prejudices at the South by showing the oppressed the number of their friends, and the oppressors the number who disapprove, than in any other way."

"After that the association may find special ways to collect and disseminate information; to encourage and promote appeals to the law for remedy of particular ills; to affect political action and direct the force of an organized, intelligent public opinion."

The postoffices and the printing press have made the process of organization wondrously cheap and simple, if only willing hands are at the outer extremities of the lines of impulse. If there be but one man in every township to circulate a list many thousands may be welded into a compact body in one half the time and at a hundredth part of the expense it would have required to unite a few scores in the days of Garrison.

"Public opinion when once concentrated is a sledge hammer whose blows no public wrong can long resist. Courts, Legislatures, parties, peoples feel its intangible force. It required John Brown and the rebellion to awaken the public conscience to the evils and dangers of slavery. Whether it be possible to avoid equally terrible manifestations in the future, God only knows; but that is our duty to seek to accomplish by lawful means and peaceful effort the remedy of wrongs equally dangerous with that which was washed out with blood, no man can deny. One thing we know, that light is the mortal foe of evil. If we aid the weak, encourage the oppressed, and turn on the light, perchance we may forefend evil."

Let every patriot, white or black, send his name, address and a 2 cent stamp to Judge Tourgee, Mayaville, N. Y., and enroll as a member of the association.

NOTHING tends to shake confidence in a people so much as for them to be dishonest in business matters. Pay your honest debts; and especially pay every cent of money due wherein you have handled other people's goods, whether it be medicine, papers or what not. To do the contrary is to be guilty of embezzlement, and that is a crime against which stands an open penitentiary door. Pay your debts. This may be sharp, but it is gospel truth nevertheless.

REV. F. M. Spicer, Hague, Fla., is abundant in his praise of the SOUTHWESTERN. He thinks it ought to be in every home in our territory, and so do we.

Church Polity.

Question. Is it anywhere found in the Bible that a self-murderer shall not enter the kingdom of heaven; if so, where?

A. A self-murderer is a murderer; the essence of murder is unlawful killing, premeditated and intentional unlawful taking of human life. The suicide is a murderer. All passages that forbid murderers to enter the kingdom of God exclude him for that one act. The responsible suicide disobeys all the commands of God to be faithful unto death. Many crimes plainly sufficient to exclude men from the kingdom of God are not mentioned by name in the Bible—piracy, forgery, counterfeiting, arson.

Q. Are entertainments and exhibitions proper amusements for Christians?

A. If properly conducted, and used in moderation, they are.

Q. Does Methodist theology regard biblical miracles as violations, infractions, or suspensions of the laws of nature, or of interventions of any kind with them? If so, or if not, why?

A. It does; otherwise they would not be miracles.

Q. A young lady sends this: A gentleman has called at my home several times to inquire for one of the family, I invited him in and asked him to be seated. Having had no further conversation with him, and no introduction to him, is it my duty to speak when meeting him?

A. No gentleman has a right, except when the acquaintance has been so long continued as to supersede conventionalism, to accost a lady in public unless she first speaks to him. It is her prerogative to recognize, his privilege to respond. In this case there is no occasion for the person who merely admits a stranger to recognize him afterward. Of course, a pastor, by virtue of his office, is entitled to introduce himself to any member of his congregation whom he may meet. The superintendent of the Sabbath school might do the same.

Q. A member becomes offended, stays away from church for a year, wandering around among other denominations. At the end of that time he comes back and asks for a letter from the church. Is he entitled to receive the same?

A. When he appears he should be labored with for neglect of duty; unless he can satisfy the pastor of his good intentions and repentance, he is not entitled to a letter, but should be further put upon discipline. However, if after due conversation with him, the pastor concludes that he is upon the whole well meaning, and he declares a purpose to join some other church as a ground for asking for the letter. If he shows a proper spirit, his offense not having been of a kind that requires trial after labor as is the case with immorality or crime, he can give him a letter.

Q. In the Discipline can the offense which says, "And must attend the public worship of God," be interpreted so as to mean the public worship of God at any denomination?

A. It could, if the person were unable to attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church. But if he neglects the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he cannot plead the fact that he goes elsewhere as a reason why he should not be disciplined for neglect of duty. The plea has been attempted several times, but never admitted to our knowledge as a defense.—Christian Advocate.

Miss Eliza Jones, of Scooba, Miss., delivered there some time ago a very strong and pointed address, in which she showed the terrible onrse of intemperance. Would that all our people heeded her advice in the premises. Touch not, taste not the accursed stuff.

Letters from the Districts.

Baton Rouge District Notes.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

Taking up the work where I left off in these notes, Wesley Chapel, Bro. S. W. Clark, pastor, comes in for a word. Few churches love and esteem their pastor more than this, and justly so. He has served them faithfully and well for three years. A new church has been built and more than twenty have been converted this year.

Mt. Zion is a small place, and few members, but Bro. E. H. Clark is making an earnest pull to close up the year well.

We have a good class of people at Vincent Chapel, and Bro. O. E. Bradford, the pastor, gives them much praise for their faithfulness. Bro. S. McGunder has had a splendid year at Rylander Chapel. A parsonage has been secured, and he is now planning to build another church.

St. Peter is the new name for the church at Comite. A new church was built here last year, during Bro. J. W. Hudson's Presiding Eldership.

Bro. O. C. Wright is rejoicing over a very successful year's work. A new parsonage has been built, a large number of souls have been converted, and the church was being called at the time of the fourth quarterly conference.

Macedonia has an excellent people, and Bro. D. M. Seals, the pastor, is much beloved. They are anxious for his return.

Bro. J. T. Lewis has done fairly well at Line and Beach Grove.

Mt. Carmel seems to have a good people, and a plenty of them. They have called the church. Bro. A. Hilton hopes to close up the year in good shape.

Clinton is the second best charge on the district, and Bro. H. James is its efficient and popular pastor. They have had a grand year. The Sunday school is one of the best in the conference. Conversions have been numerous. It was an enjoyable occasion, when at the fourth quarterly meeting the pastor called upon me to assist him in receiving into full membership 21 of these, mostly young people. They want him back again.

Argentine is a small place. Bro. N. Randolph is the pastor, but has been able to do but little.

Bro. J. A. Tinsit is the young and vigorous pastor at Jackson, a very prominent place. It is the seat of the insane asylum and two colleges for whites. He has succeeded well. The whole appointment has been raised for benevolence from \$100 to \$150.

Slaughter has done very well under the pastorate of Bro. A. A. Tinsit. He has a good people, and knows how to use it.

Bro. E. Clark is well at Sandy Point. He has learned to endure hardship as a good soldier. He promises to bring a good report to conference.

We have no property at Zachary, but Bro. D. Harrison, the energetic young pastor, combines teaching and preaching, and in the same little log house which he built with the assistance of a few others where he teaches the children, he preaches the gospel. The missionary spirit of his wife makes her a helpmeet indeed. My Thanksgiving dinner was greatly enjoyed with this young couple in their humble circumstances.

Bro. O. Barnes has worked hard at Plank Roads, but has not been able to accomplish much. But he keeps faith and courage and is looking for a brighter day.

Albert Chapel, Bro. T. A. Brown, pastor, is an excellent church. He is closing up his second year here and will have a good report for conference.

Bro. L. R. Scott has had a good year at Priestley Chapel. The people and pastor have been mutually pleased.

Jonas Creek is recovering from its backset, caused by the leaving of the people, caused by the effects of bulldozing last year. Bro. Geo.

Washington, the pastor, feels hopeful for the future.

Conrad is holding its own. Bro. O. M. Angum is a faithful and true minister of Christ who keeps cheerful under all circumstances.

St. Mark's is our new work in the city of Baton Rouge. It bids fair to do well. Bro. A. Varice has worked hard and given general satisfaction.

Bro. Z. T. Gayden, pastor at West Baton Rouge, has had considerable success. A cemetery for the church has been purchased and paid for. He proposes to bring up his appointment for benevolence.

Wesley Chapel, Baton Rouge, is the finest and leading church of the district. It has been blessed with two revivals, resulting in a large number of conversions. Bro. W. R. Butler, the pastor, has great cause to rejoice.

Sister Mary Karmik, whose labors the Lord so signally blessed in the conversion of seventy of more souls at Alexandria last spring, is now holding meetings at Baton Rouge, and the Lord is blessing her labors there. Among many others, some very prominent people have been converted.

Program of the Tennessee River District Conference.

To convene at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Jan. 13, 1892.

To preach the opening sermon, H. W. White, Alternate, O. E. Alexander.

Welcome address, S. B. Danley. Response by H. Primm.

How to build the class meetings up, C. L. Field.

How to build up the prayer meeting, A. Swift.

The Epworth League and its necessity, H. W. White.

How to build up the Sunday school, C. H. Bullington.

The duty of parents to their children, S. B. Danley.

What shall our young people read in order to become good Christians, G. W. Marsh.

How to take the benevolent collections, H. Robinson.

What is the effect of having union among ourselves, J. Stanfield.

What is our duty to the conference claimants, H. Primm.

What qualifications should a preacher have to build up a church, L. M. Moore.

Why we should circulate the SOUTHWESTERN among our people, T. E. Woods.

Church Extension work, S. J. Boone.

The duty of local preachers, H. C. Irvine.

How to build up a mission, A. Johnson.

Missionary sermon, S. B. Hickson.

Christian perfection, D. C. Rahn.

Education, C. E. Alexander.

The best way to work up the quarterly meetings, J. B. Bradford.

Regeneration, E. L. Martin.

Divine life, W. D. Pettus.

All local preachers, exhorters and Sunday school superintendents, can select their own subjects.

Now, Brothers, come prepared to stay until we adjourn.

Committee: J. B. Bradford, Presiding Elder; C. L. Fields, W. D. Pettus.

Program of the Forest City, Ark., District Conference.

Which will convene at Cotton Plant, Jan. 27, 1892.

Opening sermon, M. N. Langston and H. M. Renfro.

The resurrection, D. H. E. Harris.

Christian faith, H. W. Walton.

Pastoral visiting, G. W. Taylor.

Philander Smith College, H. P. Strong.

Methodist literature, D. B. Harston.

Conversion, W. H. Higgins.

Sanctification, S. M. Stokes.

Has the Methodist Church been true to her colored communicants?

Seth Neal.

An educated ministry, M. N. Langston.

The use of tobacco, H. M. Renfro.

All the local preachers are expected to make their own selections.

W. B. R. Duncan, Presiding Elder; D. B. Harston, secretary.

First District Conference, Cumberland River District.

Met in Cherry Valley, Tenn., Nov. 24, at 7 p. m.

The religious exercises were conducted by the Presiding Elder, M. Williams was chosen secretary; E. J. Guthrie and E. F. Whitley, assistants.

Rev. J. P. Gregg, of Lebanon station, preached the opening sermon. At the close of the sermon several sinners came forward for prayers.

Thirteen pastors reported. The reports showed that they have made a good beginning for a successful year's work.

Wednesday night, Rev. J. E. K. Moreland, of Brainerd Chapel, Nashville, preached. At the close of the sermon several sinners came forward for prayers, and two were happily converted.

During the second day nearly all the local preachers, exhorters and Sunday school superintendents reported, which made everything go off very lively. This was certainly a good conference for the local preachers and exhorters.

Thursday morning the conference met for a half hour's prayer meeting. At 11 o'clock a very large and appreciative congregation met for thanksgiving, when the writer preached a Thanksgiving sermon.

At 3 p. m. a Sunday School Institute was held.

The essay read by Miss Alice Campbell, of Lebanon, deserves mention.

At 7 p. m. Rev. F. W. Puryear of Gallatin station, preached.

Alexandria was chosen as the seat of the next district conference.

The members of the conference were very nicely entertained by the good people of Cherry Valley.

They have called and done other work on their large church. The choir rendered beautiful music, which added much to the enjoyment.

Miss Alice Campbell presided at the organ. She is a member of our church in Lebanon, and a student of Central Tennessee College.

The circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN was urged upon every member of the district conference by a resolution.

M. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

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Brookhaven District, Miss. Conference.

H. L. KENNEDY, Presiding Elder.

Met in Magnolia, Miss., Nov. 26.

Rev. B. L. Crump, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by H. L. Kennedy.

H. L. Kennedy was selected secretary; J. H. Cook, assistant; J. B. Brooks, statistical secretary.

The Elder read a report of the district.

Each pastor read his report, which showed that the Lord had wonderfully blessed their work.

Thursday night Rev. E. L. Pratt preached an interesting sermon.

Friday night Rev. A. Davis preached an able sermon.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, Presiding Elder of the Vicksburg district, was introduced. He represented our church at Natchez. A collection of \$16.10 was taken up for the church there.

Saturday night was set aside to discuss the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Church Extension, and the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. Dr. A. E. P. Albert is the choice of the members of the Brookhaven district for its editorship for the next four years.

Sunday services were grand. Preaching at 11 o'clock by B. L. Crump, Presiding Elder; at 3 by H. L. Kennedy; and at 7 by O. H. Flowers.

Raised and paid to pastors, \$225; Presiding Elder, \$31.25; benevolences, \$185.80; building, \$94.40; Bishop, \$5; sextons,

\$246.65. Total, \$3026.10. Conventions, 103.

The pastor, Rev. A. Handy, and his good people spared no pains in doing all they could to entertain the district conference.

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A paper in a union of all the colored Methodist churches was read by J. T. Owens and discussed by Rev. P. G. Walker, C. G. Key and others.

Is a large membership in the local churches an advantage or otherwise was discussed by D. Lyman Washington.

Rev. B. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Baltimore district and Rev. T. H. Brooks of Sandy Springs, were then introduced.

Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph.D., whose subject was Flashes from the Ecumenical Conference, held the vast audience spell-bound for one hour.

The best method to suppress the liquor traffic was ably discussed by T. O. Carroll.

The Epworth League, its necessity and aims, by Rev. W. H. Fox.

Lay agencies, and how to increase the usefulness of local preachers and exhorters, by J. H. Jackson and others.

Women's work, by J. T. Moten.

The chair then introduced Mr. L. A. J. Morgan, a missionary from Philadelphia.

The reports from the pastors showed the churches spiritually and financially alive. D. Lyman Washington addressed the associ-

ation in behalf of the SOUTHWESTERN, and six brethren subscribed.

Thanks were extended to the church officers, members and citizens of Annapolis for entertainment.

Washington Conference Notes.

The annual ministerial meeting of the Washington district was held at Asbury M. E. Church, Annapolis, Md., Nov. 17-19.

The following ministers of the district were present: Revs. W. P. Ryder, Presiding Elder; S. S. Hughes, B. T. Perkins, E. Hammond, J. T. Moten, R. R. Riggs, J. H. Jenkins, J. W. Galloway, N. C. Brown, W. H. Fox, J. T. Owens, G. T. Pinkney, B. Myers, T. H. Brooks, O. L. Washington, G. W. Matthews, A. Q. Brooks, J. D. Carroll, James Thomas, J. W. E. Bowen, Ph.D., Local preachers: N. Ross, G. D. Pinkney, D. H. Helton, J. T. Bryan, W. Stewart and H. Brown.

The organization of the Association was effected by the election of B. T. Perkins, of Huntington circuit, secretary; W. H. Fox, of Natchez circuit, assistant; D. Lyman Washington, of Calverton charge, reporter; J. T. Moten, treasurer.

Rev. W. P. Ryder, Presiding Elder, stated the object of the association, and the program as prepared by the committee was adopted. The welcome address was delivered by Rev. S. B. Hughes, pastor of Asbury. Rev. B. T. Perkins responded.

The Washington district has 32 preachers, 101 churches, 11,000 members, 123 Sunday schools, 932 officers and teachers, 8,150 scholars, 300 official members in quarterly conferences, 98 of whom are local preachers.

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General Church News.

The membership of the United Presbyterian Church is given in its last report as 100,385, a small advance over last year. There are 779 ministers, an increase of five. The Cumberland Presbyterians report 163,216 members. An article in the *Herald and Presbyter* gives the total membership of all the Presbyterian bodies of the United States as 1,562,890.

The total membership of all Methodist bodies in the United States is over 5,000,000.

The census announcement that there are a hundred and forty religious bodies in the United States, exclusive of many independent

congregations, will be received with some surprise to most people, whose knowledge of different sects does not embrace more than a dozen or twenty at most. In the list disclosed to the preliminary bulletin issued by the Census Bureau from Washington are the General Six Principle Baptists, the Schwerkfeldians, the Theosophical Society, the Life and Advent Union, and others, which to a majority of people will be entirely new.

General News Items.

Blind Tom, the great musical prodigy, is said to be dying in a New York insane asylum.

Col. Joseph T. Wilson, of Richmond, Va., author of "The Black Phalanx," died at Norfolk, Va., Sep. 25.

The United States has 10,000 miles of coast, and maintains 232 life saving stations.

Kansas has 23 women county school superintendents this year.

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Letters from the Laity.

A. A. Hodges, Crawford, Miss. The young ladies made the church a present of a nice pulpit Bible and the young men a nice chandelier, costing \$20.85. The sisters and friends made the pastor a present of a nice suit of clothes, and took up for him last week at the district conference \$108.80. We had a grand time. Bro. D. L. Tubbs is our pastor.

A. B. Coleman, Desota, Miss. Our pastor, A. Quinn, is doing nicely in Desota. Our fourth quarterly conference opened Nov. 13, in Bethel M. E. Church, Elder J. M. Shumperth presiding. Most of the brethren were present with good reports. Paid Presiding Elder \$8; pastor \$70. The elder preached at night to a crowded house, after which the Lord's Supper was administered.

A. W. Figgie, Thorny Grove, Ark. We hope to hold our fourth quarter in the new church that is being erected to be known as Sherill's Chapel.

R. L. Hickson, Aiken, S. C. Our church here is six years old. This is the only church we have in the county. We are in the midst of a glorious revival. We report 40 conversions, 30 accessions, and 32 received into full connection. The whole city of Aiken seems to have enjoyed a wonderful outpouring of the Holy spirit. The revival closes to night.

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with a general love feast. We have organized and in working order both a senior and a junior Epworth League. They prove sources of great help to the church.

A very pleasant and profitable meeting of the Epworth League was held at Key's Chapel, Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p. m. The meeting was one long to be remembered; for it had the honor of holding the first Thanksgiving service on the Nashville district. A fine program consisting of select reading, orations, essays and music appropriate to the day was happily rendered.

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The Air we Breathe and the Water we Drink, Sir Lyon Playfair.
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Suggestions to Travellers in the direction of Economy of Time and Money.
London; by Charles Dickens. Rome; by Prof. Rodolfo Lanciani.
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W. Clark Russell, the celebrated Sea Novelist, has written three stories in his best vein, which will be printed exclusively in the next volume; written The Haunted Cliff. A Yarn of Ramsgate Harbor. An Ocean Stampede.

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EVERY boy and every girl of our people should get an education. Find a way to do so, or make one.

In a recent personal, President W. H. Hickman, of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., says: "I never had a lighter heart or more enthusiasm. I thank God for what I see to day; and I pray that our Methodism may be equal to the task God has laid upon her of helping to take this land for Christ and his cause; and to establish the lines of equality and brotherhood under the flag. Some great questions are facing us; may the Lord help us to be ready when the moment comes for solution that we may be equal every way to do the will of God. Now is the time to get ready; I think we are getting ready. I read your paper with increasing interest.

In her annual address to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Miss Frances Willard clearly indicated the program of that association in the following forceful and emphatic language:

"God has helped us," she said, "to build better than we knew. If these women had their way, and they intend to have it, the taint of alcohol and nicotine would not be on any lip or in any atmosphere on this globe; no gambler could with impunity pursue his vile vocation. The haunts of shame that are the zero mark of degradation would be crushed out of existence before sundown, and the industrial status of women would be so independent that these recruiting officers of perdition would seek in vain for victims; the saloon keeper would become in every State and nation as, thank God, he is already in so many, an outcast, an Ishmael, a social pariah on the face of the earth.

A FEW days ago a white man was whipped and driven out of Shreveport, La., for the crime (?) of marrying a colored woman; a few days later the report reached us to the following effect:

"Passengers in the smoking car of the South Carolina railway coming to Augusta from Charleston, witnessed an exciting scene. At Branchville, a Negro, a mulatto girl and Mr. Rivers Carr of Blackville, boarded the train. The passengers took seats in the second-class car. The white man sat behind the Negro and the mulatto sat on the opposite side. The Negro noticed the white man winking at the girl and objected to the flirtation and spoke to Carr about it. Carr became infuriated at the Negro trying to correct his conduct and a quarrel ensued. He pulled a pistol and pushed it against the breast of the Negro and pulled the trigger twice, but it snapped and refused to fire each time. He then pulled up his pistol to see what was the matter with it, as it did not discharge the bullet, and he pulled the trigger the third time. It fired, but fortunately the ball went through the window. The shot came very near hitting a passenger. While the two men were clinched the Negro managed to draw his pistol, but was prevented from using it by the interference of the conductor, V. H. Verdery.

The train was stopped and the Negro was put off in the woods while the white man was allowed to ride along with the girl."

How is this for white supremacy?

Dr. Albert Narrowly Escapes a Texas Jail.

On his return from the Texas Conference at Houston, on Monday night, December 7, Dr. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, narrowly escaped landing in the Beaumont, Texas, jail, with the possible interception by a Texas regulating mob. His crime consisted in his riding in a pullman sleeping car, on a first class ticket and a regular birth ticket on the same. Of course there exists no crime in this fact, but Dr. Albert, although neatly attired and gentlemanly in his deportment, is contaminated (?) with Negro blood, and the laws of the State of Texas, as those of nearly all the other Southern States, including Arkansas and Tennessee, make it a crime for white and colored passengers to ride in the same coach, hence his crime (?) and his narrow escape from arrest and imprisonment.

The circumstances were substantially as follows: Notwithstanding the separate car laws in the several Southern States, no trouble is generally experienced by colored passengers in procuring sleeping car berths out of this city, although they scarcely can be in many other places in the South, and sleeping car conductors will often deny that they have vacant berths. It being generally understood, however, that under one excuse or another ticket agents refuse to sell sleeping car berths to colored passengers, in Texas, Dr. Albert thought to disarm the ticket agent at Houston of all excuses, by applying early in the day for a ticket. At about 12 o'clock m. on Monday, in company with Prof. J. H. Reed, formerly of New Orleans University, he procured a first-class ticket to New Orleans, and called for a berth on the sleeper that was to leave for that city at 5:50 p. m. The ticket agent "hummed and hawed" for some time, and finally declared that he had none at his disposal, all had been sold. Upon the arrival of the train from Galveston to New Orleans, the Doctor boarded the sleeper, "Ineson," and the sleeping car conductor, Mr. Hodgson, assigned him to lower berth No. 2. Everything was then thought to be all right, but the trouble had just begun. It began with a protest on the part of the train conductor to the sleeping car conductor, against his violation of the laws of the State, in permitting "a nigger" on his car. Then a mob meeting of the passengers was held to protest against the presence of "the nigger," and to decide upon the course to be adopted in the premises. After considerable caucassing, it was finally decided to telegraph the sheriff at Beaumont, Texas, to meet the train with a posse, to arrest the offender against the Jim Crow car law of the sovereign, free and independent State of Texas. In the mean time, a beer-bloated 250-pounder was deputized to inquire whether or not the Doctor did not know that "Niggers were not allowed in the white man's car in Texas." To this the Doctor answered that he was not responsible, as he accepted the place assigned him by the sleeping car conductor. He was just as much entitled to the comforts of a sleeping car as anybody else, able and willing to pay for it, and he did not see that it was his fault that proper partition, in keeping with the law, had not been provided. "No difference to us," says the bloated individual. "This is a white man's car, and you have violated the law; and the sheriff will meet the train at Beaumont and arrest and put you in jail." And this would have certainly been done, but for one thing, under God, and that was the earnest pleadings of the sleeping car conductor, who almost prayed to the inhuman wretches, "not to deal so cruelly with such a dignified and cultured Christian gentleman." His pleadings finally prevailed, and the previous actions of the mob were countermanded, and the Doctor was permitted to reach home without further inter-

ruption. Mr. G. H. Hodgson, the sleeping car conductor, is a Northern man, and by his manly, humane, and friendly disposition, displayed on that unfortunate occasion, did credit to his Northern blood, and deserves the lasting gratitude of all good people. If anything was necessary to move our people to action, this recent experience of the editor of this paper should certainly move them to arise in a body, as one man, and in a week pour into the hands of the committee on funds to test the Jim Crow car law, not hundreds, but thousands of dollars. Every patriot's cheek, whether white or black, should blush with shame, as he reads these lines, and remember he is an American, and should immediately go to the postoffice, buy a postal note or money order for whatever sum he may feel able to contribute, and send it to this office to test the constitutionality of this inhuman and infamous separate car law. We will see that the money is put in the hands of the committee and a test case instituted. We ought to get \$5000 to test this law in answer to this outrage upon our official representative, before the end of another week.

Such encroachments and invasions of our rights must be promptly and manfully met, with all that is dear on earth, or we do not deserve to be numbered among men. Let every man, woman and child, in fact every friend of equal rights and justice, reading these lines, contribute to the cause. Address in care of this office.

THE following from Dr. Edward's friendly editorial on the election of a colored bishop shows that while certain unfriendly critics, who never carefully read our deliverances in the premises, are disposed to misrepresent us and the people we represent, he is sufficiently broadminded and fairminded to take the proper view of our position. He says:

The SOUTHWESTERN speaks most temperately and wisely concerning the election of a colored man to our episcopacy. Dr. Albert, the editor, does not insist upon the immediate selection of a colored man simply to refute the claim, made by Southern men and by Northern conservatives, that while our theory of human equality is broad enough, a Negro will, however, never reach the episcopacy in our church. We have said more than once that our suffrage is ready for the right colored man when the time arrives for his election. The color of the candidate should not hasten or retard his election.

If, however, there is even one that is thoroughly qualified, and is the choice of a sufficient constituency, let him be elected. Our only proviso is that he shall not be elected simply because he is colored, and in order to quiet the unfriendly criticisms of those who really prefer that no colored man be elected lest that clear testimony respecting our sincerity bring to us its proper reward.

We heartily applaud Dr. Albert's depreciation of a separate church for all white Methodists in this country. We believe that the colored man needs the white man, and it should startle no one to say that the white man needs the colored man. Even if we do not need the latter, we are under obligations to retain him if he prefers to stay inside our lines. While the North did not enslave the Negro, it did consent to that enslavement, and we are under substantial obligations to make all the recompense and amends that may come of our genuine confraternity and co-membership.

WE always welcome the SOUTHWESTERN, of New Orleans, La. It is one of the ablest church papers in the South, and its editor, Dr. Albert, is writing some vigorous articles in favor of the elevation of a colored man to the Methodist Episcopal Bishopric. — Weekly Leader, (Va.)

Political Review.

Crisp of Georgia has been elected speaker of the House. This is thought to be a black eye for Grover Cleveland, as it is understood that Crisp & Co., favor Dave Hill for the Presidency, while the Mills' crowd favored Grover. House committees not having been appointed, little or no legislative business has been done.

Call of Florida has been seated as Senator from that State.

Secretary of War, ex-Governor Proctor, of Vermont, has taken the seat of Senator Edmunds, having been appointed by Gov. Page. It is thought that he will worthily fill the position vacated by his able predecessor, and that the little green gem in the galaxy of States—Vermont—will retain her proud position of leadership and influence in the U. S. Senate.

It is expected that very soon a lot of important nominations will be sent to the Senate. Thus far only such nominations have been sent in as had received ad interim appointments.

The appointments in which our people are mostly interested are the Inter-State Commerce Commissioners and the Liberian Mission.

The Supreme Court of the United States has heard arguments in the lottery mail law cases, but have not rendered a decision.

The eyes of the whole country are now turned to Louisiana. The Democratic State Convention is now in session. At this writing, (Monday,) both factions are claiming a majority of delegates, and it is generally believed that two conventions will be held. Estimating the claims of both factions and "splitting the difference," leaves the lottery faction a little ahead, but with a lead so small as not to be able to control the minority or anti faction. It is hoped that the Republicans will grasp the situation, and act so as to help kill the lottery and achieve for itself good and lasting results.

City Church Notes.

(Brief items of news from the city churches will be welcome either handed us by pastors or lay men.)

The musical entertainment and concert given at Mallalieu Chapel, Dec. 5, was a grand success. There were rendered solos, duets, dialogues and speeches. Mrs. A. W. Lyon and Mr. Victor Joachim sang some of their best selections.

Rev. W. P. Forest, pastor of Thompson Chapel, was agreeably surprised Nov. 24, by the kind sisters. Among those who participated were Sisters A. Williams, E. Carter, Oentus, Singleton, Smith, Shelton and others. May the Lord bless and bestow many blessings upon them. Thompson Chapel is enjoying a good time generally. A few Sundays ago 19 expressed a desire to become Christians, and 1 joined on probation. Sunday, Dec. 20, is grand class rally day; a number of ministers will be present with their congregations.

Commenting on Bro. Priestley's article on "Wandering Flocks," Bro. Madison Gant, says: "It came just in the right time and place, and the ministers should give their attention to the same."

The reopening services of Wesley Chapel on Liberty street, Rev. F. T. Ohlun, pastor, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 27. Bishops Mallalieu and Newman, Drs. Albert and Hartzell, Rev. E. Lyon, and all the presiding elders are invited to take part. All day services will be held.

Publishers' Department.

(Pastors are requested to read this department each week.)

We wish to call special attention to the advertisement of A. B. Griswold & Co., on the eighth page. They have an elegant stock of goods. Their Communion Sets are marvels of beauty and fine in quality, and at prices within the reach of any church. Every church

should have a Communion Set, and here is the place to get one. Write them for particulars.

We hope our people when writing to any of our advertising patrons will mention this paper. It answers a two-fold purpose:—The advertisers want to know which papers pay them best, and we are more sure of getting a renewal order. We are careful to advertise nothing but what has merit.

We have received several letters without signatures lately, therefore cannot comply with the requests made in them.

Marriages.

Mr. Dave Mitchell to Miss Julia Westbrook, January 1.

Mr. Wiley Evans to Miss Mary Jane Caruthers, Nov. 5.

Jefferson Buell, Blooming Grove Circuit, Texas.

(Rec'd Dec. 7.)

In Mason, Tenn., Nov. 26, Mr. Thomas Dickerson to Miss Callie Daley.

J. S. Foster officiating.

Mr. Dud Whitaker to Miss Rosanna Davis, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the parsonage, in Slaughter, La.

A. A. Lacy, P. C.

Nov. 25, Mr. Ed. Harrison to Miss Mary A. Carter, of Scooba, Miss.

H. T. Hampton officiated.

In Baton Rouge, Dec. 9, Mr. Edward Thomas to Miss Harriet Barrow.

Revs. W. R. Butler and T. A. Brown officiated.

In Algiers, La., Dec. 2, Mr. Moses King, Jr., and Miss Rosa Burton.

H. C. Armston officiated.

In Marion, Ala., Nov. 12, Mr. Tom Mack to Miss Bell Murphy.

Nov. 19, Mr. William Boyd to Miss Lizzie Bennett.

Dec. 3, Mr. Jessie Evans to Miss Easter Moore.

"Who said Hood's Sarsaparilla?" Thousands of people, who know it to be the best blood purifier and tonic medicine.

Obituary.

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 30.—On last Friday evening at 6 o'clock I received a dispatch from Rev. T. M. Joiner, our pastor at Scottsboro, to come up and preach the funeral of his wife, who died at 4 o'clock the morning of the same day. At 8 o'clock I was in Scottsboro. Met by Bro. Henry Williams at the station, I soon found my way to the parsonage, where I found our dear Brother Joiner and several of the members of the church around the remains of his deceased wife. At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon the corpse was carried out of the parsonage to the church, by the friendly hands of sympathizing brethren. After the sermon we went to the graveyard and laid her away to sleep until the morning of the resurrection.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the church and people of Scottsboro:

Resolved, In the order of divine providence, Sister S. A. Joiner, the wife of Rev. T. M. Joiner, has been removed from our midst by the hand of death, and our hearts have been deeply moved thereby; therefore,

Resolved, That in her death we have lost one of nature's noble women, a generous friend, a genial companion, an earnest Christian worker, a missionary indeed, and an ardent lover of Methodism.

Resolved, That we treasure the memory of her blameless Christian life, her wise counsels, her faithful warnings, and her zeal for the cause of Christ.

Resolved, That from the manner of her life among us, and from the positive character of her Christian experience and testimony during her illness, we are fully persuaded that our loss is her eternal gain; and that while we are mourning on earth she is rejoicing with the redeemed and blood-washed in heaven.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with Bro. Joiner, her husband, who has been called to part with his chief earthly counselor, helper and friend, and that we earnestly beseech the father in heaven to grant him the consolation he so much needs, and which He alone can give.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be tendered to Bro. Joiner, husband of the deceased; that they be published in the Southwestern and Western Christian Advocates.

Sister Joiner was 60 years of age. She was married to Rev. T. M. Joiner 20 years. Since they have been in the ministry they have spent most of their time in North Carolina. During the late war Sister Joiner was a nurse in a hospital. Just after the war she was appointed to take charge of the orphanage work among the colored people. Over a year ago Brother and Sister Joiner were pounced upon by a mob in North Carolina, and the assault was of such a character that they had to flee from the State, since which time, by the appointment of Bishop Joyce, they have had charge of our church at Scottsboro, Ala. Although they had to contend with similar attacks at Scottsboro, by the white people, she heroically died at her post,

repeating in her last words the verse, "Jesus can make a dying bed feel soft as downy pillows are."

J. S. Todd.

A committee, composed of R. H. Pattie, Ida M. Hall, F. B. Smith, Rebecca Feify and T. Vigne, of Union Chapel, New Orleans, sent us resolutions of condolence over the death of Viney Edwards, of that church and Sunday school. She died in the full triumph of faith, about two weeks ago.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Bro. Joe Simpson, a faithful member of the church for 20 years, departed this life, aged 81. His death was sudden. He leaves children, friends and a wife to mourn.

A. Butler.

Clinton, La.—Sister Laura Berghill died August 19, aged 26 years, in triumph. She became a member of the M. E. Church at the age of 11.

Rev. H. James.

Bro. Octave Alexander, of Edgard, La., a faithful member, died Nov. 19, in full triumph, aged 49 years, 6 months. He said he was ready and willing to go.

Eugene Baptiste, P. C.

Sister Polly Taylor, secretary of our Sunday school at Mason, Tenn., died Oct. 19, aged 24 years.

J. S. Foster, P. C.

Little Johnny Walton, son of Rev. H. W. Walton, departed this life Nov. 27, aged 12 years. He leaves relatives to mourn his loss. The funeral service was attended by Rev. A. D. Miller, of the A. M. E. Church.

T. E. Carter, Marianna, Ark.

Little Posie English, only daughter of Rev. T. J. and Anna English, went to the home of the saints Nov. 29, aged 4 years and 7 months.

Sister Spheres, a member of Zion Chapel, departed this life in faith Nov. 21.

Bro. Isaiah Wyatt, an exhorter of Zion Chapel, died in full triumph of faith Nov. 26. Peace to his ashes.

F. L. Teague, Marion, Ala.

Sister Charlotte Field, a member of the M. E. Church at New Hope, died in triumph.

Bro. A. Lamplly, a faithful member of DeKalb M. E. Church, fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 5.

H. T. Hampton, P. C.

Sister Catherine Adams died at her home very suddenly, with hemorrhage of the brain, Nov. 27, aged 35 years. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1871. In 1882 she married Dr. J. O. Adams at Franklin, La. Sister Adams put her letter in St. James Church, and was not there long before she was made stewardess, in which capacity she served with credit to herself and church. St. James has lost one of its truest and best members in the death of Sister Adams. Her funeral, which was largely attended, was preached by her pastor, assisted by Rev. C. H. Claiborne of the Congregational Church. She was a dear lover of her church; just before she died she put away \$1.50 to bring to church the next Sunday for benevolences. She was a loving wife and a devoted mother, and leaves a husband, two sweet children and a host of friends to mourn her demise.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us; Here thy loss we deeply feel; But 'tis God that hath bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled, Then in heaven with joy to greet thee, Where no farewell tear is shed.

—W. B. Anderson, P. C.

For throat and lung troubles, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, seasonably taken, is a certain specific.

Schools and Colleges.

President Dunton, of Orangeburg, S. C., writes us a letter in which he says: "I regret that your conference meets at the same time ours does, as I have been very anxious to have you visit Oflatin. If you can possibly arrange to reach us I trust you will do so."

We are to have a biblical institute immediately preceding our conference, and expect to have a reunion and festive occasion on Jan. 12, for visitors, ministers and lay delegates.

President Hayes and Dr. Curry visited us on the 6th inst. President Hayes writes: "Your institution was, as we expected it to be in all respects, most gratifying."

"I have used Dukehart's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Malt in my family with great success, and most cheerfully recommend it to the public, knowing full well that it will do all claimed for it." Mrs. Wm. E. Dodge, 288 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

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DAILY BREAD.

The rich are only envious in one attribute—their power to help the poor.

It is only in looking on death that we comprehend immortality, and only utter weariness gives promise of perfect rest.

The friend who becomes a lover continues still to be a friend; but the lover who becomes a friend ceases forever to be a lover.

When it is said of a man that he treats men and women just alike, you may be sure he treats them all as if they were men.

Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof; but sufficient unto a lifetime is often the evil of a single day.

Children are taught more than they ever learn, and learn more than they are ever taught.

Our bodies live in houses, because our souls live in bodies.

Wisdom, like many other attributes, is only for the time. We are wise to-day, that to-morrow we may look back and say, "How foolish we were!"

The desire to teach is stronger than the desire to learn. We only study that we may be enabled to impart again. December Ladies' Home Journal.

If you want to find out the real salt of earth, look around for the people whom the devil is trying to pull down and put his foot upon. He never throws stones at his own children.

Justifying faith implies, not only a divine evidence, or conviction, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself; but sure trust and confidence that Christ died for my sins; that he loved me and gave himself for me. And the moment a penitent sinner believes this, God pardons and absolves him.—Wesley.

Alcohol is the one evil genius, whether in wine, ale, or whiskey, that is killing the race of men.—Dr. W. Parker.

Garfield well said: "The best in this Republic, next to liberty itself, is the labor of our people," and yet rum is made a licensed freebooter to rob the same.

This national crime is a thing that God will reckon with, and I wish it may not lie on the nation a day longer than you have an opportunity to find a remedy.—Oliver Cromwell.

Intemperance can not be cured by legislations or by sermons. The rum seller is the root of the evil, and until it is made a crime to sell intoxicating beverages, intemperance will continue to exist.—Wendell Phillips.

When I was governor of Georgia, I determined never again to hold public office until my State should make prohibition a public issue, and should need me to carry the banner to the front. That time came, and I am here.—A. H. Colquitt.

Early piety presents a heart to God unsuited by the world; like the morning fire, it burns clear, being free from ashes.—T. Sutcliffe.

I look upon death to be as necessary to our constitution as sleep. We shall rise refreshed in the morning.—Franklin.

When you bury animosity, don't set up a headstone over its grave.—Emerson.

Humility is the first lesson we learn from reflection, and self-distrust the first proof we give of having obtained a knowledge of ourselves.—Zimmerman.

A sound discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating it.—Bovee.

Govern your thoughts when alone, and your tongue when in company.—Thomas Kempis.

Dr. Waller put the philosophy of Methodism happily when he said: "John Wesley was the mightiest spiritual force precipitated on the world since the days of the Reformation."

Billy was a peddler's horse. Every day he drew a large wagon along the country roads. This large wagon was loaded with tins and brooms. It was a heavy load to draw. He stopped at all the houses, so that his master could sell the brooms and tins. One day, after he had traveled a long time, Billy stopped. There was no house in sight. He was tired and hungry.

"Go along," said his master.

"No," said Billy.

This is the way Billy said "No": He set his four feet out. He laid back his ears and shook his head.

His master got out of the wagon and patted him.

Billy didn't stir.

He moved the harness here and there, and patted him more.

Billy didn't stir.

He talked to him in a very pleasant tone.

But Billy didn't stir.

What was to be done?

The peddler wanted to sell his brooms and tins and go home; but he could not do it if Billy refused. He went to the back of the wagon. A gentleman who passed thought he was going to whip the horse; the peddler knew better. He took a pail from the wagon; there was some meal in the pail. He showed it to Billy, then he walked on and set the pail down.

Billy could see the pail. Pretty soon Billy lifted his ears and looked very good-natured. He went forward to the pail.

Then his master let him eat the meal; then he put the pail back in the wagon and Billy trotted off briskly with his load.

The meal was better for both Billy and his master than the whip.—Little Folks' Reader.

We may dull the sword of the Spirit by profane and vain babblings and opposition of science, falsely so-called. We may lose Pentecostal power of the Holy Ghost by untruthfulness in word, look or act—by anything else than the most transparent candor. We may grieve away the Holy Spirit of God by bitterness, wrath, sinful anger, by anything contrary to kindness and tender-heartedness, by not forgiving others as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us. We may cause the immediate withdrawal of the adorable Trinity by giving place, in the slightest degree, or in doubtful matters to the devil. The apostle Paul specifies fraud, laziness, refusal to work that which is good, that we may have to give to the needy, corrupt communication out of our mouth, clamor, evil-speaking, saying anything that is not good to the use of edifying, engaging in any conversation that does not minister grace to the hearers, as calculated to quench the Spirit. Hear ye now, O house of David! is it a small thing for you to weary men but ye weary my God also? Will you rebel and vex his Holy Spirit till he turn to be your enemy and fight against you? Because thou hast fretted me in all these things, behold, therefore, I will recompense thy way upon thine own head, saith the Lord God. Let none of these things rob thee of thy precious treasure! Let no human or satanic pretenses induce thee to surrender it.—Christian Standard.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ how he said. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

There were five reasons given why it is more blessed to give than receive. First, such a temper puts us along in line with Christ himself and in harmony with his teaching. Second, it swings us around into line, also, with the best benefactors that the world knows.

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Third, it puts us around in line with God's plan to bless and save the whole world. Fourth, only by this temper and quality of life do we pay the debt that is laid upon us; for we have all been receiving all our lifetime and there is nothing which has come to us that did not come through the toil, devotion and labor of somebody else—many it may be—to whom we are indebted. Fifth, this temper and character is the only sure way of reaching at last the sweet heaven of that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

But what can I give? Give the best you have; give yourself up wholly to the work of helping and blessing your fellowmen. Give the best, give your whole life, give yourself. — Rev. O. W. Francis, A. M.

Personal.

—Kenny Forbes and L. O. Reed of Hammond, La., Union veterans, made us a call last week.

—Rev. W. I. Graham, late pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted a position in the faculty at Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., and has entered upon his duties.

—We regret to learn that Mrs. Wells, wife of Prof. Geo. W. Wells, A.M., of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, continues in feeble health.

—Gen. Armstrong, of Hampton Institute, Virginia, was stricken with paralysis on Thanksgiving day, and but faint hope is entertained of his recovery. This is indeed very painful news. Gen. Armstrong's name will ever live in the grateful appreciation of the American Negro and Indian, for whom he spent his life at Hampton Institute.

—Bro. Kenny Forbes an ex-Union soldier and member of our church at Hammond, La., made a pleasant call last week in company with the Rev. Dr. McLaughlin of the mission district.

—Rev. H. M. Smith, D.D., the venerable and versatile editor of the *Southwestern Presbyterian*, we regret to note, has had to retire in consequence of impaired health. The paper is fortunate however in securing the services of the Rev. R. Q. Mallard, D.D., as his successor. Dr. Mallard brings with him in his new field of operation ripe scholarship and a rich and varied experience, which insures its continued position of power and influence in the front rank of the religious press.

—Rev. B. F. Lewis, of Mississippi, has been appointed assistant editor of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*. We extend him a cordial welcome, and bespeak for him much success in his new field of labor.

—During the session of the Texas Conference at Houston, our editor was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Baker, one of the most substantial and cultured families among our people in the South.

—Our venerable friend, the Rev. B. F. Orary, D.D., of the *Ocala Florida Christian Advocate*, celebrated his seventieth birthday Dec. 12. We congratulate the Doctor upon the attainment of his three score and ten years in such vigor and health. We hope that his precious life and services may be spared to the church for many more years to come.

The Pure in Heart.

Bishop J. P. Newman, speaking of vital Christianity, says:

"When I was on the banks of the Jordan I filled two vials with Jordan water. The water in one I filtered in charcoal, and there it is, as transparent as crystal. Shake the vial and yet the water remains transparent and beautiful. Look at the water in the other vial. It is just as beautiful, just as transparent; but at the bottom of the vial there is an eighth of an inch sediment, and by shaking, it becomes roily. So it would not do to shake some ministers. And in this settled state there are too many who fancy they are cleansed and clarified, but who do not wish to be shaken up. There are, however, men and women on this earth whom the devil may shake, but the waters will not be roiled, for they have been clarified.

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is what the Youth's Companion is aiming at in its plan for a gigantic chain of debating clubs called the Lyceum League of America. This gives practical direction to the ardor of the school flag movement, started by the same paper.

ALLOW ME to add my tribute to the efficacy of Ely's Cream Balm. I was suffering from a severe attack of influenza and catarrh and was induced to try your remedy. The result was marvelous. I could hardly articulate, and in less than twenty-four hours the catarrhal symptoms and my hoarseness disappeared and I was able to sing a heavy role in Grand Opera with voice unimpaired. I strongly recommend it to all singers.—Wm. H. Hamilton, Leading Bass of the C. D. Hess Grand Opera Co.

Conference Notices.

Notice to Members and Delegates of the Savannah Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:—The Savannah Conference will convene at Newnan, Ga., January 27, 1892. Arrangements have been made with all the principal railroads in the State for reduced rates for the conference delegation.

Persons coming from points at which through tickets to Newnan cannot be procured, should purchase tickets to Atlanta, East Point, Griffin, Macon, or any other convenient point, and then repurchase to Newnan, taking certificates of full fare from each agent from whom tickets are secured. The certificate obtained from the agent at Atlanta, East Point, Griffin, Macon, or other points (as the case may be) will be honored at Newnan at one-third rate returning to the point at which it was secured, and the other will be honored thence to the starting point, if presented on or before February 5, 1892. Reduced rates will not be allowed in case of negligence to obtain certificates. The above conditions apply only within the State.

J. D. JENKINS, Secretary.

Dear Bro. Editor: I hasten to correct an error in the date of our District Conference. The conference will meet Jan. 27, and not Jan. 2, W. R. DUNCAN,

Central Alabama Conference.

All persons attending the Central Alabama Conference to be held in Huntsville, Ala., January 27, will ask of the issuing ticket agent at all railway stations in the State and Pensacola, Fla., a



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A. N. JACKSON, Conference Secretary.

Lafayette Ala., Dec. 9, 1891.

To the Members of the Central Alabama Conference.

Dear Brethren:—We were more than ever, at our last conference, urged to start in time and make out good statistical reports. This we were asked to do before leaving home and not wait till we reach the seat of the conference to make out reports. I was charged with getting a full set of statistical blanks which I have done, and to be sure of your getting them, I have placed them in the hands of your Presiding Elder. Please see to it, brethren, that you are correct in reports, and that they are accurately made out before leaving home.

W. H. NELSON, Statistical Secretary.

Houston District, Texas Conference. First Round.

St. James	Dec. 20-21
Boynton	" 20-23
Richmond	" 26-27
Richmond	" 27-28
Liberty	Jan. 2-3
Sloan street	" 16-17
Mt. Vernon	" 24-25
Tabernacle	" 29-31
St. Paul	Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Beaumont	Feb. 13-14
Harrisburg	" 20-21
Orange	" 27-28
Cyster Creek	Mar. 5-6
Roseville	" 12-13
Columbia	" 19-20
Wallisville	" 26-27

Meet your estimating committee before the quarter is held. Organize all other committees. District stewards will meet at Mt. Vernon, Houston, Jan. 18, 1892. I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

Huntsville District, Texas Conference. First Round.

Corrigan	Dec. 19-20
Huntsville	" 27-28
Huntsville	Jan. 2-3
Dodge	" 9-10
Willis	" 16-17
Montgomery and Conroe	" 23-24
Spring	" 30-31
Lovelady	Feb. 6-7
Crockett	" 7-8
Prairie Plains	" 13-14
Livingston	" 21-22
Climmell and Woodville	" 20-21
Cold Springs	" 27-28
Town Bluff and Berilport	Mar. 5-6
Newton	" 12-13

Pastors: Call a meeting for the committee elected by your fourth quarterly conference, to meet you at each preaching place, and carefully submit to them the several amounts which they are expected to raise this year for benevolences, with instructions how and when

to raise them. Let each pastor send in at least ten cash subscribers to the "Southwestern" this quarter. Have your district stewards to meet me in St. James M. E. Church, Huntsville, Texas, Saturday, December 26, at 10 o'clock a. m. Begin at once to raise your monies, and forward them on to the proper place. F. PARKER, P. E.

Navasota District, Texas Conference. First Round.

Yarborough	Jan. 2-3
Navasota	" 9-10
Navasota	" 16-17
Milligan	" 23-24
Bryan	" 30-31
Wellborn	Feb. 6-7
Bryan	" 13-14
Caldwell	" 20-21
Hempstead	" 27-28
Hempstead	Mar. 5-6
Hockley	" 12-13
Bronham	" 19-20
Bronham	" 26-27
Beville and Sealy	Apr. 2-3
San Felipe	" 9-10

Dear Brethren: Your appointments for these conferences will be sent you at the earliest date possible. Our district was assessed \$600 for Wiley University and \$500 for missions. Begin at once to take the collections for Wiley. Go in for the whole of your missions on Easter Sunday, which comes April 17.

W. H. LOGAN.

It gives me pleasure to certify that Lieutenant Busick of the Central Police District used Salvation Oil on a rheumatic arm. A few applications relieved him and wrought a permanent cure. Salvation Oil if called in will verify this statement. SERGT. H. A. RYAN, Central Police Station, Baltimore, Md.

Nobody but a woman can write scientifically of woman's apparel. The man who attempts it is lost. It is different with Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Either sex is fully acquainted with the merits of this noted remedy.

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THE CHRISTMAS SILENCE.

Hushed are the pigeons cooing low,
On dusty rafters of the loft;
And mild-eyed oxen, breathing soft,
Sleep on the fragrant hay below.

Dim shadows in the corners hide;
The glimmering lantern's rays are shed,
Where one young lamb just lifts his head,
Then huddles against his mother's side.

Strange silence tingles in the air;
Through the half-open door a bar
Of light from one low hanging star
Touches a baby's radiant hair—

No sound—the mother, kneeling, lays
Her cheek against the little face.
On, human love! Oh, heavenly grace!
Tis yet in silence that she prays!

Ages of silence end to-night;
Then to the long expectant earth
Glad angels come to greet His birth
In burst of music, love and light!

—Margaret Deland, in *Christmas Ladies Home Journal*.

The Household.

Womanhood.

To be a woman is to be the priest
and most noble of God's creatures;
hence womanhood should be the
study of every young girl old
enough to realize the importance
of the term true woman.

A girl should so live that every
action and word will go to prove
her womanhood, for this only will
make her a pure and noble woman
—a woman fitted for the drawing
room or the kitchen.

Beauty and style do not make a
true woman. No; for some of the
most noble women are the plainest.
Beauty is only skin deep, and is a
very dangerous thing, for no gift
bestowed upon woman is so widely
abused.

A woman's real worth is esti-
mated by the goodness of her
heart, the greatness of her soul
and the purity of her character.
Women who have these attributes
make the best of wives and the
truest of mothers. Woman is the
center of society; hence how great
and how elevated she should be in
order to have the name of true
womanhood. We, as young ladies
of Zion, should hold a steady moral
away over our male associates.
Men love to trust their love, if you
will allow me the term, in the
hands of a true woman; therefore,
let us begin and make it our every-
day study that will be respected
by all good daughters of Zion.—
Young Woman's Journal.

BROILED HAM.—Slice thin and
boil in scalding hot water for half
an hour. Wipe dry and broil over
good coals. Nothing is nicer for
breakfast with hot waffles.

SALAD DRESSING.—The yolk of
one egg, well-beaten in a teacup.
Take a tablespoon and in it mix a
small quantity of salt, pepper and
mustard (one must judge as to the
amount, as it is "season to taste")
add a teaspoonful of best Lucca
salad oil, drop by drop, stirring
all the time. Add the same quan-
tity of vinegar in the same man-
ner. Pour into the cup containing
the egg and beat all (briskly) to-
gether. It is then ready to put
over the lettuce or other greens.

SALAD SANDWICHES.—One cup
cold chicken, one cup cold boiled
tongue, one-half teaspoon celery
salt, one saltspoon cayenne, mayon-
naise to moisten. Chop the meat
very fine, then rub with a pestle
till fine like meal. Add the season-
ing and enough cream of mayon-
naise dressing to make it moist
enough to spread easily. Put it
between thin rounds of bread.
Roll soda biscuit dough thin as
pastry, spread with butter, roll an-
other layer and put on. Cut out
and bake quickly. Pull apart and
spread with the mixture.

WHITE CAKE.—One cupful of
granulated sugar, three table-
spoonful of lard, one cup of
milk, nutmeg or any other flavor-
ing, you fancy, one teaspoonful of
soda, two teaspoonful of cream of
tartar, and two and one-half cups
of flour. This, baked in a
rather slow oven, gives a result
which is a good imitation of the
old-fashioned election cake. Rais-
ins or currants may be added if
liked.

Books and Current Literature.

The numbers of *The Living Age*
for November 7 and 14 contain the
most complete cullings from the
best reviews of both continents.
For fifty-two numbers of sixty-
four large pages each (or more
than 3,300 pages a year) the sub-
scription price (\$8) is low; while
for \$10.50 the publishers offer to
send any one of the American
\$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with
the *Living Age* for a year, both
post paid. Little & Co., Boston,
are the publishers.

The *Favorite Fashion Journals*
continue to improve each month in
appearance and usefulness. The
object of the publishers seem to
be to give American ladies real,
neat, plain French styles, just as
are shown in the corresponding
original French Editions. *La*
Mode de Paris and *Album des*
Modes are each 35 cents per copy,
or \$3.50 a year. *La Mode*, the
Family Fashion Journal, is 15 cts.
per copy, or \$1.50 per year. A.
McDowell & Co., 4 West 14th st.,
New York.

Robert J. Burdett, the humor-
ist, is to go into the editorial har-
ness. With January 1, he will be-
come a salaried editor on the staff
of the *Ladies Home Journal*, and
will conduct a regular department
in each issue of that periodical.

Mark Twain will contribute to
the December number of Harper's
Magazine a curiously interesting
article on Mental Telegraphy,
which will doubtless awaken in-
quiry and provoke no little discus-
sion, especially among people who
are at all interested in psycholo-
gical problems.

We have received the second
series of penological papers, dis-
tributed from the *Empire*, New
York. State Reformatory. The
purpose of it is to promote rational
practical reform in the treatment
of criminals, a result that is only
possible when the intelligent pub-
lic rightly appreciate and heartily
approve. Since the Reformatory is
confessedly in advance in the
adoption of what might be termed
the new penology, it seems fitting
that, from time to time, accounts
should be published about it, and
the cognate topic of prison science
more generally. The facts and
arguments presented will no doubt
do good. Copies of the pamphlet
may be obtained, without cost,
upon application to the general
superintendent. New York State
Reformatory, Elmira, New York.

The Christmas number of *St.*
Nicholas has before it every year
the task of breaking the record.
Not only must the current num-
bers be improved upon, but the
past Christmas numbers must be
cast, if ever so slightly, in the
shade. Upon considering the diffi-
culty of the task, the wonder can
not but grow each year as it is
successfully accomplished. This year
we have a true Christmas story for
the beginning. It is written by
Ella F. Mosby and illustrated by
R. B. Birch and has many other
excellent features. The depart-
ments fill, as usual, not the least
interesting pages of the number;
and altogether the Saint acquires
himself creditably, considering
what an enormous lot of present-
giving he must have had on his
mind.

The *Christian Statesman* under
its new management is about to be
moved to Pittsburgh, with a view
of securing a stronger local support.
John Alexander, of Philadelphia,
who has been for many years its
chief stockholder and generous
patron, continues in the company.
Rev. T. P. Stevenson, D.D., its
able editor for twenty years, will
remain as a contributor, writing,
as before, on the great moral re-
forms. Rev. D. McAllister, D.D.,
LL.D., is invited to continue the
relation he has always held, that
of an occasional editorial contri-
butor. Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, who
has been the paper's most frequent
contributor for a long time, and
through whom the needed reorgan-
ization has been accomplished, is
to be managing editor.

The *Pansy* for December is now
ready; it is not necessary for us
to read all the stories to know
whether it is wholesome for chil-
dren. It is the same with this as
with all the magazines published
by this firm. It is full of beautiful
illustrations. It is only \$1 a year,
10 cents a number. D. Lothrop
Company, Boston.

Harper's *Magazine* for Decem-
ber is a brilliant Christmas num-
ber, unrivalled in the beauty, ap-
propriateness, and interest of its
contents.
Harper's *Weekly* for November
contains a variety of interest-
ing matter especially appropriate
to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our Symposium.

Brethren in the ministry, pay
your debts with promptness and
businesslike readiness. Do not let
the grocer, or clothier or butcher
say of you to a group of scoffers,
"There goes a man that has owed
me for a year." Win respect for
honesty in every community, you
go.—*Michigan Christian Advocate*.

There are two kinds of backslid-
ing. The one is sudden, the other
gradual; in the one the Christian
in a moment plunges into the
depths of unfaithfulness; in the
other he goes down by steps so
short and easy that they are not
noticed at the time. The latter is
the more common and dangerous.
In the one case the backslider is
startled by the suddenness of his
fall; in the other, he is gradually
hardened by his surroundings.—
United Presbyterian.

When the plate is passed, there
are too many people thinking that
salvation is free. — *Washington*
Post.

The pastor who can find some-
thing for each member to do will
most easily and certainly succeed.
—*Northwestern Christian Advoca-*
te.

The churches begin to recognize
that their great need is not in
Christ, nor for bishops in silk
aprons or knee breeches. This is
a most critical time in Christ's
onward and its progress around
the world—a time to be firm and
earnest. Good people sitting in
easy pews to hear good sermons
will not help carry out the work.
The cause must have the ears, and
blood, and great self-sacrifice; be-
sides these, our contributions.—
Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs.

Members of the itinerancy are
equal. There are no \$600, \$800 or
\$1,200 preachers. The bishops tell
them to go, and they go to the
work assigned them, asking no
questions. The committee ap-
pointed by the quarterly confer-
ence estimates the salary of the
preacher, considering the number
of his family, etc., and the quarter-
ly conference approves of the
amount. Everybody agrees to
that upon joining the Methodist
church, preacher and all. Hence,
when you hear of a \$600, \$800 or
\$1,200 preacher, it is not Method-
istic. A Methodist preacher is
preaching for souls, and not for
money, although the comforts and
delicacies of this life are as tooth-
some to him as any one else.—W.
F. Wolfe, in the *Central*.

Your Cough

Has not yielded to the various re-
medies you have been taking. It
troubles you day and night, breaks
your rest and reduces your strength.
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incessant tickling in the throat, keeping me
awake nights, and disturbing the household.
I tried a great number of cough-cures, but
they gave me only temporary relief. At last
I concluded to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,
and before I had used half a bottle, I had
my first all-night sleep. I continued to im-
prove, and now consider myself cured."
—A. A. Sherman, Coeymans, N. Y.

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erably exposed, I took a bad cold, accom-
panied with a terrible cough. I tried many
remedies, but they failed to cure me, and it
was thought I was going into a decline. On
the advice of a friend, I began to use Ayer's
Cherry Pectoral, and less than half a bottle
completely cured me."—*Advertisement*
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Editorial Notes.

"This day shall Christian tongues be mute
And Christian hearts be cold?
O catch the anthem that from heaven
O'er Judah's mountains rolled!
When nightly burst from seraph-harps
The high and solemn lay—
'Glory to God; on earth be peace;
Salvation comes to-day.'"

Have you ordered your Sunday school literature for '92. If not, you should do so at once.

Get a copy of "House of Bondage" for your wife or friend. It's a splendid holiday gift. Price, 75 cents, postpaid, at this office.

BRO. J. H. HUBBARD read an essay at the Salisbury (Md.) District League, on the Epworth League and the Church, which we would gladly publish if we could spare the space. It was highly creditable to his head and heart, and commanded the approval and admiration of all who heard it.

THE organic union of the Methodist Protestant Church with the M. E. Church South is impossible. The one is non-episcopal the other radically episcopal. For a similar insuperable reason the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal Church South cannot unite. The one welcomes "every creature" including the Negro; the other welcomes "every creature" excluding the Negro. Hence their inability to unite.

In London 1,400,000 people do not attend any kind of worship. In France, the majority of the people try not to believe in God; in Germany there is an indifference concerning God scarcely excelled by heathen lands; Spain has its bull rings and cruel barbaric sports; Italy has a population sunk deep in superstition and ignorance; and Russia banishes the earnest worker for God. This tells us that there yet remains much to do for the full salvation of the world.

THE Pacific Methodist Advocate, so persistent in its opposition to a colored bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church shows the animus of its opposition in the fact that it thinks the Methodist Episcopal Church should become sectional and "get out of the South." It proposes to give up this section to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It fails to tell us what to do with those of our white members in the South whose unwilling to join that Southern Confederacy, rebel, Negro-hating church. Whatever the Pacific Advocate, Bishop Foster or anybody else says; the Methodist Episcopal Church has a mission to both races in the South that no other church can or is able and willing to do.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

A \$10,000 Gift for Our Cause.

Every reader of the SOUTHWESTERN will rejoice in the good news that an old friend of our educational work in the South has given \$10,000.

I spent Sunday, Dec. 6, with him on my way from the Texas Conference. He lives on a farm in Illinois. His name is Mr. S. G. Swearingen, a saint of God now in his eighty-fifth year. He has read the Bible through each year for twenty five years. His wife is a noble Christian woman and joins him heartily in the gift.

I met him first nearly ten years ago after an address on our Southern educational work, at the Southern Illinois Conference. He came up and said, "I gave my son for my country who lies near Vicksburg, Miss. You are completing the work in educating the Negro, that my son began in dying to free him. I will give you \$500." He afterwards gave me \$1,700 for the New Orleans building. For this, that beautiful marble memorial tablet was put up in the hall of that building in memory of his son—Lincoln Swearingen.

Sunday, Dec. 6, was very rainy and the mind was very deep. But Bro. Swearingen and his wife and a boy and girl who live with them, and I, went to a little frame chapel built on his farm. It was all the two horses could do to pull the heavy farm wagon and us five. Mrs. Swearingen and I fixed the fire. There were present, six men, four women, four boys, one girl and a little child. The child went to sleep, but we had a blessed service.

My text was "Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them, and them that suffer affliction as being ye yourself also in the body." I plead for our people in the South, and God was with us. Monday noon I left for Cincinnati, but during the morning all the details were fixed. Mr. Swearingen sends his draft for \$10,000. I laid before him especially, Rust Hall, at Holly Springs, and Samnel Houston College, Austin, Texas. He wants the money to go there. These buildings have stood unfinished so long as to greatly embarrass the work. Our executive committee on Saturday authorized and directed me to go on with these buildings and enclose them, and use this money together with what has already been subscribed, and what the Upper Mississippi and West Texas Conferences raised. I telegraphed the good news to President Libby and Rev. Maok Henson, and the work will go forward.

This note is written from Lafayette, Indiana, Monday, Dec. 14, having left Cincinnati to-day at 1 o'clock. Am here to negotiate the sale of a farm which another lever of his country and of humanity left in his will for our cause.

I go out in the country from here twenty-seven miles to-morrow. Will report how much we get for the farm.

The strongest plea I can make for our colored people in the South is that they appreciate what is being done to help them, and that they are more and more helping themselves.

May God multiply our friends, and add more and more intellectual, moral and social power to all our people throughout the South!

J. O. HARTZELL.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.

Suggestions on Timely Topics.

REV. D. W. HAYS, D.D.,

It is not too early, perhaps, to direct attention to the fact that while the question of the election of a colored bishop is pending

there ought to be concert of movement on the part of our colored delegates. Without it, the result at Omaha can hardly fail to prove disappointing. I do not mean that intrigue is to be employed. Political scheming, in theory or practice, has no place in our contemplation.

There is a more excellent way and, whether success comes sooner or later, we will follow it undauntedly to the goal. But we are not to proceed blindly and leave events to chance. All the forces at our command must be marshalled in the most judicious manner possible, with a view to effectiveness. This will require just such concert and aim as are now recommended. Let the delegates have a common understanding concerning all points relating to the great question at issue, and then be prepared, when the opportune moment arrives, to concentrate their full strength.

If we desire the support of any portion of the majority, it is important that we be able to indicate, without conflicting voices, where the support is to be placed in order to be of real advantage.

My opinion is that instead of dividing the choice between a number of eminent brethren who may be available, it would be far better to centre upon one man, standing pre-eminent among the rest, and give to him our united aid. A scramble for the high office, besides showing incompetency, might inflict lasting disgrace and cause hope to be deferred many days yet. May we be spared ever witnessing so revolting a scene. In the spirit of true loyalty to Christ and unwavering devotion to Methodism, let the delegates, stepping into rank by the suffrage of their respective conferences, deliberate, plan and work unitedly. So shall confusion be avoided and the best interests of the church subserved, as the hour imperatively demands.

Texas Conference Notes.

The conference memorialized the General Conference to establish a book depository and publishing department in connection with the SOUTHWESTERN, at New Orleans.

They pray for a change of boundary so that all the territory east of the Texas Central Railroad shall be put in the Texas Conference.

The Conference voted unanimously against the Philadelphia Conference proposition equalizing the lay and ministerial delegates in the General Conference, and that said delegates may be male or female.

Begin early for conversions. Be spotless, and preach a soul-saving Gospel. There never was, and there never will be as great a work as preaching.—Bishop Hurst, to the Texas Conference.

The Texas Conference unanimously resolved to take a collection in every charge for the American University, Washington, D. C. The adoption of this resolution moved Bishop Hurst most joyfully. Whereupon he announced to the conference that the honor belonged to the colored people of the South, of having been the first contributors to that university, south and west of the Potomac river. The contribution came from Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. Our people are catching time by the forelock. If anybody must catch on by the tail, they are determined it shall be somebody else. The Bishop said, "I was more than thankful for that contribution and for this resolution than for a contribution from the Prince of Wales, because it comes from God's poor. This school is for male and female, white and black prepared to enter upon

its several courses." The bishop has recently received a contribution for the university from a nephew of the Pope. Several other Catholics have also contributed. An aged Canadian lady had given her watch to be sold for the benefit of the university. The university now owns 92 acres of land, an excellent site overlooking Washington, D. C., and paid for, \$120,000. It has \$400,000 in wills now. It needs and must get a million in cash. This the bishop hopes will come in a short while. Let everybody help.

He Takes no Stock in Dr. Grandison's "Baker's Dozen."

The Rev. J. B. Middleton, of the South Carolina Conference, writing from Sumter, S. C., says: "Dr. Grandison seems to be of the opinion that the election of a colored man to the episcopacy will be a panacea for all the ills we suffer in the church. I do not agree with him in that particular; nor yet in the 'Baker's dozen' movement, which certainly will not effect our church in South Carolina. Our conference has been fully tested and is loyal to the cause, unquestionably so. I will say more, anon."

Yours truly,
J. B. MIDDLETON.

Schools and Colleges.

Clark University Not Dead.

The greetings of Thanksgiving received from Clark University a few days ago, are enough to confound the enemy and make the hearts of the many true, faithful and tried sons and daughters of our Methodism rejoice. God bless Dr. Hickman and his faithful workers. May they long live to work in our midst. May the blessing of almighty God rest both upon the faculty and students. May peace and harmony prevail, and all enjoy good health. And before the closing of the year, may the Holy Ghost be greatly poured out upon them.

N. H. SPEIGHT.

Central Alabama Conference, Oxford, Ala.

Rust University to the Front.

Brethren of the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Conferences: Rev. Dr. J. O. Hartzell has directed me to go forward and enclose our magnificent new building. This will cost about ten thousand dollars more, and a friend of our cause in Illinois, through Dr. Hartzell's personal appeal, has given \$5,000 to help us forward with the work. We have something yet in the treasury in Cincinnati. Up to this time we have spent about \$12,000 for all work including the removing of the debris of the old building. We are now at work on the second story and have already laid more than one-half a million of bricks.

The building looms up gloriously on the highest point of land and most healthful location in Mississippi.

With this new five thousand dollar gift and the subscriptions already made, we can go forward and enclose the building and so arrange as to have our commencement exercises next May in it.

Now, brethren, will those of you who have not attended to these duties before this, please pay your personal subscriptions and raise all deficiencies in amounts asked of your charges by the apportionments authorized by your Presiding Elders and published in Rust Enterprise!

We plead with you in the name of our common Master, and great educational cause, to at once attend to this and forward to me.

Yours truly,
C. E. LIBBY, President.

Founder's Day will be observed Dec. 23, at 3 o'clock p. m., at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. The memorial address of the Rev. E. H. Gammon will be delivered by President Wilbur P. Thirkield, D.D.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has donated property valued at \$1,000,000 to the society for the relief of orphan and destitute children at Albany, N. Y.

Comparing the children of school age in the United States, as ascertained by the last census, with the statistics of Sunday schools, it is computed that there are 9,000,000 children in this country who attend no Sunday school.

In the year 1855 there were in British India 430 schools, both government and missionary having 30,000 pupils, chiefly boys. By the recent census it appears there are 130,000 schools of all grades, and over 4,000,000 pupils, a goodly percentage of these pupils being girls.

Superintendent Wise reports that 17,815 pupils in the schools of Baltimore are receiving temperance instructions.

There are 40,000 women studying in the various colleges in America. And yet it is only twenty-five years since the first college in the land was opened to women.

In the 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts, 248 now have free public libraries, and the State has lately provided aid for the 103 small towns and villages which have no libraries.

The University of Berlin, with its 6,000 students and scores of famous professors, has a capital of but \$750,000. Its largest endowment, that of Countess Rose, is only \$150,000. Nevertheless, it is the seat of the highest German learning, and claims to have the ablest corps of instructors of all the world's schools.

The propriety and necessity of establishing two great religious newspapers, one in London, and one somewhere in the United States, was discussed at the late Ecumenical Conference. No doubt such papers would accomplish great good for the cause of God, and could easily be supported. London and Washington City would be favorable centers for such publications.

What They Think of the Outrage Perpetrated on Dr. Albert in Texas.

This incident, where it is seen that even a man of Dr. Albert's prominence in the church and state cannot ride unmolested in a public conveyance, after paying full fare, ought to show very forcibly the necessity of rendering inoperative the separate car law. Yet how many ministers of Dr. Albert's church, or any other church, have contributed anything towards riding ns of the Jim Crow car.—Crusader.

Mrs. Emma Jewell, a white lady friend of Vicksburg, Miss., commenting upon the editor's treatment on the cars at Houston, Tex., in a personal letter, says: "You were shamefully treated in Texas. I am your friend; rest assured of that. The way you were treated in Texas should be known far and near. God did not give me my right hand for nothing. How do men and women ever expect to enter heaven if they treat the colored brother and sister as they treated you?"

"I read with painful interest your experience in Texas."—Thos. Mason, president Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

President Dunton, of Clark University, Orangeburg, S. C., declares in Favor of the Election of a Colored Bishop.

It affords us much pleasure to place before our readers the following very friendly and unbiased argument furnished us by Rev. L. M. Dunton, D.D., President of Olin University, Orangeburg, S. C., in favor of the election of a colored bishop. It is short, but it clearly and emphatically places before the church the necessity of such an election. Like President Thirkield, and other unprejudiced and experienced white brethren who have labored long among, and who know the forces who are at work among our people, he entertains no hesitation in giving the facts in the case as they really are. He has studied the question on the ground among our 30,000 colored members in the South Carolina Conference, and he knows whereof he speaks. No other question before the church so seriously concerns the future expansion of our work among the colored people. Read what the Doctor has to say of the matter:

"There seems to be a reasonable request on the part of the colored membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church for colored Episcopal supervision, which the General Conference, at its next session, should carefully consider.

The mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South has increased in importance daily. It is not too much to claim that her ministers and members are among the most intelligent and progressive, and that the church stands as one of the most efficient in advancing the cause of morality, education and religion.

It is, however, a humiliating fact that with the ever increasing obligations crowding in upon us there has not been corresponding notice, care, and painstaking supervision and personal oversight that the peculiar conditions of the work require.

In addition to the usual qualifications for the office and work of a bishop, there is a special demand for men who can place themselves in the most sympathetic touch with ministers and people and lead the church to victory in His name.

There are men mentally, morally, and nationally qualified to take charge of the colored wing of the great Methodist army and kindle a zeal for the church akin to that of early Methodism and save it from threatened disintegration.

What plausible reason can there be for further delay in a matter that affects so many loyal Methodists?

Publishers' Department.

[Pastors are requested to read this department each week.]

Hon. A. W. Toungue is a regular correspondent for the Chicago Inter-Ocean. Both he and that paper are staunch supporters of equal rights and justice to all as is well known, which makes the Inter-Ocean of especial value to our people. The announcement is published in another column. Read it, and if you want a good paper, subscribe for it.

Conferences will soon meet in most of our territory. What are the pastors doing towards collecting what is due them for this paper? Names sent in by pastors are charged to them for the time stated. Bills have been sent out and we expect them to be paid in full at conference, or before.

THE strained relations between Chili and this country continue. The warlike preparations on the part of both governments would indicate that there is trouble ahead.

Letters from the Districts.

Program West Tennessee District Conference.

To be held at Martin, Tenn., Jan. 13, 1892.

Words of welcome, G. C. Clark. Response, F. J. Yeargin. Introductory sermon, H. W. Key; alternate, H. Dunlap.

Needs of the district, Elder B. F. Anderson.

Relation of the Sunday school to the church, J. S. Foster.

Prayer meeting and its needs, Geo. Sanford.

The importance of class meeting, H. Dunlap.

How to build up a church, Mat Dolan.

Justification, J. M. Moody.

Infant baptism, John Kenser.

Regeneration, J. H. Coppage.

An educated ministry, F. J. Yeargin.

Duties of class leaders, A. W. Porter.

Duties of stewards, R. A. Fletcher.

How to preach, A. Bland.

Why should a minister in the M. E. Church abstain from the use of tobacco and strong drink? A. F. Lane.

Benevolent collections, P. Martin.

Duty of a minister to his conference, A. Burdett.

Church government, Ohas. Seward.

Punctuality, A. Porter.

The breadth of Methodism, H. W. Key.

Discipline of the M. E. Church, David Scott.

All local preachers, exhorters and Sunday school superintendents will select their own subjects.

Theological Institute will be held on Friday, January 15, in connection with the district conference.

All local preachers and exhorters are strictly requested to attend. No reports will be received unless they are written. Members will be here promptly at 9 o'clock a. m., Jan. 13.

For reduced rates, you will pay full fare for your tickets to come, at the same time getting a certificate from your agent. If you change cars, get a certificate also from the agent where you make the change. These certificates being signed by the secretary of the district conference, will entitle you to a return ticket at one-third fare.

J. S. Foster, secretary; G. D. Field, assistant secretary; B. F. Anderson, Presiding Elder.

Meridian District.

The second conference of the Meridian district convened at Forest, Miss., Nov. 26, Rev. J. M. Shumbert, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

A. J. McNair was elected secretary, with O. W. Ivy assistant.

The roll was called and all the pastors were present, except Revs. T. A. Cotton and N. Toole.

Reports from the Presiding Elder indicated much good and prosperity. Peace and harmony prevail.

Reports from the pastors were encouraging, showing 1677 conversions and additions to the church.

The reports of the district stewards showed \$4177.50 had been raised for all purposes.

Dr. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the M. E. Church South, was introduced to the conference and gave a very interesting address.

Also, the faculty of Meridian Academy, who gave interesting addresses.

Rev. G. W. Beaman, pastor of Jackson circuit, visited the conference.

A District Epworth League was organized, with Rev. J. M. Shumbert presiding; P. Blane and G. W. Smith, vice presidents; A. D.

Payne, secretary; P. R. Crump, treasurer.

Edifying sermons were preached by M. White, A. B. Logan, W. H. Smith, R. B. Anderson, G. W. Smith, P. Blane, D. F. Dudley.

Never was a district conference better entertained than at Forest. The pastor, Rev. P. R. Crump, and his people, made everything happy and comfortable.

Next session to be held at Enterprise, Miss. A. J. McNair, Secretary.

Holly Springs District.

B. F. WOOLFOLK.

The second district conference of the Holly Springs district, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened in New Midway, Nov. 19, Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D., Presiding Elder, in the chair.

All the pastors except one answered to their names.

B. F. Woolfolk was re-elected secretary, with L. C. McClendon assistant.

On Thursday night Rev. J. W. Parks preached the opening sermon.

The reports from the Presiding Elder and pastors showed a number of souls converted and added to the church. New churches are being built, and the various benevolences are carefully looked after.

The local preachers, exhorters, class leaders and superintendents made good reports.

John Mays, W. F. Isaiah, R. W. Ison and George W. Baker were licensed to preach.

R. W. Swinney and W. M. Lester were recommended for admission on trial.

J. C. Coggin, C. W. Butler and C. W. Whitehead were recommended for ordination.

Sermons were preached by Rev. C. W. Walton, W. H. Scott, J. C. Coggin, A. G. Honston, B. H. S. Ferguson and S. D. Troupe.

On Sunday night, Prof. Byrd, of Rust University, gave a lecture on "Christian Education," followed by Dr. Revels.

Resolutions of thanks were offered for kind hospitality.

Hernando was chosen for the next conference.

Nashville District Conference.

The Nashville District Conference convened at Tallahoma, Tenn., Dec. 2, at 10 o'clock a. m., with Rev. J. P. Price, Presiding Elder, in the chair.

P. R. Woodson, secretary; J. W. Hall and Jack Wade, assistants.

The Presiding Elder, pastors, and other members of the conference, made gratifying reports, which showed great prosperity.

All the pastors were present but two, G. C. Harden and J. O. Davidson, who were reported sick. They sent their reports.

P. R. Woodson preached the opening sermon on Wednesday night, and J. W. Hall preached the missionary sermon. There was preaching every night and day.

Many able sermons and addresses were delivered during the session.

Dr. J. Braden, president of Central Tennessee College, spoke on the rites and ceremonies of the M. E. Church. Dr. J. Braden is one of the conference's favorites.

Resolutions were adopted compelling local preachers to take the SOUTHWESTERN.

On Sunday there was preaching at all of the churches in town, by preachers of the conference.

After tendering thanks to the Presiding Elder and secretaries for their work, and to Rev. J. R. Reasonover, pastor, and to the people of Tallahoma for kind entertainment, and to N. Chat. & St. Louis R. R. Co. for reduced rates.

The conference adjourned to meet in Scott Chapel, Shelbyville, Tenn.

ALLOW ME to add my tribute to the efficacy of Ely's Cream Balm. I was suffering from a severe attack of influenza and catarrh and was induced to try your remedy. The result was marvelous. I could hardly articulate, and in less than twenty-four hours the catarrhal symptoms and my hoarseness disappeared and I was able to sing a heavy role in Grand Opera with voice unimpaired. I strongly recommend it to all singers. Wm. H. Hamilton, Leading Bass of the C. D. Hess Grand Opera Co.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take notice, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

B. H. S. Ferguson, Holly Springs, Miss.

We observed Thanksgiving Day at Rust University. Rev. L. D. Bragg preached the sermon to the students, and at 11 o'clock the writer preached at New Asbury Church. At 7 p. m. we were called to the Elizabeth Rust Girls' Home to enjoy a "peanut social," given by Miss Sophia Johnston and Miss Gipson. They realized \$12.10 on the new church.

C. H. Brown, Bolton, Miss.

I am closing my first year with success. I have added to the church this year, 135. Of this number 75 are converts. Nearly all our benevolent money is collected. The people expect to pay their pastor in full and send him to conference in a new suit of clothes, having raised \$40 and sent for them. My wife is sure stuck on the SOUTHWESTERN, and looks for it as a dear friend every week. I couldn't do without it.

S. R. Hason, Bedford, La.

Our fourth quarterly conference convened Nov. 7, 8, Rev. S. Dunn can presiding. Paid pastor this quarter, \$116; Presiding Elder, \$17; raised for benevolences, \$13 Sunday was fixed for the big time, as it was the last round for the Elder this year. At 9 o'clock it commenced raining and it continued to rain all day, but in the midst of the storm a few turned out and the Elder preached a grand sermon. Let each one raise at least 6 new cash subscribers by next May. I expect to do my best. Our church and Sunday school are alive and on the increase. We received this year 40 in full membership.

P. Blue, Hickory, Miss.

I am closing up my third year, and feel that our labor has not been in vain. One new house of worship has been built, and two others oiled and seats placed in them. The benevolences this year will be one-third larger than ever before.

Joe. Johnson, Bunkie, La.

December 2, the editor of the Bunkie Blade had his leg broken by a shot from the pistol, and on the same night Mary Wilson killed a girl by cutting her with a knife.

H. J. Wright, Donaldsonville, La.

The people of this place are deeply affected over the death of Rev. Wm. Smith, and thank you for the heartfelt tribute which the SOUTHWESTERN paid to his precious memory. It exactly expressed their sentiments.

A. A. Lacey, Slaughter, La.

Received in full membership, 22; raised for all purposes, \$188; conversions, 6.

Bro. J. H. Pierre says he is closing up a good year's work at Marshville, and that he is coming to conference with all his benevolent collections.

Rev. S. R. Hason, of Bedford circuit, La., had a class rally Dec. 6, and realized \$36.70. Rev. M. T. Fairfax was with him that day.

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Letters from the Laity.

I. I. Mayfield, Harmony Grove, Ga.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Harmony Grove, Warren's Chapel, Nov. 14, our beloved Presiding Elder, M. M. Alston, in the chair. Reports showed the work had advanced on all lines as never before. Our pastor, E. Kirby, is a good worker. The SOUTHWESTERN is read here with great fidelity. The elder gave a strong and instructive speech to the conference on Saturday. Sunday at 11 o'clock the Lord's Supper was administered to 70. At night the pastor preached a soul-reviving sermon. Our Sunday school is progressing. We have a fine and large school, divided into 5 classes.

We have a class of Willing Workers, composed of small girls. The writer has not missed Sunday school in 5 years. If you want to die happy, work hard, pay your pastor, and read the SOUTHWESTERN.

J. F. Bell, Galveston, Tex.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. I. B. Scott, was with us recently and organized an Epworth League in West, Tabernacle M. E. Church. Rev. W. M. Brown, our pastor, was present and assisted. It is named John Wesley League, and numbers 36 members.

Georgia Patillo, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Our pastor, Rev. John Qualls, who was appointed here by Bishop J. P. Newman, D.D., has more than filled every expectation. The entire membership proclaims, we have the right man in the right place. With the co-operation of Presiding Elder G. W. Lacey and Rev. John Qualls in this year's work, we are assured of a final victory. After arriving here with only a few members to meet him, he seemed to be perfectly satisfied and at home. We have paid off some of the old indebtedness of the church which seemed to be the dark cloud which overshadowed us so long. He has, with the assistance of the Bluff City Club, given us a beautiful altar, and had the church carpeted. Our Presiding Elder's salary has been increased from \$10 to \$12.50 and paid up to date. We have on hand \$60 of benevolent money, and expect to have the remaining portion by the Annual Conference. We observed Thanksgiving Day, and had a grand time. Many able speakers were present and the program rendered nicely. We intend to send our pastor to conference with banner of success hoisted and colors flying.

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Lost Friends.

We make no charge for publishing these letters from subscribers. All others will be charged fifty cents. Pastors will please read the requests published below from their pulpits, and report any case where friends are brought together by means of letters in the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Editor: I desire to find my people. My mother's name was Abigail Hines. My brother's name was Caesar Hines. They belonged to Howard Hines. My master's name was Prier Wilhike. His wife's name was Angeline. I was sold by them to a man named Julius Orisler, and was brought to Mississippi. Major Hines was a brother to Howard Hines. My name was Eliza Wilhike. We were living on the Claiborne road, in Union parish, La., and Monroe was the nearest town. I had one child named Georgiana. Address Eliza Taylor, Edwards, Miss.

The lost is found. Eliza Watkins found her brother through the SOUTHWESTERN. Separated from her brother for forty odd years by the cruel hand of slavery. She rejoices to know he lives near Clinton, Miss. Chester Cannon, Port Hudson, La.

Mr. Editor: Bedford Oade sold my mother to a trader in Madisonville, Ga. Mother's name was Winnie, and father's name was Demps. There were four girls and one boy. The girls were Johanna, Arny, Martha Antnet, and brother's



You can't impose on some people without resistance; others, though quite as sensitive, are slower to protest. The same is true as to some organs of our body. The stomach will promptly resent imposition—the lungs will suffer long in silence. The first fact is disagreeable; the latter dangerous.

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Books and Current Literature.

The New England Magazine, an illustrated monthly literary magazine of Boston, is unique, containing American legends, traditions, history, story and poetry, philosophy and music; science and art. A few of the illustrated articles for 1892, will be Stories of Salem Witchcraft, Phillips Brooks, James Parton, Howell's Boston, The Future of Electricity, Stories a prominent feature. Every number finely illustrated. Price, \$3 a year. Send 10 cents for a sample copy. Address, New England Magazine, 86 Federal street, Boston, Mass.

The Christmas number of Harper's Bazar, published Dec. 11th, was a remarkable one. There was a story by Hezekiah Butterworth, entitled No Room in the Inn. The illustrations are attractive.

Wide Awake for '92, offers a host of good things. Several members of the Harvard class of '91 have promised to contribute. There will be: Serials, The Lance of Kanana, a brilliant story of oriental adventure and youthful patriotism; historically true. Jack Brereton's Three Month's Service, a true story of the Civil War. That Mary Ann. Sure to be the gayest serial of the year. Lient. Col. Thorndike will give a dozen thrilling adventures, strictly true: In Arctic Park, Ice, A Tiger's Breath, Out of Paris by Balloon, Getting Away from Gibraltar, On Board a Pirate Junk, A Night with a Chinese Prefect. A New Kind of Indian Story, by Mrs. Harriett Maxwell Converse. Short stories, ballads, poems, pictorial articles. D. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston, Mass. 100 pages a month. \$2.40 a year.

The Preacher's Magazine for December is received. The editors, the Revs. Mark Gny Pearce and Arthur E. Gregory, have done most excellent work in editing this magazine during the past year, and if the new volume that com-

mences with the January number, will contain as many helpful articles for pastors, teachers and Christian workers as the last volume, it will be in the future as well as it has been in the past an indispensable magazine for every Bible student. The present number contains many excellent sermons and other features. The subscription price is \$1.50 per year, single numbers, 15 cents. Liberal premiums to new subscribers. Wilbur B. Ketcham, publisher, 2 Cooper Union, New York.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation, Spring Conferences, 1892.

Conference and Place.	Time.	History.
Mississippi, Meridian, Miss.	Jan. 6	Mallalieu
Ind'n Miss. Conf., Oklahoma, O. T.	7	Newman
North Carolina, Orangeburg, S. C.	15	Foster
Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.	19	Merrill
St. John's River, Jacksonville, Fla.	24	Nide
Louisiana, New Orleans, La.	31	Mallalieu
Alabama, Anniston, Ala.	3	Nide
Florida, Fernandina, Fla.	10	Merrill
Cent. Alabama, Huntsville, Ala.	27	Nide
Savannah, Newnan, Ga.	29	Nide
Central Mississippi, St. Louis, Mo.	31	Nide
Upper Miss., Columbia, Miss.	Feb. 3	Nide
Little Rock, Little Rock, Ark.	4	Mallalieu
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.	11	Foster
Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.	18	Nide
Virginia, Falls Church, Va.	25	Nide
Missouri, Chillicothe, Mo.	2	Nide
South Kansas, Ottawa, Kan.	9	Nide
Washington, Lynchburg, Va.	16	Hurst
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	23	Nide
Central Missouri, St. Louis, Mo.	30	Nide
Wilmington, Wilmington, Del.	6	Nide
Southwest Kansas, Winfield, Kan.	13	Nide
New Jersey, New Brunswick, N. J.	20	Nide
St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.	27	Nide
Central Pennsylvania, York, Pa.	24	Nide
Northwest Kansas, Concordia, Kan.	31	Nide
Lexington, Indianapolis, Ind.	7	Nide
Delaware, Salisbury, Md.	14	Nide
Wyoming, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	21	Nide
Newark, Morristown, N. J.	28	Nide
New York, New York, N. Y.	3	Nide
North Indiana, Anderson, Ind.	10	Nide
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.	17	Nide
N. Engl. Sib'n, N. Bedford, Mass.	24	Nide
Sw. Eng. Sib'n, Boston, Mass.	31	Nide
Maine, Augusta, Me.	7	Nide
East German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	14	Nide
North New York, Utica, N. Y.	21	Nide
Troy, Plattsburgh, N. Y.	28	Nide
Vermont, Montpelier, Vt.	3	Nide
New Hampshire, Haverhill, Mass.	10	Nide
East Maine	17	Nide

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

South India, Poona, India.	Dec. 17, '91	Thorburn
North India, Calcutta, India.	Jan. 6, '92	Thorburn
Mexico, Puebla, Mexico.	14	Fowler
Beogal, Calcutta, India.	21	Nide
Africa, Cape Town, Liberia.	28	Nide
West China Miss., Chung-king, China.	25	Nide
Malaysia, Singapore.	Feb. 11	Thorburn
Cent. China Miss., Nanking, China.	18	Nide
North China Miss., Peking, China.	25	Nide
Korea, Seoul, Korea.	2	Nide
Switzerland, Lausanne, Switzerland.	9	Nide
Germany, Frankfurt, Germany.	16	Nide
Japan, Tokyo, Japan.	23	Nide
Denmark, Mission, Copenhagen, Den.	30	Nide
Norway, Drammen, Norway.	6	Nide
Sweden, Goteborg, Sweden.	13	Nide
Bulgaria, Mission, Sofia, Bulgaria.	20	Nide
Italy, Palermo, Italy.	27	Nide

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops, EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary.

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six months ago my right eye became affected with
black spots over the sight as did the left eye
—perhaps some twenty of them—but since I have
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Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary	
Society	228,650
Woman's Home Missionary So-	
ciet	86,000

Annual Meeting of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education of the
Methodist Episcopal Church held
its annual meeting in New York,
Dec. 3. Bishop Andrews, presi-
dent of the board, presided. The
report of the treasurer, Joseph S.
Stout, showed that the receipts for
the year were: from collections,
\$57,496; from returned loans,
\$5,213, both being the largest in
the history of the board. The col-
lections showed an increase in
three years of seventy-eight per-
cent, and returned loans an in-
crease for the same time of one
hundred and twenty-eight per-
cent. The total receipts for the
year were \$75,440.

The report of the corresponding
secretary, Dr. C. H. Payne, gave a
full statement of the work of the
board from the beginning of its
history and its present status, and
touched upon many important
points relating to the entire educa-
tional work of the church. Its
various recommendations were
adopted by the board, and it was
ordered to be printed. The follow-
ing points are of special interest
to the church: Children's Day
was evidently more largely ob-
served than ever before; the
board's program of exercises is
more extensively used every year;
it is believed its issues will soon
reach a million copies; it is trans-
lated into all languages; several
Sunday schools and individuals are
making special contributions of
\$100 or \$50 to aid some designated
student for a year; the board en-
courages this work and acts as
agent in carrying it out. It is an-
nually disbursing the full amount
of collections, all its expenses and
circulation of thousands of copies
of educational literature being
paid by the income of its invested
funds.

The board aided the last year
one thousand and sixty-nine stu-
dents in a hundred different schools
throughout the world. These ben-
eficiaries were of twenty different
nationalities; eight hundred and
eighty-one of them were preparing
for the ministry or for missionary
work; one hundred and sixty were
women. The total number aided
from the beginning is three thou-
sand eight hundred and eighteen.
The secretary reported that the
effort to unify the conference edu-
cational societies with the work of
the board in aiding students has
met with very gratifying success.
By far the larger number of con-

ferences before which it had been
brought had taken favorable ac-
tion, recommending that the
board's proposals be accepted.
Among these conferences were the
six New England, the New York,
and the New York East, though in
these conferences there are two lo-
cal educational societies much
older than the board; also the
Erie Conference, Rock River, the
Illinois Central, the Southeast In-
diana, the Cincinnati and many
others.

The unification will simplify the
collections, bring all the work of
aiding students by loans under a
direct supervision, increase the
confidence of the church in this
work and give greater efficiency to
it. The secretary also reported
that the sentiment in favor of the
federation of the institutions of
learning of the church was rapidly
growing. The plan which he had
presented to the church has been
approved in its essential features
by the action of a large number of
the Fall Conferences, preachers'
meetings, and by educators gen-
erally throughout the whole church.
It is believed that some plan em-
bracing substantially the features
proposed will be adopted by the
General Conference, and that the
educational work of the church
will be greatly promoted thereby.

The report also stated that inter-
views and correspondence with
various parties indicated that im-
portant bequests to the board had
been made in wills during the
year. The subject of returned
loans received very full treatment
in the report.

The board has an invested fund
of \$226,000, and outstanding loans
amounting to \$302,000. It was
voted to appropriate \$55,000 to be
loaned during the current school
year. The board voted to memorial-
ize the General Conference to take
such action as it deemed wise to
protect Children's Day; and to
guard the collections so that one
undivided collection might be se-
cured to the Children's Fund from
every Sunday school annually; to
define more clearly its relations to
auxiliary societies, and to secure
unity of action and connectional
supervision in all our educational
work. The board is endeavoring
to obtain much fuller statistical re-
ports from all our institutions of
learning, which will prove very
valuable to the church. Dr. Payne
reported that in the prosecution of
his work he had visited during the
year forty-four Annual Confer-
ences and traveled 28,000 miles.
The meeting was very harmonious
and the reports of the work ex-
ceedingly encouraging.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell
and completely derange the whole system when
entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such
articles should never be used except on prescrip-
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they will do is tenfold to the good you can possi-
bly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, man-
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seeks to secure the largest possi-
ble number of Catholics in the
government Indian service. As a
result of these efforts many Indian
agents, their clerks and other em-
ployees are Catholics. It has made
a special point of securing the con-
trol of as many government schools
as practicable, several of which
are entirely officered by Catholics,
and are absolutely parochial
schools for the distinct propaga-
tion of Catholicism, as if they were
supported by church mission funds
instead of public funds. The
growth of these appropriations is
seen in the following exhibit: The
amounts secured have been as fol-
lows:—1886, \$118,343; 1887, \$194,
635; 1888, \$221,169; 1889, \$347,
672; 1890, \$356,957; 1891, \$363,
349.

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through any scheme it has on
hand, such as securing new legis-
lation, influencing appointments,
or defeating measures which they
regard as in any way detrimental
to the interests of Catholicism.

During the last administration,
the Superintendent of Indian
Schools, Mr. Riley, was a Catholic,
as was the chief of the Education
Division in the Indian Bureau, his
first assistant and principal clerk.
The Commissioner of Indian Af-
fairs was subservient to Catholic
interests, and in fact the Indian
Bureau was completely dominated
by the Catholic Bureau, in conse-

quence of which the government
Indian schools were neglected, and
the Catholic schools fostered in
every possible way.

When the present commissioner
announced his intention of devel-
oping a system of non-partisan,
non-sectarian government Indian
schools, modeled after the public
schools, the Catholic Bureau im-
mediately became alarmed, and
entered upon a most vigorous cam-
paign to obstruct his work. The
Catholic Congress assembled in
Baltimore appointed a strong dele-
gation, with Bishop Ireland at its
head, to wait upon the President,
and demand that he should recall
the nomination of General Morgan,
which he declined to do.

During the past year articles
emanating from Washington, and
presumably inspired by the Cath-
olic Bureau, assailing the commis-
sioner's policy and personal char-
acter, have been widely published,
and apparently no pains have been
spared to weaken his hands and
destroy his work. Indians have
been instructed not to patronize
the government schools, and have
been told that if their children
went to these institutions they
would die and go to hell. A peti-
tion drawn up in Washington was
sent to a certain tribe and circu-
lated for signatures, protesting
against the establishing of a gov-
ernment school among them, but
when questioned about it, the In-
dians did not seem to know what
it was which they had signed.

This brief recital of the princi-
pal events in this effort of the Ro-
man hierarchy to strike down a
public official for refusing to pro-
mote their scheme for diverting
millions of dollars of public money
into the coffers of the Catholic
church for the propagation of
Catholicism, has awakened wide
public interest.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1891.

HAVE you sent in your contribution to test the constitutionality of the Jim Crow car law?

THE best cure for drunkenness is to stop drinking intoxicating drinks. Stop it.

Have you ordered your Sunday school literature for '92. If not, you should do so at once.

Get a copy of "House of Bondage" for your wife or friend. It's a splendid holiday gift. Price, 75 cents, postpaid, at this office.

BISHOP Mallalieu is out in a strong card in *Zion's Herald* appealing to the young Epworth Leaguers to come to his help in behalf of the New Orleans University Medical School.

THE conferences in our territory are now being held; and the secretaries and others in charge of the matter should lose no time in making necessary and timely arrangements for reduced rates on the several railroads.

REV. B. H. S. Ferguson, Holly Springs, Miss., writes in sharp terms against the method used by some men in their electioneering for General Conference election. He thinks such things should be decided upon the score of merit, capacity, and the interest of the church, and the promotion of the cause of Christ.

WE regret exceedingly to part with the *Methodist Advocate* of Chattanooga, Tenn. It made its appearance for the last time and bade farewell to its patrons, Dec. 9. Dr. T. C. Carter, the editor, made a manly and heroic, persistent struggle to establish the paper upon a solid basis, but finally had to succumb to the inevitable. This we certainly regret. Throughout all the years of its existence, and through his career as editor, the paper and Dr. Carter were ever the firm and steady friends and advocates of the rights and interests of all our people in the South, and we painfully record their removal from their sphere of great usefulness. Dr. Carter in the interval between now and the next General Conference, will act as Field Agent for the Western in the Central South, in which we predict for him great success. Now the whole South is open to us we hope a boom will be given the SOUTHWESTERN in all of our Southern Conferences.

THE *Star of Zion* is full of wicked laughter because it seems to see in Dr. Grandison's recent letter to our columns a purpose on his part to "assail his own church." There are some people who are ever ready to rejoice over family jars and confusion in other people's families, and this evidently is the spirit in which the *Star of Zion* regards Dr. Grandison's contribution. We are glad to inform our conferees, however, that it will gain no benefits from that discussion and it needs not specially rejoice. Dr. Grandison makes plain certain things that the church should know about our colored work, but he does not "assail" the church as the *Star* would make it appear. Dr. Grandison does not mince his words in expressing his conviction on any subject, and is one of the ablest sons of our Methodism, but he is none the less one of her most faithful and loyal sons and defenders. Any who assert the contrary do not know him.

Merry Christmas!

To-morrow is Christmas. We greet all our readers with a merry, merry Christmas. This is indeed the season to be merry. It marks the fulfillment of the prophecies, when the Star should arise in Jacob, and the Child of Hope and Promise, the World's Redeemer, should appear among His people. It marks the crowning glory of the Messianic prophecies. Heaven and earth both rejoiced over the glorious event. A choir of the heavenly host made the heavens ring with their anthems of joy, they sang of "peace on earth and good will toward men." The shepherds and the wise men were directed to the Babe in the manger, while heaven and earth rejoiced over the joyful news: "Unto you is born in David's town, this day, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." There was no room in the inn for him then, but since then palaces and thrones of power have welcomed His glorious advent, and His reign; and thus His kingdom shall continue to extend until all the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moon shall wax and wane no more."

From north to south the prince meet,
To pay their homage at his feet;
While western empires own their Lord,
And savage tribes attend his word."

Such an event should be celebrated with songs of joy and gladness; in generous remembrance of the poor and needy; in giving gifts to the children; in family reunions, and in grateful acknowledgment to our Heavenly Father for the gift of His Son, and the preservation of our lives. How inconsistent and wicked then, it is to spend such an event in drinking, egg-nog, other intoxicants, and in general debaucheries.

Again, hoping that all our readers will observe the day in the true spirit of Christian devotion and gladness, we bid them one and all a merry, merry Christmas, and many happy returns.

The Organic Union of Negro Methodism.

Bishop Wayman announced to the Ecumenical Conference that the bishops and delegates of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, had held a meeting and decided unanimously in favor of organic union; and now he said in conclusion, "we say to all of our brethren in black, come, go with us and we will do you good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning the brethren in black."

The Weekly *Bulletin*, of the Delaware Conference, commenting on the same, says: "This has set the colored element in the Methodist Episcopal Church to thinking."

Bosh, the editor of the *Bulletin* may be influenced by such a movement, but the great mass of "the colored element in the Methodist Episcopal" are not giving themselves any concern in the premises. They do not believe any more in a "great, big Negro" or any other race church, than in a half-dozen or more fragmentary race churches. There seems to be no sensible reason why those colored bodies should be continued divided as they are; but their organic union can have no possible influence upon the colored element in the Methodist Episcopal Church; because the principle upon which they are founded is foreign and abhorrent to that element. We oppose such race segregation in church, for the same reason and upon the same principle that we oppose separate cars and all discrimination laws adopted by the South. We favor the organic union of all branches of American Methodism upon terms of perfect equality, but we certainly have no greater attraction toward a "great, big" Negro church than to the present

three or four branches. We are in the old church because we believe in a church made up of all kinds, tongues and people.

Equal Rights.

Judge Tongue, of Maysville, N. Y., who has taken such deep interest in the cause of human rights, and who in his letters in the *Inter-Ocean* proposed the organization of all the friends of the cause into a National Equal Rights League, draws the following inferences from the thousands of encouraging letters he has thus far received: These letters indicate:

1. A popular sentiment which cuts across the line of all parties.
2. That it is the people who are thinking on this subject rather than the politicians.
3. That farmers, mechanics, and business men are in advance of the professions.
4. That old soldiers are growing more and more keenly alive to the fact that their labors and perils were in vain if the power of the government is to be set at defiance and the citizen debarred from the rights conferred upon him by the Nation.

5. That young and old alike are moved by the impulse of justice and the conviction that peril can be averted by the outspoken assertion of popular thought.
6. That of the professions—that is, the law, the ministry, and medicine—a far greater number of physicians than of either of the others are alive to this danger, or, at least, willing to pledge themselves to aid in remedying it. This will, no doubt, seem strange to some, but when we consider that the lawyer is generally more or less of a politician, and the minister to a degree hesitant about indorsing anything not directly affecting the personal relations of his flock, it is hardly surprising. The politician has not yet learned to distinguish between this sentiment and what he has so long talked about as "the unfortunate animosities arising from the war," and the ministry have not yet fully learned that the Master's rule, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do to you," yield better results when applied to the assertion and maintenance of the rights of others than in any other form.

Two facts, peculiarly gratifying to the By-stander, are that of the thousands of letters received from the Northern States only one has yet been in disapproval of the movement, and not one has been anonymous."

Political Review.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: To be United States Circuit Judges, Court of Appeals: Wm. L. Putnam, Maine; Nathaniel Shipman, of Connecticut; Geo. M. Dallas, of Pennsylvania; Nathan Goff, of West Virginia; Wm. H. Taft, of Ohio; Wm. A. Wood, of Indiana.

Warren T. Tritt, of Oregon, United States District Judge for the District of Alaska. Stephen B. Elkin, of West Virginia, Secretary of War.

As usual the claim of the Negro race to a representative on the bench was ignored.

The Senate confirmed a number of appointments made during the vacation.

The Senate is discussing the claims of Gov. Hill of New York, White of Louisiana, and Brice of Ohio, to seats in the Senate from those States.

In the House, the Democratic majority is so unwieldy that elements of discord are already manifesting themselves there. The Crisp and Mills element, representing the Hill and Cleveland presidential aspirations, respectively are putting themselves in beligerent attitudes toward each other.

The greatest political agitation in this country during the past week, was witnessed in this State. Both parties have been affected with regular Kilkenny fights within their own ranks. The Democratic

Convention met in Baton Rouge Dec. 16, and split in two; forming the anti-lottery and the lottery conventions. The following ticket was put up by the anti-lottery convention, viz:

For Governor, Murphy J. Foster, of St. Mary; Lieutenant Governor, Charles Parlange, of Point Coupee; Treasurer, John Pickett, of Bossier; Superintendent of Public Education, A. D. Lafarge, of Avoyelles; Auditor, W. W. Heard, of Union; Attorney General, M. J. Canningham, of Natchitoches; Secretary of State, Capt. Thomas Scott Adams, of East Feliciana.

The platform denounces the lottery, endorses Gov. Nicholls administration, expresses gratitude for the defeat of the Federal election bill, and confidence in their ability to elect their ticket and demolish the lottery incubus.

The lottery convention nominated, for Governor, S. D. McEmery, of Ouchita; Lieutenant Governor, R. C. Wickliffe, of West Feliciana; Secretary of State, L. F. Mason, of Concordia; Auditor, O. B. Steele, of Union; Superintendent of Public Education, Joseph V. Calhoun, of Orleans; Treasurer, Gabriel Montegut, of Terrebonne; Attorney General, E. W. Sutherland, of DeSoto.

Their platform denounces all who do not agree with them, is silent on the Nicholls' administration, and expresses great fear for the ghost of "Negro supremacy and radical rule." With this threadbare and silly scarecrow held before the white people of this State they hope to frighten them into support of their ticket, and to hand over the destiny of this State to the lottery for the next twenty-five years.

They hope further to scare their people into line by an absurd rumor which they started in Washington to the effect that the anti-lottery folks had entered into a negotiation with the Republicans to turn over the electoral vote of this State to that party, in exchange for their votes next April.

The absurdity of the rumor is so palpable that it does not deserve consideration. Republicans know Southern Democrats, whether lottery or anti-lottery, too well to entertain such propositions from them, even if such had been made.

They have not forgotten the result of their alliance with the Young Men's Democracy in this city four years ago, from which they got absolutely nothing in exchange for their votes.

The Republican State Central Committee of this State met in this city last Saturday. A test vote showed the committee to be 47 against to only 26 in favor of the Warmoth faction. Upon another test vote, wherein Gov. Kellogg was pitted against Warmoth himself for membership upon the committee, Kellogg was elected by a vote of 45 to 10 for Warmoth; whereupon one of Warmoth's Federal employees, Henry Robertson, of Catahoula, (he hasn't been in that parish for ten years) carried out the piece that he was to play, created a row, and in the panic which followed, the Warmoth faction, 16 all told, all Federal employees, marched out with him and set up a bogus State Committee in the Customhouse. Thus was Warmoth and his pompous pretensions utterly repudiated by the people, whom he had spurned as political slaves, whom he thought he could buy, as sheep in the shambles, when he needed them. After order was restored the committee elected Mr. B. L. Desdunes, one of the ablest and most representative colored Republicans of this State as secretary, vice Mr. Lamanier, deceased.

Enthusiastic and patriotic addresses were delivered by Govs. Kellogg, Pinchback, Senator Oage, Mr. Desdunes, Capt. Wimberly and others. The committee unanimously indorsed President Harrison's administration; Chairman Herwig, Capt. Wimberly, Internal Revenue Collector; Dr. Smythe, Superintendent of U. S. Mint; and Andrew Hero, Jr., Assistant U. S. Treasurer.

A resolution was adopted fixing

the date of the meeting of the Republican State Convention on Jan. 18, 1892, in New Orleans, at Soreman's Hall, for the purpose of nominating a State ticket and appointing four representatives to represent the Republicans in the National Republican Convention at Minneapolis, Minn., on June 7, 1892, and take other necessary action.

Saturday, Jan. 16, was set as the day for the holding of the primary elections of delegates to attend the State Republican Convention in the parish of Orleans, and Saturday, Jan. 9, for the elections in the country parishes.

The Warmoth side-show, of 16 members, chose Gen. Badger as chairman, and A. B. Kennedy as secretary; and fixed the third Wednesday in February, '92, as the date for holding a State Convention.

The chances of electing a Republican State, legislative and parochial ticket in this State, from stem to stern, was never so favorable since 1868. The Democratic party is hopelessly divided, and nothing can possibly prevent such a consummation, but the effort of Gov. Warmoth and his Federal employees, his political emissaries, to defy the irresistible opposition which the rank and file of the Republicans of Louisiana entertain toward him. It is hoped however, that prompted by influences which should come from the National administration at Washington, he will submit to the popular demand against his obnoxious leadership, and like Adams, the Farmers' Alliance candidate for governor, "offer himself to be immolated upon the altar for the party's good." Warmoth is not made up of that kind of stuff, however, and the probabilities are that he will have to be thoroughly immolated by the people themselves in the primaries, in order that he may not hinder Republican success in the next general State election. All the Republicans will then need do, will be to nominate a good, strong ticket of reputable and representative men of both races; fight the lottery to the finish, and, as is said in common parlance, sweep the deck.

A RENEGADE of a preacher who left us and violated his ordination, rather than go to the appointment given him by the bishop is now in the A. M. E. Church, prophesying that "in five years all of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church would be in the A. M. E. Church."

They doubtless would be, if they were in the church, as he was, only for the loaves and fishes, so abundant in large and prominent city churches, and if they entertained their ordination vows as lightly as he did. As they are not of his stripes however, no one need fear of any such calamity, not to the church, but to those preachers. This reminds us that a noted infidel once made just such a prophecy of the Christian church; that is, that in a very few years the church would be a thing of the past and of ancient history, and the name of Christ would be forgotten; but the thing has not happened to the church nor to our Christ but to the man that thus prophesied. Indeed the church, and the name of Jesus were never so powerful and all-pervading as to-day, and they never will be less, but more so every hour to come. The wish is father to the thought, but both the father and the thought will perish ere they see the fulfillment of their hateful prophecy.

OUR good friend, Dr. Orary, may experience some little difficulty in hearing, but there is certainly nothing wrong about his sight. He hits the nail squarely on the head every time. Read the following from his paper, the *California Christian Advocate*, of a recent date, and you will readily see what we mean; viz:

"The idea of sending our six millions of native-born American Negroes to Africa is the silliest

sort of nonsense. It is not statesmanship, nor philanthropy, nor business; it is sheer lunacy. We might as well talk of sending all the Yankees back to Holland and England. Send them back! They never came from Africa. They are native Americans. If anybody wants to go to Africa, that is another question; let him go in peace."

LET grand programs be prepared for the general observance of National Emancipation Day, Jan. 1, everywhere. Bring out the old American flag and give her another wave in the name of liberty and take a collection to annihilate the "Jim Crow" car law. We will publish the Emancipation Proclamation next week.

WE warn our readers against the insinuating literature of the *Seventh Day Adventists*, which they are circulating among our people under disguising and deceptive means; by which they hope to gull them into their species of heresy. One of their imprints is "The International Tract and Missionary Society." In the name of religious liberty they are seeking to influence them to array themselves against all Sunday laws. As they cannot force the adoption of Saturday for the Christian Sabbath, their sole purpose is to seek the overthrow of all Sunday laws. One of their agents, a colored man, by the name of O. M. Kinney, able, persuasive and subtle is out at work representing and giving this literature free to our people. We warn them against him and his *Seventh Day Adventists* literature which he is scattering in sugar-coated, deceptive pills.

THE *Methodist Advocate*, Chattanooga, Tenn., reminds us of the old English adage: "The king is dead; long live the king." Last week the *old Advocate* ceased to live. It was sold to the Western Methodist Book Concern. This week we were surprised to receive the *Methodist Advocate* again. We thought the dead had been restored to life, but it was simply another paper, same size, same form, same name, and evidently published upon the same press and with the same types, calling itself the *Methodist Advocate*, new series. Our idea is that the *Methodist Advocate* is either dead or alive. If dead, then it seems that it should not deceive the very elect by making its appearance among the living, as a new series. Why not let every man sail under his own name, without respects to old or new series? E. W. Mattson is publisher. He says: "The removal of that paper left this whole Methodist field in the South without a local newspaper."

What about the SOUTHWESTERN? Are we not in the South? The SOUTHWESTERN is here, and is the only official church paper in the South, and all our people white and colored should now unitedly rally to its support. We offer as good and able a religious paper as is published south of the Ohio, and all loyal Methodists of both races should take it.

The Seat of the Little Rock Conference Changed Again.

The change in the seat of the Little Rock Conference from Van Buren to Little Rock has been reconsidered, and the conference will be held at Van Buren as originally elected.

THOS. MASON,
Secretary.

List of Money Letters Received.

From December 5, to December 21.
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Shrinking From Duty.

There are some who shrink from undertaking the work which the Master gives them to do. They are not worthy; they have no skill nor power for the delicate duty, but to all their timid shrinking and withdrawing the Master's gentle, yet urgent, word is: "Do your best." They have only to kneel in lowly reverence, and pray, for the beloved Master's sake, for skill and strength for the task assigned, and they will be inspired and helped to do it well. The power of Christ will rest upon them, and the love of Christ will be in their heart; and all work done under this blessed inspiration will be acceptable to God. We have but truly to lay the living sacrifice upon the altar; then God will send the fire.

We need to get this matter of consecration down out of cloud-land into the region of actual, common, daily living. We sing about it, and pray for it, and talk of it in our religious meetings oftentimes in glowing mood, as if it were some exalted state, with which earth's life of toil, struggle and care had nothing whatever to do. But the consecration suggested by the living sacrifice is one that walks on earth, that meets life's actual duties, struggles, temptations and sorrows, and that falters not in obedience, fidelity or submission, but follows Christ with love and joy wherever he leads. No other consecration pleases God.—J. R. Miller.

End of Preaching.

A church is planted in a community to convert and redeem that community; not merely to edify those who are already converted. It may be doubted whether much of the preaching commonly described as simply "edifying" goes for a great deal. Its qualities are apt to be those of the essay rather than of the genuine sermon. Preaching is not in the best sense "edifying" unless it arouses the hearers to new exertions in advancing the kingdom of God. It is difficult to imagine real sermons preached by living men doing nothing more than to impart a comfortable sense of satisfaction with the present and the future. Real preaching by men whose souls are illumined by the truth is as certain to win men to the allegiance of Christ as seed corn properly planted to yield a harvest.—Selected.

Sunday Papers.

Every minister knows, and is sorry to know, when he rises in his pulpit on Sunday morning, that probably three-fifths of even the communicants before him have had their minds soaked and saturated in the news which had come with the Sunday morning papers before they came to church; that it had not been a preparation of reading the Scriptures and of prayer by which they had come ready for the church service; that he is to speak to minds which are in precisely the same attitude toward the truth in which they would have been if they had come on Wednesday or on Saturday morning, and not on the Lord's day, to church.—Rev. Richard Storrs.

Secret of Power.

What was the secret of such a one's power? What had she done? Absolutely nothing; but radiant smiles, beaming good humor; the fact of divining what every one wanted, told that she had got out of self and learned to think of others; so that at one time it showed itself in deprecating the quarrel which lowering brows and raised tones already showed to be impending, by sweet words; at another, by soothing a sobbing child; at another, by hushing and softening a father who had returned weary and ill-tempered from the irritating cares of business. None but she saw these things. None but a loving heart could see them. That was the secret of her heavenly power. The

one who will be found in trial capable of great acts of love, is ever the one who is always doing considerate small things.—F. W. Robertson.

Confidential to Ministers.

Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, deliver it; if not, hold your peace. Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best things first, and stop before you get prosy. Do not spoil the appetite for dinner with too much thin soup. Leave self out of the pulpit, and take Jesus in. Defend the gospel, and let the Lord defend you. Do not get excited too soon. Do not bawl and scream. Too much water stops mill-wheels, and too much noise drowns sense. Empty vessels ring the loudest. Powder is not shot. Thunder is harmless; lightning kills. Do not scold the people. Do not abuse those who come to church because the lazy ones do not attend. Have a good time with those who do attend, and the others will hear of it and turn out to see what is going on.—Dr. King.

The driver of the tramcar through the streets of our city starts with his car upon a line which runs continuously to his journey's end. If he goes on straight ahead he will surely come to the destined place. Should he be able to see all the route at once he would observe many coal wagons, furniture vans, timber carriages, brewer's drays and the like, blocking up his road along the rails, and he might mournfully ask, "How can I move all these?" But he takes no such lengthened view and asks no such useless question. As he moves along, all sorts of obstructive traffic gives way before him—even the van demous yield him the road. When one of them is a little slow in getting out of the way, our driver blows his whistle, and, after two or three shrill appeals, the obstinate vehicle retires. As the rails run all the way, so does the car. Just so we are on the rails of eternal life. Between us and heaven there are a thousand obstructions, and if we think of them all, we may well be fearful; but they will one and all disappear as we come to them. If they should seem likely to bar our progress, we must sound the whistle of prayer, and in due season they will turn aside, and leave us a clear road along the lines of covenant grace. Therefore, go ahead, and fear no impediment; for the line is laid, and we have a legal right to travel along it, and none may lawfully hinder us. This is what I learned from the driver of the tramcar.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Personal.

—A note from Bro. H. P. Strong, Forrest City, Ark., informs us that Rev. D. H. E. Harris, pastor of our church at Bledsoe, Ark., met with a sad accident while at church Sunday Nov. 29. The house occupied by his family caught fire and burned down, destroying everything they possessed; one child was burned badly, another burned to death. We sympathize with them in their bereavement. Friends are doing what they can to make up their losses.

—Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson, Bunkie, La., are rejoicing over the advent of a fine girl in their family circle, on the 11th day of December.

—The whole church will rejoice to learn that Bishop Merrill is steadily improving. He will soon be out, fully restored to his normal health.

—Rev. B. H. Badley, of our mission at Lucknow, India, is dead. So says a cablegram to our Mission Rooms, New York.

—Dr. Thad A. Walker, of Baton Rouge, La., spent the past week in this city, delivering a portion of his course of lectures on Gynecology to the medical classes at New Orleans University. He is thoroughly up on all the lines connected with this branch of practice

and is giving the young disciples of Esculapins the full benefit of his culture and experience. He will conclude the course of lectures in January.

—A cablegram from Lucknow, Dec. 2, announced that a daughter was born to Bishop Thoburn.

—The Rev. Dr. Joel Eaton, of Troy Conference, has gone to Florida for a period of rest. Mrs. Eaton accompanies him.

—Bishop Bowman has the sympathy of the entire church in the loss of his son, Clarence E. Bowman, lately deceased at the Bishop's home in St. Louis. He was but a young man, but had been ill with consumption for some time. He was buried beside his mother at Greencastle, Ind.

—Rev. P. W. Clark, of Wilson, La., within the past ten months has suffered the most overwhelming affliction and bereavement in the loss of his precious wife and four children. The last two died only a few days ago. We greatly sympathize with him. Let the church pray for sustaining grace for him, from our Heavenly Father who alone can cheer and comfort him.

—We regret to learn that the wife of Dean Govin, of the School of Theology, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., died on Wednesday of last week, after a very short illness. The Dean has been sick for over a week.

—Rev. E. B. Topp, late missionary to Africa, and pastor of a Baptist church and editor of the *People's Defender*, Jackson, Miss., was in attendance upon the Baptist celebration in this city last week, and paid us an appreciated call. He does not entertain the most sanguine hope for Africa from internal development. He thinks that the helpful influences must come from without, from cultured and thoroughly Christianized American Negro immigrants.

—After several months absence, ex-Gov. Kellogg has returned to this city to spend the holidays. His hold upon the affections of the colored people of this country and State is but the result of his faithfulness to them. They manifest it by the way they besiege him at the St. Charles Hotel, where he is stopping.

Ex-Gov. Pinchback returned from Washington last Friday, looking the very picture of health.

—Mrs. Pierre, wife of Rev. J. H. Pierre, of Marthaville, La., is on a visit to friends in this city.

—Rev. J. F. Marshall, of the Baton Rouge District, was in the city last week on a brief visit from his country work, which he reports in excellent condition.

—Rev. Eugene Baptiste, of St. John, is closing a very successful work there. He so reported when in the city a few days ago.

—Rev. Pierre Landry, of the South New Orleans district, has completed his work in the city. He spent last Sunday at New River. He made a present call on his way returning to his home in Donaldsonville.

—After spending several weeks here delivering a course of instructive lectures on surgery at the New Orleans University Medical College, Dr. W. J. Sneed of Nashville, Tenn., has returned home. His method of instruction and his genial and friendly disposition, greatly endeared him to the school, and the students look forward with great pleasure to his early return to deliver other lectures in January.

—Dr. G. L. Curtis, of DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., is here delivering his annual course of lectures on nervous diseases, at the New Orleans University Medical College, and is impressing himself most favorably upon the students. His lectures are instructive and interesting. His lecture on the "Influence of Alcohol and Tobacco on the System," at the University, is the theme of conversation among both professors and students. Bishop Mallalien is to be congratulated upon his success in securing his services, as one of

the lecturers for the Medical College.

—Hon. Preston B. Plumb, U. S. Senator from Kansas during the past fifteen years, died suddenly, from apoplexy, at Washington, last Sunday morning. He was in the prime of life, and gave promise of many years of service. His death, brought on by overwork, is a great national loss.

Bishop Vincent and Dr. J. L. Harbut have returned from Europe. The Bishop is much improved, and appears to be entirely restored.

Bishop Goodsell has returned to Texas after his long absence.

Dr. Sanford Hunt has gone from New York to Mexico to look after the Missionary Society and Publication Department interests there. He will be absent about five weeks.

Dr. C. B. Anderson, of Gilbert Academy, Winsted, La., was in the city last week. He reports the academy in a flourishing condition.

Rev. F. L. Juillerat, formerly of Pennsylvania, now engaged in our French mission work in this city, makes us an occasional visit, and reports much encouragement in his work.

Books and Current Literature.

The New England Magazine for December is particularly well illustrated, and all the articles are interesting, without being Christ-massy. The stories are better than those in some of the bigger magazines, which run to names and names only; and one by Herbert D. Ward, called only an incident, is as true and pathetic as anything by Gogol or Tolstol. A number of new artists are finding a channel for their talent in this progressive magazine, and they are making it the equal of any magazine on the newstands in this respect. Boston, Mass.

The Ladies' Home Journal has a strong and attractive prospectus for 1892. Mrs. Gladstone is to write a series of practical articles for mothers on hints from a Mother's Life; Mamie Dickens, the eldest daughter of Charles Dickens, is to write eight reminiscence papers on My Father as I Recall Him; Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher will continue to tell of Mr. Beecher as I Knew Him; Mrs. McKee, President Harrison's daughter, is to write on the training of children; Palmer Cox's Brownies will appear all the year; while Chauncey M. Depew, Mr. Wanamaker, Mrs. ex-Secretary Whitney and a score of other diners-out, will tell whether or not the use of wine is decreasing at fashionable dinners.

"What shall we do with our boys?" "Whose boys?" "Your boys; your neighbor's boys; everybody's boys." Boys will be boys, but not everyone knows how to manage them; but if you wish some practical, common sense suggestions, read an article published in the January number of Demorest's Family Magazine. Subscription price, \$2. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th street, New York City.

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Among the attractions soon to appear in the Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia, Pa., are a Sketch of the Great Novelist, by Mamie, the pet daughter of Dickens; How Mothers should Train Children, by the wife of Mr. Gladstone; A Novel for Girls, by Mr. Howell, the great American novelist.

Chaplain D. R. Lowell, Fort Riley, Kan., sends us the U. S. Army Chaplain, published by U. S. Army Aid Association, New York. The December number is the salutatory number. We welcome it in its special field of operation and hope for its great usefulness.

Jesus the Messiah in Prophecy and Fulfillment, a review and refutation of the negative theory of Messianic prophecy, Edward H. Dewart, D.D., editor of the Christian Guardian, Toronto, Can., has come to us in its excellent American edition, by our Book Concern. The work is one that commends itself wherever seen and read. Price, 90. Oranston & Stowe, Cincinnati; Hunt & Eaton, New York.

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Conference Notices.

Louisiana Conference Notice. By the kind consent of Rev. F. T. Chinn, the class of the third year's course of study is hereby notified to meet at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Tuesday, January 11, 1892, at 12 m., for the purpose to undergo this examination.

By request of
H. J. WRIGHT,
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Committee.

Reduced rates have been secured for all intending to attend the Louisiana Conference at its next session in this city January 12, on all the several railroads in this State. The rate will be 1/2 fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, except on the Southern Pacific railroad, on which round trip tickets will be sold at same rate. Timely detail notices will be given next week. A. E. P. ALBERT, Secretary Louisiana Conference.

Mississippi Conference Notice. Ministers, delegates and friends attending the Mississippi Annual Conference, to be held at Meridian, Miss., commencing Jan. 6, 1892, are certain to get certificates at the place where tickets are purchased, showing that full fare has been paid in going, and you will be returned for one-third regular fare by having them signed by the secretary of the conference. J. M. SHUMPERT, Sec'y.

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[At the recent Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention in Boston, Miss Willard having arrived, Mrs. Louise A. Farrington of Boston, read this poem, written by Miss Ella G. Ives and dedicated to President Willard.]

No rank or title she,
No royal pedigree.
Our uncrowned queen,
And yet o'er every heart,
With love's persuasive art
She rules and reigns apart,
Anointed queen.

Long may she live to know
All that love can bestow,
Our peerless queen.
All that trust can inspire,
Fanning God's altar fire
Till it burns high and higher
In our dear queen.

God keep her pure as snow,
Growing as lilies grow,
Our gracious queen.
Let angels camp around
When danger signals sound,
Under God's wing be found
Our loyal queen.

When poisoned arrows fly,
Faith's shield be lifted high
By our good queen.
Trusting in God alone
To feed each human moan
Till foes are overthrown,
God save our queen.

O God, who lovest best
Hearts gentle love possessed
Subject though queen.
Fearless to do and dare,
Gentlest to be and bear,
Fairest when all are fair,
God love our queen.

The Household.

Easy Way to Make Soup.

Why is it that so many people think it a hard matter to have soup for dinner, and why is it that those who have the most available material for this purpose often use it the least?

You do not necessarily need meat. Brain makes an excellent stock, and ought to be used by housekeepers, specially during the summer months, as it is inexpensive and contains much of the nutritive property of meat.

It is made in the proportion of one cup bran, six cups water, one-half teaspoon salt; this should boil slowly two or three hours, should then be strained and set aside to cool, forming a stock from which many varieties of soup may be made, such as rice, puree, vegetable soup, potato soup, etc. It all depends upon what you put with it.

Have in the house always a bottle of celery-salt, some bay leaves and whole cloves. Five cents' worth of bay leaves, to be bought at the druggists', will last a dozen years. Into perhaps a quart or more of the stock, put one hour before dinner half an onion sliced, and three tablespoons of well washed rice. Let this boil gently. A few minutes before dinner add a saltspoon of celery-salt, pepper and salt to taste. Chop a little fresh parsley fine and put into the tureen. It will not flavor much, but will look pretty. A little here means a teaspoonful when chopped. The rice meantime has boiled itself into a thickish substance, forming what is called a puree. Try it.

CANNED GRAPES.—Carefully pick from the stems and wash the grapes. Remove the skins, dropping the skins in one vessel and pulp in another. When all are thus prepared, put the pulps in a preserving-kettle over the fire and stir constantly until the seeds come out clean. Then press the mass through a colander, add the skins to the pulp, weigh them, and to one pound of grapes allow one half pound of sugar. Boil one hour and a half and put in glass jars while hot and seal. Thirteen pounds of grapes and six and one-half pounds of sugar will fill six quart cans.

CANNED PEARS.—Ten pounds of fruit, peeled, halved and cored, five pounds of sugar, one lemon, sliced, one teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, one teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, a piece of ginger-root, three inches long. Tie the cinnamon and nutmeg loosely in a thin muslin bag. Cook all together till the pears turn pink, then bottle and seal hot.

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General News Items.

J. W. White, the courtly president of the Penny Savings Bank, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was born and reared a slave, and recently had the peculiar honor and pleasure of entertaining at his home the man whose property he at one time was.

Not only has this presumably colored bank many white shareholders and depositors, but they include some of the most prominent citizens and staunchest Democrats in Chattanooga. To use president White's language, "Politics counts no figure." One of his best white friends, a Democrat, owns four paid-up shares of the bank, and among the shareholders can be found white men of various professions, and one or two society leaders. Of the \$20,000 which the bank has now outstanding in loans, a large proportion has been loaned to white business houses in sums reaching as high, in one or two instances, as \$3,000.

It has stockholders in New York City, Boston, Medford, Mass., Cincinnati, New Orleans, Atlanta, Savannah, Little Rock, Macon, Memphis, Nashville, Natchez, Austin, Tex., Murfreesboro and Salisbury, N. C. The Memphis stockholders have asked for a branch for their city, and the matter will be decided at the next meeting of the board of directors.

The depositors come from all ranks and conditions of life, both sexes and all ages and colors, the deposits ranging from 1 cent to thousands of dollars. About 30 per cent of the depositors are women, one hard-working colored woman being credited with \$1,500. There are many ludicrous points about the deposits. For instance, several depositors have had only 2 cents on deposit for a year, and recently a little boot-black drew out 1 cent on his account. Several accounts of hard working people show how the deposits grow from a cent or two to hundreds of dollars. One laborer who began with \$2 has been piling up an average saving of \$20 per month.

Though only a year old the 26th of last May, the business has been steadily increasing. Up to Aug. 1, there were 1,218 depositors, and the indebtedness to depositors has increased from \$16,531.19 last March to \$19,863.36. The shares number 1,372 and pay an aggregate of about \$400 per month. The officers are: J. W. White, president; John McKey, vice president; H. N. Willis, cashier; Edwin F. Horne and F. W. Henderson, book-keepers.

Mrs. Jane Lewis, an aged colored lady living at Springfield, O., has been awarded her share of \$50,000 left by her former master, Col. Taylor, a Kentucky planter. The will has been in litigation for more than thirty years.

All interested in the teaching of young children will be glad to read Mrs. Mary Alling Aber's account of An Experiment in Education, in the forthcoming January Popular Science Monthly. It is a sample of the sporadic efforts to introduce little children to real knowledge, which promise valuable results in the near future.

Our Symposium.

The editor of the London *Methodist Recorder* in a review of the Ecumenical Conference, of which he was a member, has this to say of the American Methodist Bishops: "We Englishmen were curious to see the Bishops of the American Churches. In outward appearance they are not to be distinguished from other men. Hats, coats, and hosen are such as the gentleman of America, from the President downward, usually wear. The Bishops are not without dignity, but they appear to cultivate a studious simplicity and homeliness of manner, and only show that they are 'lords of the sanctuary and princes in Israel' by their ability in handling affairs. By far the best presidents of the conference were the Bishops, white and colored, Northern and Southern, including Dr. Carman, who, though non-Episcopal and only a 'General Superintendent,' has all the ways and signs, and discharges many of the duties, of a Bishop or Archbishop. They were all very much at home in the chair—conventions, rigidly adherent to rule and order, non-talkative, sound in judgment, swift to decide, and absolutely impartial—save that their consideration for Eastern delegates led them at times to see more with the right eye than with the left. If we Englishmen returned to America next year for another and similar conference we should be quite content to leave all business arrangements, and the chair, to the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal South, and the Colored Churches."

Ex-Gov. Larrabee, in an interview with a reporter of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, gave his views of the Iowa election as follows: "It is nonsense to claim that the people of Iowa are against prohibition because Gov. Boies was re-elected, and I believe that if to-day the question of prohibition or no prohibition were submitted to the people of Iowa the vote would be overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition. Wheeler, Westfall, the People's party man, and the prohibition candidate for Governor were all for prohibition, and their combined vote was much larger than the vote for Gov. Boies. Yes, sir; the people of Iowa are still in favor of prohibition, and the Republican members of the Legislature will see to it that the Democrats do not succeed in any attempt to repeal the present prohibitory law."

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Editorial Notes.

OUR BABY-YEAR.

Happy Baby January
Comes, though winds be quite contrary;
Fearless, comes at early dawning,
Silently as comes the morning;
Smiling, though the snow-flakes blind her,
Leaving the old year behind her.

Baby-year, the children greet thee,
Stand with outstretched hands to meet thee.
Bring them sunshine, bring them blessing,
Every tender heart caressing;
Shield them from the blight of sin,
Guard and keep them pure within.
—MRS. S. J. BRIGIAM.

1892.

Happy New Year.

CONFERENCE is coming.

PRAY for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

LET every undergraduate push his studies vigorously and come to Conference prepared to stand his examination.

Have you registered this year? Unless you register this year, you will not be able to vote against the lottery in the coming election. Attend to this matter at once.

Every patriotic and God fearing man should register and help wipe out the lottery gambling and iniquity from the fair name of Louisiana.

The pro-lottery people say, if we get rid of the Louisiana lottery, foreign lotteries will flourish here in its stead. Don't let any such dry rot prevent you from doing your present duty. It will be time enough to fight foreign lotteries when they come. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Have you paid up your pastor's salary in full this year? How do you expect him to pay his debts, before leaving for conference and to meet his obligations to the Book Concern, etc., at conference, if you do not pay him? How do you expect your pastor to pay his debts if you don't pay him? The workman is worthy of his hire. Pay him what you owe him.

THE desperation of cranks to make themselves notorious has been recently manifested in the attacks made upon Rev. Dr. John Hall and Russell Sage in New York a few days ago. The former was shot at three times on his way from his church to his parsonage. The latter was attacked by a bomb-thrower, whose dynamite explosive shattered himself to splinters. Mr. Sage was not injured. He was attacked in his own office by the man who demanded his life or \$1,200,000 of his money.

Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln.

Issued January 1st, 1863.

WHEREAS, on the 22d day of September, in the year of our Lord 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any states, or designated part of a state, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforth, and forever, free, and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act, or acts, to repress such persons, or any of them, in any effort they may make for their eternal freedom.

"That the Executive will, on the first day of January, aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the states, or parts of states, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States, and the fact that any state, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States, by members chosen thereto at election, wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such state shall have participated, shall in absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such state, and the people thereof, are not in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested, as Commander in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual, armed rebellion against the authority and Government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days, from the first day above mentioned, order and designate as the states, or parts of states, wherein the people thereof, respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terre Bonne, Lafourche, St. Marie, St. Martin and Orleans, [including the city of New Orleans]) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth,) and which excepted parts are, for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated states, and parts of states, are, and henceforth, shall be free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people, so declared to be free, to abstain from all violence, unless in

necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them, that in all cases, when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages. And I further declare and make known that such persons, of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service. And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

[L. S.] By the President,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
WM. H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.

For the SOUTHWESTERN.
Suggestions on Timely Topics.

BY REV. D. W. HAYS, D.D.

We heartily concur in the opinion so ably championed by the SOUTHWESTERN, that the time has come for the election of a colored bishop, and we strongly favor agitating the matter, especially through the medium of the church press. But we will not speak defiantly. We will utter no threat. We will provoke no quarrel with any one. We will not try to compel a hearing by hurling in the faces of those who differ from us, words of insolent challenge. The reasonableness of our plea can, we think, be made to appear without bluster. At any rate, we are inclined to risk the result upon the force of rational argument, stated in a manner, at once calm and dignified. We hold dear in our hearts the old church, which has stood by us at so great a sacrifice, amidst embarrassing circumstances that can not be numbered. We believe as firmly as ever in her profound interest in our present and future weal. That she will prove worthy of the trust and veneration she has inspired in our bosoms none dare as yet, question. Some would have us stop here, in this confiding mood, and wait until the day arrives when the promotion of a colored man to the bishopric will have ceased to be looked upon with anxiety and dread, by the more conservative element of the church. They think our attitude towards the office should be expressed somewhat as follows: It is too high for us; we can not attain unto it now.

We venture were they to put themselves in our place, see things as we see them; grapple with what we grapple; feel what we feel; and suffer what we suffer, they would behold our conduct, on this issue, in a new light, and sanction both our zeal and judgment.

Between our white and colored work in all sections, a more perfect understanding is needed. A close bond needs to be established and a sweeter Christian fellowship enjoyed at all times. Much ignorance and prejudice, on both sides, would be banished by more friendly contact and mutual interchange of views.

West Texas Conference.

This conference opened its nineteenth session Dec. 16, at Victoria, Texas, in Webster Chapel M. E. Church, Bishop Hurst presiding. The sacrament was administered by the Bishop and Presiding El-

ders. The Bishop addressed the conference and referred to the fact that he had held the conference five years ago in this very city and expressed his pleasure on being present again. Roll was called and the conference elected B. F. Smith, secretary; P. M. Carmichael, treasurer; and C. P. Westbrooks, statistical secretary.

A draft of \$512 on Book Concern dividend and one of \$30 on Chartered Fund was ordered.

Rev. Mack Henson, Presiding Elder, reported the Austin district, and each of his elders reported his work.

Rev. O. L. Madison, Presiding Elder, reported the Columbus district, as did his elders the charges they had held.

Rev. H. Swann, Presiding Elder, reported his sixth year's work on the San Antonio district. His elders reported their work.

Rev. T. F. Dimmit, of M. E. Church South, and Dr. A. H. Gillett were introduced. Conference adjourned with benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Devotions by Rev. G. W. Brothers.

After approval of the journal, Revs. G. J. Izard and Dr. I. B. Scott of the Texas Conference were introduced.

Rev. Andrew Foster, Presiding Elder of the Waco district, reported his work. The conference passed the character of Revs. J. Bnell, Sam Gates, H. Jackson, C. P. Westbrooks, W. J. Mitchell, G. Norman, J. A. Hall, and they reported.

Under the call of the third question, Julius Williams and N. J. Johnson were passed to the second year, and Joseph Harford was continued in the first year on trial.

The twelfth question was called and J. H. Swann, A. Dickerson, J. W. Wormley, E. Jones and J. H. Pernell were enrolled as deacons of the first class.

Those of the second class are G. A. Shanklin, R. P. Brown and Green Bragner.

Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Gillett.

THIRD DAY.

Devotions by Rev. B. F. Whitaker.

The journal was approved and the fourteenth question taken up. James Brawley, D. C. Lacey, G. W. Brothers, B. F. Whitaker and P. B. Bennett were elected elders. Elbert Ford was granted the supernumary relation and requested to locate.

Prince Wilson and London Morris were reported deceased.

J. J. Collins, W. H. Stephens and E. E. Cooper, supernumary preachers were made effective. Morton Lott and S. W. Harvey were continued in the same relation.

The conference being entitled to one ministerial delegate to the General Conference, Rev. Harry Swann was elected; Rev. Mack Henson, reserve. Mr. B. J. Henry of Waco, is the lay delegate; Mr. J. C. Johns of San Marcos, reserve.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D.D., addressed the conference in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN, which he was attending the conference to represent.

The vote on the restrictive rule resulted in 23 for and 25 against. On the question of equal lay representation, the vote stood 1 for and 42 against.

Dr. A. H. Gillett addressed the conference in the interest of the Itinerants' Club. His resolutions were referred to a committee which finally reported them favorably, except that the conference prefers to hold its club meeting's alone, rather than with the Texas Conference. The Doctor's resolution organizing the conference into an Epworth League was adopted, and

Dr. J. F. McKinley was elected president and Rev. P. M. Carmichael secretary.

Anstin was selected as the seat of the next conference.

The supernumary preachers are Robt. Dukes, Nathan Caswell, D. Harper, A. Brack, G. Wilson, Toney Angus, W. Graves, P. Johnson, A. R. Norris, R. P. Brown, C. O. Scrnggs and Lee Reed.

Benediction by Dr. I. B. Scott.

FOURTH DAY.

Devotions by Rev. W. H. Mosby, and minutes of previous session approved. G. R. Bryant, T. S. Moore and G. R. Smith being local preachers were elected to deacons orders. Turner S. Moore, Joseph Harford and G. R. Bryant were admitted on trial. The fifth question was called and J. H. Swan, A. Dickerson, J. W. Wormley, E. Jones, and J. H. Pernell were admitted into full connection. The secretary read a communication from the Texas Conference concerning the northern part of the boundary line between the two conferences. It was referred to a special committee which reported they desired further time for consideration. The conference voted to send a memorial to the General Conference in opposition to the proposed change.

Committees on Church Extension, Missions, Freedmen's Aid, Bible Cause, Education, Tracts and Temperance reported, and their reports were adopted. The report on books and periodicals excited considerable discussion. Revs. H. Swann, M. C. Cavenas and others spoke forcibly in favor of the support of the SOUTHWESTERN, and strong resolutions were adopted indorsing the paper and requesting the re-election of its present editor.

A communication from Dr. Hartzell concerning the Sam Houston College, was read. He stated work on the building would begin soon. To conference voted to apportion to the four districts \$3,000, to be raised as soon as possible for building purposes.

The credentials of C. Hacketts were restored.

Benediction by Dr. Gillett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotion by Charles Hart. The various standing committees and conference boards were nominated and elected. Resolutions complimentary to the Bishop, Drs. Gillett and Scott were read and adopted; also others thanking the people of Victoria for their hospitality and the railroads for reduced rates. A memorial to the General Conference, asking the establishment of a depository and printing office at New Orleans, was adopted. Conference adjourned to meet Monday morning at 7:30.

Benediction by the bishop.

The Sunday services were largely attended by the people of Victoria, Goliad and the surrounding country. Bishop Hurst preached at 11 a. m., Dr. I. B. Scott at 3 p. m., and Rev. A. Brown at night. Overflowing meetings were held in the Baptist Church near by.

The treasurer reported \$1,905 as the benevolent collections for the year. The membership is about 9,618.

On Monday morning a resolution approving the American University to be built at Washington was adopted and a day fixed for a collection for its benefit. The appointments were read as follows:

AUSTIN DISTRICT.—Mack Henson, Presiding Elder.
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SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.—Emmanuel Henderson, Presiding Elder, (P. O., San Antonio, Tex.)

Belmont—W. H. Mosby.

Boerne and Fredericksburg—A. James.

Cero and New Hope—G. W. Brothers.

Floresville and Reddville—Austin Lockhart.

Goliad and Beeville—Andrew Foster.

Gonzales—Thomas Wadkins.

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Edna and Morales—J. H. Pernell.

Fannin—Isaac Smith.

Gonzales cir—J. J. Collins.

Lavernia—Alfred Dickerson.

Olms—James Brawley.

San Antonio—J. T. Gibbons.

Victoria—B. F. Smith.

Victoria cir—G. W. Townsend.

WACO DISTRICT.—Harry Swann, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Waco, Texas.)

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Groesbeck—J. W. Wormley.

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Marlin cir—C. P. Westbrooks.

Mexia—Jefferson Bnell.

Milford and Italy—P. B. Bennett.

Waco—M. C. Cavenas.

Waco cir—Solomon Scrnggs.

A RECENT issue of the Iowa Methodist, contains an able editorial in which it is clearly shown that the re-election of Gov. Boies, the whisky candidate, was not an anti-prohibition victory. It was rather the result of a division of the vote of prohibitionists. Had the third party prohibitionists voted the Republican ticket, which was committed to prohibition, Boies and his whisky supporters would have been overwhelmingly defeated.

The majority of the people of Iowa have not repudiated prohibition as the whisky folks would make us believe.

THE Nashville Christian Advocate imagines that "the heaven is working," which will influence the Methodist Episcopal Church to get out of the South, and leave the field to the Church South. The heaven may be working, but we predict that Dr. Hays will have to look down upon such a picture from "mansions in the skies."

Letters from the Districts.

Pine Bluff District, Little Rock Conference.

GEO. W. LACEY, P. E.

Dear Editor: Permit me to answer a few letters which ask for certain appointments in the Little Rock Conference.

Dear brothers, we only have one Wesley Chapel in Little Rock, and one St. James at Pine Bluff—and these kingdoms are not mine to give; so brothers, please don't ask me for certain appointments.

The Pine Bluff District has 15 appointments and 24 houses of worship, and the 25th is now being erected. If any brother transfers, and the Bishop appoints him on the Pine Bluff District, he will find a church ready for him, and a congregation. The support will largely depend on you.

Three years ago on this district, being a new district, we found 3 churches and 4 men, with 353 members; to-day we have 1005 members and can invite you in a church building on every circuit and station. This was done largely with local men, who could neither administer the sacrament, baptize or marry; what ought a minister do clothed with all the authority of the church?

Brethren, I voice the sentiment of the Little Rock Conference in saying, if work is what you are looking for, come to Arkansas. We promise you the Church Extension Society as a Moses, the Missionary Society as an Aaron, Philander Smith College with Dr. Mason as a Joshua, the SOUTHWESTERN with Dr. Albert as a Paul.

I deny the report that I mislead transfers in coming here. I simply wrote the Bishop requesting him to bring 5 men with him, and 7 came. I made no promises to these brethren. Out of these brethren that came, Brothers Qualls, McDonald, W. Brooks and Spears have made their marks, and by so doing have reflected honor upon their former conference, the Louisiana, from which they came. I have nothing to say of the other brethren on the other districts returning. Bro. Geo. Payne, the only one on my district that left, returned with \$10 of missionary money that did not belong to him. I wish he would send the voucher.

Central Alabama Conference, Decatur, Alabama.

WESLEY PRETTYMAN.

My Dear Albert: You and the friends of Jesus, through our Advocate, will be pleased to learn that His glorious cause progresses in our bounds, and redeemed men have been coming to him through the closing conference year. On the Triana Circuit, where Bro. Jackson harper is in charge, 100 have been saved and added to the churches, and all our Methodist interests give signs of gathering strength and increased vitality. The pastor has toiled well and wisely, and success has crowned his efforts.

On Blountsville Circuit, Bro. G. W. Reeves pastor, 75 have joined as, while the interests of church building and improvement have flourished.

Athens, Rev. G. W. Mann in charge, has added 40, with a good year in all respects.

Decatur, with Bro. L. H. Mixon, in the parsonage, has had a good and growing year of peace and solidity.

Several of our charges are struggling nobly and hopefully with church building.

At Huntsville our Conference Academy, in charge of Prof. McKinney, has a good attendance and is doing a good work.

All the interests of the Scottsboro work have been carefully, ably and successfully managed, but the messenger of death came to the parsonage Nov. 27, finding our dear and honored Sister Joiner full and ripe for the kingdom above, and bore her happy spirit to its blissful realms.

Letters from the Pastors.

SPECIAL TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please take note, 1st. That all anonymous letters go directly to our waste basket; 2d. Letters must be written on only one side of the paper; 3d. No frivolous questions will be noticed; 4th. Abbreviations should not be used; 5th. Notes and items must be condensed so as to insure brevity; 6th. We return no manuscript.

Notwithstanding the opposition which he has had to meet at Solgohachie, Ark., this conference year, Rev. L. B. Brown reports encouraging success in every department of his work.

A. Venable, Boncheste village, La.

Our tribe rally for benevolence was a grand success. The following ministers were present and preached: Revs. I. Carter, N. Oller, S. S. Fuller, T. Fairfax, S. R. Hason and the writer. Collection, \$16.70.

W. S. Leake, Shuqualak, Miss.

During last quarter have paid pastor \$127; Presiding Elder \$15; raised for benevolences \$20; for building \$105; conversions 75; accessions 61. Two months after my arrival here, I was deprived of two of my churches, Scooba and Bienville, which are in the bounds of Lower Mississippi Conference. So the Presiding Elder of Meridian district contended for them. There fore I vacated, having only one completed church on the work. But I being acquainted with hard labor and toiling to build churches, went to work and now have two new churches and \$45 for the third one. This year has been a hard pull for us. But thank the Lord, we are not in debt. I am sorry to say we haven't done much for the paper, (only seven copies taken), but hope to have twenty-five the ensuing year.

Rev. H. W. Conner, Mt. Sterling, Ala., is closing a year of grand success. He as well as several of his officers, Jos. Jackson, I. Wethen, Henry Carpenter and G. Nelson ascribe his success very largely to his practice of reading the SOUTHWESTERN to his people from the pulpit and from house to house. The practice also enables him to get many subscribers. A good plan.

W. A. Webber, Tate Springs, Tenn.

Our revival meeting closed Nov. 17, resulting in 8 conversions and 5 additions to the church. Dec. 1, on my way to Oliver Springs, to meet the district conference, I stopped over at Mossey creek. Rev. G. Branner, pastor, and his people are moving along nicely, they have just bought a new organ for their church. This church raised \$10 for the corner-stone laying of the Morristown Academy, on the 26th of November. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. E. Provine, was present and opened the conference on time. Reaching the conference the writer was elected secretary. Bro. Knott, the pastor, and his good people know how to care for a district conference. All the charges showed up well. Sunday was a grand day. Owing to the Presiding Elder not being well, Rev. W. T. Anderson of the Morristown station, preached at 11 o'clock to a crowded house, to the edification of the people. There were 5 or 6 who rose for prayer. At night there were 5 persons at the altar, and 2 joined the church. Collection, \$22. This church has just been newly ceiled, and a new \$12 stove put up. The most of us left Monday morning for home, but the meeting is going on. Some of the preachers remaining to help in the meeting. The SOUTHWESTERN was fully indorsed by the conference, and the Presiding Elder is doing all he can for the paper.

G. W. Winn, Tallahassee, Ala.

We have closed our fall revival with 60 converts and the good work is still going on.

S. Jackson, Hibernia, Fla.

I was first appointed to this circuit by Bishop Newman, in 1889. We did not have but one church and no parsonage. Now I am pleased to say that we have a fine parsonage at Hibernia, and a new church at Green Cove Springs. The first sermon was preached in it on the second Sunday in May last, and our first collection was

\$20. Green Cove Springs is the county seat of Clay county, 6 miles from Hibernia. Our next district conference has been appointed to meet there in our new church. The name of the church is St. Matthew, named in honor of the now sainted Bishop Matthew Simpson. I am pleased to say that the good Lord is with us. We have two Sunday schools on the circuit which promises to be the hope of the church in the future. The fourth Sunday in this month is to be our Missionary Day. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. B. Dilworth, was with us Oct. 26, and preached a grand sermon. The Lord has blessed us this year. We have had much sickness, but no deaths.

S. J. Woods, Green Hill, Miss.

Our fourth quarterly conference was held at St. Mark's M. E. Church, Nov. 12, 13, Rev. J. Campbell in the chair. Paid Presiding Elder \$12.25. Raised for building and other purposes \$276. A new work has been organized on Lake George, and \$30 raised to build a new church. The elder gave us a good talk on church law, which was very timely. We have 8 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. We all love the grand old paper. The elder preached a glorious sermon on Sunday and administered the Lord's Supper.

S. D. Troupe, Batesville, Miss.

My fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 5, 6, in the new church. The church was dedicated on Saturday by Rev. H. R. Revels, D.D., assisted by the pastor. Miss Rachael Turner and Emeline Harris took a part in the dedication services, and also G. W. Baker, from Hernando. The elder preached a sermon that will never be forgotten. Collection, \$15.

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Letters from the Laity.

E. G. Gater, Elliott circuit, Miss.

Our beloved pastor, W. H. Scott, is doing grand work here. He is a power in the Elliott circuit, and is loved by all. We pray that the conference will send him back for another year. Eighty-seven souls have been converted this year. Our fourth quarterly conference was held Nov. 7, 8. Our beloved Presiding Elder, Dr. H. B. Revels, D.D., was with us on Saturday and Sunday and preached two noble sermons at 11 o'clock, and at night to a crowded house. We have three Sunday schools on the circuit in a prosperous condition. Sister Scott is a grand worker in the Sabbath school. We pray that she may be with us a long time to labor in this grand work among the children.

M. L. Dyas of Pleasant Hill, La., says Bro. McGlocklin's year is closing up well. The last Sunday in November a corner-stone was laid by S. Duncan, Presiding Elder, for Taylor Chapel. A church worth \$550 has been built.

The official board of our church in Olvert, Texas, passed resolutions asking that their pastor, Rev. W. H. Davis, be returned to them another year.

Josephine Burton, Ocean Springs, Miss., expresses her great admiration for the SOUTHWESTERN, and the hope that it may be in every home. She takes occasion too, to express her hope that the next General Conference will elect a colored bishop.

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Books and Current Literature.

The American Temperance Advocate, Carroll, Iowa, has made its appearance to champion the cause of temperance and prohibition.

We welcome to our list of exchanges The Young Man, a monthly journal and review edited by N. J. Dawson and F. A. Atkins, and published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago. \$1 per year. Single copy, 10 cents.

The Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., has placed us under obligations for volume No. 10 on Higher Education in Indiana, Jas. A. Woodburn, Ph.D.

Rev. W. P. Graham, Knox, N. Y., has sent us a copy of the minutes of the Erie Conference.

Africa and America, by the Rev. Alex. Crummell, D.D., rector of St. Luke Church, Washington, D. C., recently issued from the press of Wiley & Co., Springfield, Mass., is Dr. Crummell's masterpiece. It is made up of several historical addresses delivered by the Doctor upon several occasions, and is a contribution of great value; having lived over twenty years in Africa and many more in America, and having been thoroughly educated in England's most renowned university, Cambridge. Dr. Crummell was well prepared to write on both topics suggested in the title of his great book. It will live as a monument to his memory long after he is dead. Price, \$1.50.

Bishop Foster's Heresy, by Rev. James E. Lake, B.D., of the New Jersey Conference, is a bold and able attack of Bishop Foster's Beyond the Grave. The author was at one time a student at Drew Seminary under Dr. now Bishop Foster's presidency, and while he displays great love and reverence for his former teacher, he does not spare the position which he takes in the work attacked. Both books must be read to thoroughly appreciate the discussion. Beyond the Grave is published by Hunt & Eaton, New York; Cranston & Stowe, Cincinnati, and Bishop Foster's Heresy by the author, Bordentown, N. J.

Cranston & Stowe, Cincinnati, and Hunt & Eaton, New York, have issued from their presses another volume from the matchless pen of that great writer, Carlisle B. Holding, author of Her Ben, The Little Coporal and other war stories. The young folks, especially, will be delighted with this book. Price, 90 cents.

Number One, or Number Two, by Mary E. Bomford, is author of those charming stories recently published by Hunt & Eaton, New York, and Cranston & Stowe, Cincinnati. To begin reading this work is to be held spell bound by its fascination until the last page is devoured. Price, \$1.

Wit and Wisdom of Rev. Chas. H. Spurgeon, containing selections from his writings and a sketch of his life and work, by Rev. Richard B. Cook, D.D., author of several valuable works, is before us. It is a worthy tribute to the grandeur of the character it portrays. Mr. Spurgeon is an international representative of the highest type of the Christian ministry, and his sayings, life and work, especially when written in the happy style in which they are here presented, deserve a place in every well furnished library. R. H. Woodward & Co., publishers, Baltimore, Md.

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The Paris Figaro has just published an interesting article on "What Young Girls Should Read." This is all well enough. But it is more important still to know that they should always take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for their colds.

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Clark University has one of the best trade schools in the South. Blacksmithing, carpentry, carriage-making, wagon-making, painting, harness-making, shoe-making, printing and draughting are all taught. There was about \$15,000 worth of work sold out of the shops this past year. Much of this work ranks with the best in the markets.

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Conference and Place.	Time.	Bishop.
Mississippi, Meridian, Miss.	Jan. 6.	Mallie
Ind. M. E. Conf., Indianapolis, Ind.	Jan. 7.	Newman
South Carolina, Orangeburg, S. C.	Jan. 13.	Foster
Georgia, Atlanta, Ga.	Jan. 13.	Merrill
St. John's River, Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 13.	Ninde
Louisiana, New Orleans, La.	Jan. 13.	Mallie
Alabama, Anniston, Ala.	Jan. 20.	Merrill
Florida, Fernandina, Fla.	Jan. 20.	Ninde
Cent. Alabama, Hartselle, Ala.	Jan. 27.	Merrill
Savannah, Savannah, Ga.	Jan. 27.	Ninde
Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark.	Jan. 27.	Mallie
Upper Miss., Columbia, Miss.	Feb. 3.	Merrill
Edwards, Edwards, Ark.	Feb. 3.	Mallie
Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.	Feb. 3.	Foster
Virginia, Falls Church, Va.	Feb. 3.	Walden
Missouri, Chillicothe, Mo.	Feb. 3.	Newman
South Kansas, Ottawa, Kan.	Feb. 3.	Walden
Washington, Lynchburg, Va.	Feb. 3.	Hurst
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.	Feb. 3.	Walden
Central Missouri, St. Louis, Mo.	Feb. 3.	Newman
Wilmington, Wilmington, Del.	Feb. 3.	Andrews
Southwest Kansas, Winfield, Kan.	Feb. 3.	Walden
New Jersey, New Brunswick, N. J.	Feb. 3.	Vincent
St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.	Feb. 3.	Newman
Central Pennsylvania, York, Pa.	Feb. 3.	Andrews
Northwest Kansas, Concordia, Kan.	Feb. 3.	Walden
Lebanon, Lebanon, Ind.	Feb. 3.	Vincent
Delaware, Salisbury, Md.	Feb. 3.	Vincent
Wyoming, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
Newark, Newark, N. J.	Feb. 3.	Howard
St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
North Indiana, Anderson, Ind.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
M. E. Eng. Ch. B. Bedford, Mass.	Feb. 3.	Foss
St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn.	Feb. 3.	Foss
Maine, Augusta, Me.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
East German, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
North New York, Utica, N. Y.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
Troy, Troy, N. Y.	Feb. 3.	Goodell
Yermond, Montpelier, Vt.	Feb. 3.	Foss
New Hampshire, Haverhill, Mass.	Feb. 3.	Hurst
East Maine, Bangor, Me.	Feb. 3.	Goodell

FOREIGN CONFERENCES.

South India, Poona, India	Dec. 17.	Thoburn
North India, Calcutta, India	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Mexico, Puebla, Mexico	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Beijing, China, Peking	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Japan, Yokohama, Japan	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Switzerland, Lausanne, Switzerland	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Germany, Frankfurt, Germany	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Sweden, Stockholm, Sweden	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria	Jan. 17.	Thoburn
Italy, Palermo or Turin, Italy	Jan. 17.	Thoburn

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops, EDWARD G. ANDREWS, Secretary

CINCINNATI, O., November 3, 1891.

City M. E. Church Directory.

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OAK PARK CHURCH —Rev. Simon Evans, pastor. Sunday services: Prayer meeting at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath-school at 1 p. m.; class meetings Thursday evening.	
COLUMBIA CHURCH —Rev. J. H. Boyd, pastor. Public worship, Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath-school at 1 p. m.	
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HAVEN CHURCH —Jefferson street, Carrollton, La. Pastor, Rev. W. S. Harris; pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school 9 a. m. class meeting Monday evening; preaching Thursday evening.	
LAHARPE STREET CHURCH —Rev. A. J. Pickett, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath-school at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; class meeting Sunday at 7 p. m.; preaching Thursday at 7 p. m.	
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MALDEN CHURCH —Washington street, Rev. W. J. Price, pastor. Public worship Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school at 1 p. m. and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.	
NATURAL CHURCH —Harris street, corner of Oakborne, pastor. Sunday school, 11 a. m.; preaching, Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Wednesday, at 7 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening.	
PLEASANT PLAIN CHURCH —Ferdinand street between Johnson and Prier; Rev. D. J. Price, pastor. Sunday services: preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; early prayer meeting at 6:30 a. m.; preaching at 5:30 p. m.; preaching Thursday night at 7 o'clock; prayer meeting, Monday evenings.	
ST. MATTHEW M. E. CHURCH —Varnet street, Algiers, La.; Rev. Frank Walker, pastor. Sunday services: preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting 6:30 a. m.; class meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 1 p. m.	
SIMPSON CHURCH —Valence street, between Camp and Chestnut; Rev. J. W. Hilton, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. every Sunday.	
SIXTH STREET CHURCH —Between Laurel and Anderson; Rev. Samuel Day, pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school at 1 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening; preaching Wednesday evening; prayer meeting Friday evening; prayer service at 5:30 a. m.	
THOMSON CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH —Post at Mr. Rampart, Rev. Wm. F. Forest, pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting at 8 a. m.; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday night; preaching Thursday night; prayer meeting Friday night. Sabbath-school at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Communion first Sunday in every month at 7:30 p. m.	
UNION CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH —Rev. J. W. Hudson, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting, 8 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m.; class meeting Tuesday night; preaching Thursday night; prayer meeting Friday night. Sabbath-school at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; class meeting Monday evening. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Communion first Sunday in every month at 7:30 p. m.	
WILLIAM'S CHAPEL —On Clifton street near St. Charles avenue. Rev. Henry Taylor, pastor. Sunday services: prayer meeting at 5 p. m.; Sunday school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; prayer meeting Monday evening. Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Communion first Sunday in every month at 7:30 p. m.	
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Board of Education	50,000
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	228,639
Woman's Home Missionary Society	86,000

Texas Conference W. H. M. Society.

The ladies of the W. H. M. Society held their annual meeting in Trinity Church, Houston, Texas, Dec. 5 and 6.

Mrs. Lonisa Cole presided. All the districts of the conference were represented, and some of the auxiliaries made very creditable reports.

The Model Home at Marshall came in for a large amount of praise. Twenty-five young women are getting their first lessons in economy, and we trust will make good use of the same.

The necessary committees were formed and the officers appointed for another year. The report of the secretary showed the death of two members, viz: Mrs. Martha Watsons and Mrs. Phoebe Emeline Smith. Two of our mother's jewels have been gathered to the arms of Jesus, Elmer Pratt, aged 2 years and 2 months, and Octavia M. Gilum.

We have five life members, one honorary manager, two hundred and fifty-five adult members, sixteen juveniles and one hundred and twenty-two mother's jewels. The following named sisters will be glad to assist the preachers to organize in their charges: Mrs. Sallie Reeves, Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Mrs. Margaret Wesley, Mrs. Julia Webb, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. M. C. Simpson, Mrs. Lonisa Cole, Mrs. I. Howells.

The public meeting was addressed by Dr. A. E. P. Albert, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, and the Rev. P. A. Cool, president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., Rev. W. H. Logan, Presiding Elder of Navasota district, who pleads for the Model Home at Marshall.

Rev. H. Webb, late Presiding Elder of Marshall district, gave an account of the organization of the M. E. Church at Sandersville, Tenn., during the war. He then baptized sixty-five persons. He expressed his pleasure in seeing so many of Wiley's students in the conference. Rev. W. Hamilton, Presiding Elder of Marshall district, spoke about the meeting of the sisters and their visit to King Home, also of Mrs. Albright bringing \$1000 worth of furniture for the home. The home will make good cooks and housekeepers. Rev. A. Williams, who helps the sisters of the auxiliary, promised to continue his efforts in that direction. Rev. T. Cole, who has the most active auxiliary on the Marshall district, said the King Home will form the character of its inmates. Professor H. B. Pemberton impressed upon us the necessity of being doors. He stated that \$6.25 pays the bill for a month in King Home. The report of the conference secretary was read. The following amounts have been raised during the year:

Butler circuit, \$1; Franklin, \$1; Hearne, \$1; Palestine, \$1; Livingston, \$2; San Augustine, \$1; Mt. Vernon, \$12; Columbia, \$1; Wallaceville, \$1; Tabernacle, \$2.50; Boynton, \$50; St. James, \$1; Sloan street, \$3.30; Trinity, \$25; Orange, \$1; Brazoria circuit, \$1; Richmond, \$2; Richmond circuit, \$1; Huntsville, \$1; Cold Spring circuit, \$2; Willis, \$1; Huntsville circuit, \$2; Lovelady, \$2; Spring circuit, \$1; Anderson, \$5; Bellville, \$1; Brenham, \$1; Brenham circuit, \$2; Bryan, \$3;

Bryan circuit, \$1; Coldwell, \$5; Hempstead, \$5; Hempstead circuit, \$1; Hackley, \$5; Millan, \$10; Navasota, \$22; Navasota circuit, \$1.50; San Felipe, \$3; Yarbrough, \$7; Bonham circuit, \$50; Cooper, \$1; Brockston, \$2; Clarksville, \$2; Freehope, \$20; Gibson, \$1; Paris, \$2; Red River circuit, \$1; Wolf City, \$3; Cypress, \$1; Hawkin, \$1; Ebenezer, \$85; Marshall circuit, \$1; Mineola, \$48; Pleasant Grove, \$1; Queen City, \$3; Red Oak, \$1; Concordia, \$1.

We have sixty-three subscribers for the paper published by the W. H. M. Society, an excellent little paper only twenty five cents per year and comes monthly.

Quite a number of the W. H. M. sisters take the SOUTHWESTERN, and we believe it will be to the advantage of our families if all our sisters who wish for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom would take it and have it read in their families by their children.

The following amounts have been expended in the interest of the work of the society:

Ebenezer Auxiliary, Marshall district, paid to King Home \$50. Trinity Auxiliary, Houston district, paid \$20 to King Home.

To sale of memoirs in the interest of the L. W. H. Training Home, \$9.

Mothers' Jewels' Home, \$5.30.

Spent for local work within the bounds of the conference, \$115.70.

Mrs. L. Cole, president; Mrs. Susan Roberts, vice president; Mrs. I. Howells, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. Moore, recording secretary; Mrs. M. Scott, treasurer.

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General News Items.

Mr. Gladstone is on a visit to France.

Hon. O. F. Blackman, a prominent Republican near Homer, La., was waylaid and killed near his home a week or two ago. No trace of his murderer.

A gang of regulators invaded the home of Judge J. C. Bauman in Kennerville, La., a few nights ago. Judge Bauman is a prominent Republican, and is lawfully married to a colored lady and has a nice colored family. This probably explains the secret of this murderous invasion.

South Carolina has adopted the separate car law. The South is solid.

The New Orleans City Council has appropriated only \$160,000 for the support of the schools for 1892; less and less every year.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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General Church News.

Our Baptist brethren celebrated their semi-centennial in Louisiana in this city, Dec. 16-18, at Washington Artillery Hall.

The C. M. E., annual conference of Louisiana, met in this city Dec. 16-21.

Eminent physicians recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Ayer's Almanac at your druggist.

Books and Current Literature.

The Chautauquan for January presents among other excellent features the following attractive table of contents: The Battles of Saratoga, by John G. Nicolay; Domestic and Social Life of the Colonists, IV., by Edward Everett Hale; Sunday Readings, Selected by Bishop Vincent; Physical Life, IV., by Milton J. Greenman, Ph. B.; Is Oratory a Lost Art? by E. Jay Edwards; How Women Figure in the Eleventh Census, by Margaret N. Wishard; The Temperance Tidal Wave in Boston, by Mary A. Lathbury; The editorials treat of A New Occupation for Old People. There are the usual departments devoted to the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle.

Littell's Living Age. The numbers of the Living Age for December 5th and 12th contain The Writings of James Russell Lowell, Edinburgh; Charles Stewart Parnell, by Justin McCarthy, Contemporary; The New Leader of the House of Commons, National; Excursion to Paris; Autumn, 1891, by Thomas Carlyle, New Review, etc.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Hints on Self-Education.

Take the case of a boy compelled to leave school and earn a living at fourteen or fifteen, who is fond of study and wants to continue his education; what advice would you give him? Five leading college presidents, Dwight, Patton, White, O'Brien, Hall, will answer this question in a series of articles in The Youth's Companion.

The first paper in the illustrated series on The Jews in New York will appear in the January Century.

Pope Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of the Columbia bicycles, Boston, Mass., have favored us with one of their daily calendars. It is useful and ornamental.

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Christianity and Childhood, or The Relation of Children to the Church, by Rev. R. J. Cooke, A. M., M.D., of U. S. Grant University, just out of press is a work of great value, and upon a topic of live interest. The subject is treated in a thorough and masterly manner. 230 pages, upon good paper and splendid types. Price, 90c. Cranston & Stowe, Cincinnati; Hunt & Eaton, New York.

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Illustrated Notes, a guide to the study of the Sunday School Lesson for 1892, by Jesse L. Hurlbut, D.D., and Robt. H. Doherty, Ph.D., has reached us on its regular annual visit. The notes have become a real fixture in the Sunday School Lesson system of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and each year they are better and better. No better commentary on the Sunday School Lesson is to be found in our language. The help thereby afforded to the Bible student and Sunday school worker is invaluable. Every one interested in the subject should possess himself of a copy. Price, \$1.25. Hunt & Eaton, New York, and New Orleans; Cranston & Stowe, Cincinnati.

A. S. Barnes & Co., 751 Broadway, New York, publishers, have favored us with a copy of Pentecost's Bible Studies for 1892, by Geo. F. Pentecost, D.D., covering the International S. S. Lessons. For the S. S. teacher and superintendent, for the pastor and Bible student, this volume is the most extended of the volumes yet published, containing 416 pages of beautiful type. The book is bound in neat cloth, 12mo size. Price, postpaid, \$1. The publishers also offer the following special rates to clubs, which include postage or expressage to any part of the United States: Five copies, \$4; ten copies, \$7.60; twenty-five copies, \$18; Fifty copies, \$34. A. S. Barnes & Co., publishers, 751 Broadway, New York.

The Afro American Press and its editors, by I. Garland Penn, of Lynchburg, Va., is one of the finest works contributed by a colored writer in this country. It is published by Wiley & Co., Springfield, Mass. It contains contributions by some of the foremost Negroes of this generation; among them, Hons. Frederick Douglass, John R. Lynch, J. T. Settle, D. A. Stroker, T. Thomas Fortune, John M. Langston, P. B. S. Pinchback, Prof. W. S. Scarborough and B. T. Washington, Bishop B. W. Arnett, Revs. J. C. Price, D.D., T. G. Stewart, D.D., L. J. Coppin, D.D., etc. Three styles of binding, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.75. It is the best biographical history of many of the leading Negroes of America in existence. It deserves a place in every library.

The History of the A. M. E. Church, volume I, by Rt. Rev. Daniel A. Payne, D.D., LL.D., edited by Rev. C. S. Smith, D.D. A royal octavo volume of 520 pages, illustrated with full-page steel engravings of historic characters. The book is substantially bound in cloth, with beveled edges and gilt stamp. It is printed from new type on super-sized calendered paper made expressly for it. It is the largest, most interesting and highly valued book that has yet been published by or for the A. M. E. Connection. It is embellished with steel engraved portraits of Bishops Richard Allen, Morris Brown, Wm. Paul Quinn and Rev. Daniel Coker. The engravings alone cost three hundred dollars. Price, \$2 per copy. Address Rev. C. S. Smith, Nashville, Tenn. With the exception of Williams' History of the Negro, no book has yet appeared that is so full of interest to the colored people of America as the History of the A. M. E. Church, by Bishop D. A. Payne, D.D., LL.D. Forty years were consumed in gathering and arranging the material for this volume. The book is not merely a compilation of dry facts, but the reasoning and deductions of the author, as well as the language which he employs to state the same, clothe it with unflattering interest from the beginning to the end. The gathering of the material and its preparation for publication, and the publishing of it, has entailed a cost of over four thousand dollars. Notwithstanding this expense the book is sold at the extremely low price of \$2 per copy. The work is a marvel of excellency from whatever standpoint viewed; intellectually as well as mechanically. It is a credit to the race, and withal is authority upon the subjects treated. We congratulate Dr. C. S. Smith, its editor, and the race upon the publication of such a volume.

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The year is gone, beyond recall,
With all its hopes and fears,
With all its bright and gladdening
smiles,
With all its mourners' tears.

To thee we come, O gracious Lord,
The new-born year to bless;
Defend our land from pestilence,
Give peace and plenteousness.

PASTORS push work on all lines,
especially religious lines.

PRESIDING ELDERS should see
to it that the young preachers on
their Districts prepare for the ex-
amination.

RALLY brethren, rally to the
SOUTHWESTERN. One good rally
all around, and our 10,000 circula-
tion will be reached.

LET every pastor see to it that
not a single blank is left in his re-
port, and that every apportionment
is fully met. Strive for the mas-
tery, brethren.

U. S. warships are gathering in
Chilian waters, with every indica-
tion that Uncle Sam means to have
her citizens and sailors respected
in that country.

THE faithful pastor will stick to
his work, pushing the collections
for the SOUTHWESTERN, and in
special closing revival efforts, un-
til absolutely necessary to leave
for Conference.

BRETHREN, brethren, we implore
you not to fail, but collect every
cent of your apportionment for
General Conference entertainment.
The record of our Southern Con-
ferences in this matter, in the past
has been a most shameful one.

THE editor returns thanks for
the many kind words from the
press and from many friends,
which they showered upon him,
congratulating him upon his es-
cape from the vengeance of the
"Jim Crow car law" in Texas.

WE LEARN that there are some
localities where it is not safe for
our people to publicly observe
Emancipation Day. If the people
cannot safely come together let
them observe the day in their own
homes. Let us all thank God that
chains and yokes are broken, and
that we and our children are no
longer slaves.

EMANCIPATION day ought to be
observed all over the country, es-
pecially in this true in the South.
Every one of our preachers ought
to see that special services are
held, and thanksgiving and songs
of praise be offered to God. If for
any reasons it is not possible to
hold public services, then by all
means, encourage the people to
hold services of a private charac-
ter in their own homes.

IF THERE ever was a time when
the old Methodist Episcopal Church
should stand unflinchingly by her
work in the South, among both
races, now is the time. We are
nearing a crisis; and the old
church cannot afford to desert the
field. Our white and the colored
work are, and must ever be, each
the complement of the other.
Brethren don't give up any part of
the ship.

A WHITE brother in charge of
an ignorant and prejudiced set of
white members, in a colored con-
ference, that would melt out of our
church as snow before the summer
sun, if a colored Presiding Elder
were placed over them, writes to
protest against the demands of our
people for representation on our
board of bishops. How silly some
people's prejudices make them!

1863. 1892.
Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of
Freedom.

To-morrow, twenty-nine years ago,
the immortal Lincoln issued the
memorable Emancipation Procla-
mation of Freedom, which set free
the Negro slaves in this country.
To-day we can all rejoice, and say
as was said of England:

"Slaves cannot breathe in England,
So soon as his feet touch our shores,
That moment he is free."

Let us all rejoice, and give
thanks to Almighty God for free-
dom and for the privileges that we
enjoy. It is true we labor under
many discriminations and wrongs,
but how much better is our condi-
tion than was that of our fathers,
bonded under the most cruel sys-
tem ever known to man? Let all
our people everywhere, in every
church and other public places
meet and appropriately celebrate
the day. Read the proclamation,
recite the story of our slavery, de-
liverance and progress; sing songs
of salvation, wave the old flag,
take up a collection to test the
"Jim Crow car law;" another for
the cause of education among us,
secure cash subscribers for the
SOUTHWESTERN, and start out
upon another year or progress in
everything that tends to lift us up
in the sight of good men and
angels, and in favor of Almighty
God. We wish you a Happy New
Year.

What They Say of the Outrages
Visited Upon Dr. Albert in
Texas.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 19, '91.

Dear Doctor:

Allow me to congratulate you on
your providential protection from
the inhuman wretches at Beaumont.
When I read the SOUTHWESTERN
and saw the fact of your narrow
escape from imprisonment, I
thought to myself that it would
have been a good thing had you
been put in jail, notwithstanding
the little seeming humiliation that
might have been connected with
the affair, as I am sure with the
facts in the case, you could have
made a noted case of it in the
courts. However, push the sub-
scription of the Equal Rights As-
sociation and test the constitu-
tionality of the infamous law.

My subscription will be forth-
coming and I hope thousands may
come to the rescue of the race from
such outrages upon us as free
American citizens.

PROF. J. H. REED,
Principal of Houston Academy.

ALEXANDRIA, La., Dec. 19, '91.
I regret very much to learn of
your trouble in the "Lone Star."
I hope for a speedy revocation of
that detestable Jim Crow car law.

PROF. B. M. HUBBARD,
Principal Alexandria Academy.

I read in the SOUTHWESTERN
with humiliation and shame, your
experience in Texas. This thing
is getting to be unendurable. May
God give us wisdom and grace to
set this great wrong right.

REV. C. H. PAYNE, D.D., LL.D.,
Board of Education, New York.

The "Methodist Review."

Do not overlook the "Methodist
Review" for January, 1892. It has
the solidity, breadth, and crisp-
ness of an ideal number. Its
"Book Critiques" treat the latest
literature with a skillful hand. Its
"Arena" records the voices of some
of the wise thinkers of the church.
Its "Itinerants' Club" tells good
preachers how to preach better
sermons. Its "Foreign Resume"
shows the latest drifts of European
theology; its "Progress of Civiliza-
tion" discusses some of the re-
cent movements in governmental
and social life; its "Spirit of the
Reviews and Magazines" summa-
rizes the contents of the latest peri-
odical publications. Its editorial
on "The Life Tenure of the Meth-
odist Episcopacy" discusses a stir-
ring question; on "Methodism,
Centripetal or Centrifugal," shows,
as a lesson of the Ecumenical, the
world-wide mission of John Wes-

ley's organization; on "The
Church," defines the nature of the
Christian organization.

In number of contributed articles
the present "Review" surpasses it-
self. Professor W. F. Steele writes
appropriately of the Christmas sea-
son on "The Virgin-Birth—Its Ex-
pectation and Publication." Pro-
fessor L. T. Townsend finishes his
discussion of the "Genesis of the
New Testament." Dr. J. C. Hart-
zell writes on "The Problem of Edu-
cation in the Southern States;"
Dr. W. R. Halstead on "The Prov-
ince of Philosophy;" Dr. W. R.
Warren on "The Portico to our
Book of Discipline;" and Professor
W. A. Heidel on "Personality in
Anthorship." J. M. Williams, D.
D., contributes "Theism: A Brief
Study;" and Dr. Mendenhall him-
self gathers up some of the teach-
ings of the late general missionary
meeting in an article entitled
"Christian America Christianizing
Christian Nations." In variety and
value of contents this is one of the
superior New Year's numbers in
the history of the "Review." Do
not fail to read it.

To the Presiding Elders of the Spring
Conferences in the South.

In these closing weeks and days
of the Conference year there are
some matters that need special and
immediate attention. First of all,
it is very important to see that all
the benevolences are properly
cared for and duly reported. Es-
pecially take care of the Missio-
nary, Church Extension, and Freed-
man's Aid. Secondly, if there are
young men on your Districts pre-
paring for examination in their
studies, render them all the help
and encouragement possible; and
finally, make the most of every
day and hour in pushing on re-
vival work, and getting the people
converted to God.

W. F. MALLALIEU.

Prevalence of Gambling.

The article on "The Prevalence
of Gambling," which is published
in the October number of *The
Forum*, is one of the clearest and
best explanations of the almost
universal prevalence of gambling
that has appeared for many years.
It is written by Mr. W. B. Curtis,
editor of *The Spirit of the Times*.
"It is safe to say," writes Mr.
Curtis, "that there never was a
time in the history of the world
when gambling was so rife among
the masses of people as at present.
In fact, many legitimate branches
of business are tinged with the
hue of speculation; those persons
who do not bet on horse-races or
in stocks, gratify their speculative
tendencies by dabbling in rural
town lots, in mining shares, and in
various other so-called business
enterprises, the methods of which
are really variations of the methods
of gambling by the roulette wheel,
with twenty eagle birds instead of
one. The same class of men who,
in the last century, wagered thou-
sand and hundreds of thousands
on the turn of a card or on the
emptying of a dice box, now specu-
late in the stock produce, or the
cotton exchange, and on horse-
racing, which is at present the
greatest of all gambling games."

Mr. Curtis, after citing figures
to show the vast scale on which
betting is carried at horse-races
and in lotteries, presents some in-
teresting views on the moral effect
of this vice upon those who in-
dulge in it persistently.

THE *Independent* criticises the
religious press of Louisiana for not
keeping up a steady fire on the
Louisiana lottery. The SOUTH-
WESTERN does all it can to de-
feat the lottery gamblers. The
preachers and people of the Meth-
odist Episcopal Church are hostile
to the lottery.—*California Chris-
tian Advocate*.

Not only so, but we have more
to follow, and we propose to fire
every week upon the enemy until
the vote of the State is counted in
the premises next April.

Watch-night services at Ames
Church to night. Bishop Malla-
lien will preach.

Political Review.

The President, Congress, and
the politicians are enjoying the
holidays.

It is given out that Senator Sher-
man has 54 votes pledged to him,
and only 47 are necessary to give
him the party nomination, which
makes sure of his election for an-
other six years in the United States
Senate from Ohio. Foraker is
brave, patriotic and young, and
can wait.

Col. James S. Clarkson, Chair-
man of the Republican National
Committee, is reported to have
said that the "Grand Old Party"
will make its principal fight next
year upon the negro question. The
party proposes to see to it that the
results of the war, the fourteenth
and fifteenth amendments, shall
not continue to be nullified with
impunity by the men that fought
to destroy this government. There
is to be no trimming. The party
proposes to become as of yore, the
party of great moral ideas. This
will insure its success next year.

The Lottery and Anti-Lottery
Democrats are making faces at
each other. The campaign has not
yet fairly opened. The Anti-Lot-
tery ratification meeting at Wash-
ington Artillery Hall was a great
success. Over 3000 people were
crowded in the hall and its
avenues.

The Warmoth Rump Commit-
tee decided to hold a State Con-
vention in this city Jan. 13, 1892.
It adopted resolutions declaring
nudging hostility to the lottery.
But then everybody knows that
Warmoth is the father of the lot-
tery. He chartered it when he
was Governor, and he voted for its
new lease of power in the consti-
tutional convention of 1879. His
present nudging hostility to the
lottery is, to say the least, simply
for effect. A. R. Blunt and David
Young, two Baptist preachers, were
the only ones to favor the lottery.
Shame on them!

While the Republicans of this
State are opposed to Warmoth,
they are equally opposed to the lot-
tery.

We warn the regular State Com-
mittee, and all the leaders on that
side, that they must put them-
selves squarely down against the lot-
tery, else they will not command
any following among the masses,
for a single moment. Mr. Herwig
and "the lottery Senators" must
bow to the demand of the people.

Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's
dark sea.

Jehovah has triumphed—his people are
free!

Sing—for the pride of the tyrant is
broken,
His chariot, his horsemen, all splendid
and brave—

How vain was the horse, for the Lord
hath but spoken,
And chariot and horsemen are sunk in
the wave.

Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's
dark sea;

Jehovah has triumph'd—his people are
free.

Praise to the Conqueror; praise to the
Lord!
His word was our arrow, his breath was
our sword.

Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's
dark sea;
Jehovah has triumph'd, his people are
free.

THOS. MOORE.

SOME of our Advocates and other
newspaper contributors are discus-
sing the desirability of districting
our bishops and of electing them
for a term of years, as is done in
the case of editors, secretaries and
other General Conference officials.
Our advice is to let well enough
alone.

CHRISTMAS casualties were
specially numerous. There were
145 arrests made in this city Christ-
mas Eve and Christmas.

THE Garza revolution on the
Mexican borders near the Texas
line during the past week, resulted
in several lives being lost. Some
of the Mexicans crossed over into
Texas and wrought considerable
depredations. The U. S. troops
drove them back.

Personal.

—After several months absence,
holding Conferences in the North-
west, pleading for our cause on the
Pacific coast before the Church
Extension and Missionary Com-
mittees, and in the East, Bishop
Mallalien has returned to us. He
is as busy as ever, pushing for-
ward the medical school, and all of
our connectational interests. His
presence scatters sunshine and a
lively hope in every department,
and the brethren and the church
generally welcomed his return with
open arms. He leaves here next
Tuesday for Meridian, where he
opens the Mississippi Conference
on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

—Bishop Hurst accompanied by
Sunday School Agent Gillett,
passed through this city last week
on their way home from the Texas
Conference.

—After delivering a course of
fifteen lectures on nervous disease,
before the Medical College of New
Orleans University, Dr. G. L. Orr-
tis of De Pauw University, Green-
castle, Ind., left for his home last
Thursday noon. Dr. T. A. Walker,
of Baton Rouge, Lecturer on Gyn-
ecology, completed a portion of his
course and left for home a day or
two before. He will return in a
few weeks to complete the course.
They made many friends and a
favorable impression by their
methods of instruction, and the
students look forward to their re-
turn with high anticipation.

—Bishop Fitzgerald, of the
Church South, has been suffering
from the grippe, at his home in
Nashville, Tenn., but is now im-
proving.

—Dr. M. S. Hopper, an eminent
physician of Lafayette, Ind., is ex-
pected here Feb. 1, 1892, to deliver
a course of lectures on diseases of
the nose and throat at the New
Orleans University Medical Col-
lege.

—The Southern German Con-
ference voted unanimously against
the admission of the women. It
elected Rev. Gottlieb Dostald de-
legate to the General Conference,
and Rev. Daniel Matthaei, reserve.
Henry Wellman, Esq., of this city,
was elected lay delegate with
William Harder reserve.

—Rev. R. D. Black, who has
been stationed at Sedalia, Mo., has
been transferred to Austin Con-
ference and stationed at Fort
Worth, Texas.

—Daniel Haud, the philanthrop-
ist of Connecticut, who gave a mil-
lion dollars, four years ago to the
American Missionary Society for
industrial education among the
Negroes, died at his home in Gail-
ford, Conn., week before last, at
the age of 90 years. He was a
quiet, retired man, whom no one
knew much about until this large
benefaction made him famous, and
then the romance of his life be-
came known. He went to Savan-
nah, Ga., at the age of 18, and en-
gaged in business with his uncle,
whom he eventually succeeded. He
was afterward associated in busi-
ness with G. W. Williams, of
Georgia, to whom he was obliged
to make over all his property when
the war began. After some ex-
perience in the Southern prisons,
he came North; and twenty years
after the war, Mr. Williams, who
might legally have retained the
whole property, made over to him
\$700,000 as Mr. Haud's share of
the profits of their business. It
was this money made in the South,
which Mr. Haud returned to the
South. He left no heirs, and it is
understood that half a million dol-
lars more will go to the same
benevolent purposes.

—Our dear Brother, Rev. I. B.
Scott, D. D., of Houston, Texas,
mourns the death of his mother,
who after several weeks illness at
the home of her honored son,
passed up to her reward on
Christmas eve night. The next
day her remains were conveyed to
Austin, Texas, for interment. A
note from Dr. Scott dated Dec. 23,
said: "I write with a heavy
heart. My dear old mother, Mrs.
Polly Scott, is in a dying condi-

tion. The doctor says she can live
only a few hours at most. What
little I am she made me. My father
died when I was quite a boy. She
was a great mother to me. Trust
you will pray for me." Words of
friends, however sympathetic, can
really give no comfort. We com-
mend our beloved friend and
brother to Him who is intensely
touched with the feelings of our
infirmities, and who alone can
make our darkest sky radiant with
the glories of the brightest stars,
of hope and consolation. God
bless you, dear brother; comfort
your heart and those of your be-
reaved brothers and family, and
make you faithful under the in-
spiration that comes from the
Divine assurance that our loved
ones are not lost to us, but await
our arrival just across the River.

—We extend our heartfelt sym-
pathy with Rev. A. S. Jackson, of
the Tula Avenue Baptist Church,
in the great loss he has sustained
in the death of his wife, Laura
Angusta. She died Dec. 23.

—The poet Whittier celebrated
his 84th birthday Dec. 17. He is
enjoying a hale and green old age.

—George D. Bomer, Esq., of Pass
Christian, called last Thursday.
He came to the city to procure
Christmas goods, and like a sen-
sible man he renewed his SOUTH-
WESTERN for 1892.

West Texas Conference Notes.

Bishop Hurst gave great atten-
tion to the details of conference
work, and the brethren were much
pleased with his administration.
He made a better impression on
our Texas Methodism than when
he was with us five years ago.

Rev. E. Henderson, the new Pre-
siding Elder, is the largest man in
the conference. The feeling of the
conference on his promotion, seemed
to be, as I heard it expressed by
one of the educated young men
"He deserves the honor." He will
stand by the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. B. F. Smith deserves great
credit for the ease with which he
entertained the conference. He
did not spend ten minutes publicly
during the whole session in assign-
ing the people to homes. As to
his people, they are hard to be ex-
celled. I am sure I never saw a con-
ference more royally entertained.

The relations existing between
white and colored people in Vic-
toria are most pleasant. They are
on the most friendly terms and
seem to understand each other
fully.

Prof. G. W. Cooper, the organist,
is an expert musician. He is said
to play any piece from a jews-harp
to a piano. His choir furnished
us some very good music. The
Professor photographed the con-
ference in a body.

Your representative was enter-
tained by Dr. G. R. Townsend and
Bro. Harper. I must say I could
have been there yet and be none
the worse off. Both homes are
pleasant and commodious.

Dr. Townsend, who was a mem-
ber of last General Conference, has
a large practice and a growing
family. He is faithful and true to
his church.

BRETHREN, brethren, we implore
you not to fail, but collect every
cent of your apportionment for
General Conference entertainment.
The record of our Southern Con-
ferences in this matter, in the past
has been a most shameful one.

FOR the Louisiana Annual Con-
ference of the M. E. Church at New
Orleans, La., January 12 to 21,
agents Queen and Crescent route
will sell tickets at reduced rates
on the certificate plan. For infor-
mation as to rates, etc., apply to
ticket agents Queen and Crescent
route.

RALLY brethren, rally to the
SOUTHWESTERN. One good rally
all around, and our 10,000 circula-
tion will be reached.

DAILY BREAD.

Christ proved centuries ago that the sympathetic touch is healing.—Roe.

A Christian is the gentlest of men; but then he is a man.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.—Edward Everett.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.—Holmes.

By the streets of By-and-by one arrives at the house of Never.—German Proverb.

Educate men without religion, and you make them but clever devils.—Duke of Wellington.

Every duty we omit obscures some truth we should have known.—John Ruskin.

To hope and not be impatient is really to believe.—Thomas Carlyle.

I consider that man to be undone who is insensible to shame.—Plautus.

Christ leads one through no darker room than he went through before.—Baxter.

The desperately in earnest man is a power in this world. He may be poor, or ignorant, and mistaken, but he is a power.—Indiana Baptist.

Whoever would be sustained by the hand of God, let him constantly lean upon it; whoever would be defended by it, let him patiently repose himself under it.—Calvia.

Has it ever occurred to us, when surrounded by sorrows, that they may be sent to us only for our instruction, as we darken the cages of birds when we wish to teach them to sing?—Richter.

Often when a preacher has driven a nail in a sure place, instead of clinching it, and securing well the advantage, he hammers away till the head comes off or splits the board.—Anon.

There is a moral dumbness, and the Saviour heals this when he makes us new creatures. The man had a tongue before, but not a religious one. Now he speaks—of God, for God, and to God.—Jay.

In our religious life the farther we travel, the nearer we get to the light and the brighter it becomes; "the path of the just is a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."—Standard.

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die.—Ezek. 33:11.

Our daily life should be sanctified by doing common things in a religious way. There is no action too slight or so humble, but it may be done to a great purpose or ennobled thereby.—George MacDonald.

Sun, moon and stars are God's traveling preachers; they are apostles upon their journey, confirming those who regard the Lord, and judges on circuit, condemning those who worship idols.—C. H. Spurgeon.

When I was young I was sure of many things. There are only two things of which I am sure now. One is that I am a miserable sinner, and the other that Jesus Christ is an all-sufficient Saviour.—John Newton.

If it costs so much to be a zealous and successful Christian, it will cost more infinitely to live and die an impenitent sinner. Bible religion costs self-denial; sin

costs self-destruction.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

We are never without help. We have no right to say of any good work, it is too hard for me to do; or of any sorrow, it is too hard for me to bear; or of any sinful habit, it is too hard for me to overcome.—Elizabeth Charles.

In the most dismal night look for the morning. In the most tempestuous sea send out your thoughts on wings of hope toward the harbor. In the heat of the fiercest battle, stand up bravely and expect victory and peace.—Bishop Vincent.

There are no moral blanks; there are no neutral characters. We are either the sower that sows and corrupts, or the light that splendidly illuminates and the salt that silently operates; but being dead or alive, every man speaks.—Chalmers.

Schools and Colleges.

A Patriotic and Christian Philanthropist.

Another Gift for our Cause.

Mr. John Dougherty, of Indiana, before his death provided that a farm of 240 acres should go to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society for its work of Christian education in the South. He was a man of deep religious convictions and made his religion the rule of his life. His sympathies were with those in need, and he was always liberal in helping them. He had great confidence in the church of his choice, and made his gift without stipulations, believing that it would be used conscientiously and well.

He had two sons, both of whom entered the army and gave their lives for their country in the hour of its great need. Their unspeakable sacrifice, together with that of multitudes of other heroic sons of the Republic, made possible the extension of Christian education to the Negroes of the South. One of his sons fell at Mills Creek, Ky., and the other at Chickamauga, Tenn.

Col. O. G. Thompson of La Fayette, a son-in-law, is the executor of the estate.

We have just sold the farm for \$3,400. Thus the purpose of this good man will be carried out, and the money given in the name of the Lord, will go to carry forward the work of Christian education in that land where the blood of his sons helped to give freedom and hope to those who were in bondage. J. C. HARTZELL.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23, 1891.

Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Thos. Mason, D. D., president, is enjoying a year of unprecedented prosperity. They have a larger attendance than ever. We rejoice to make the announcement.

Rev. V. D. Jenkins, Greenville, Ga., has sent us a long communication in which he defends Clark University against the boycott and evil designs of her enemies. Only lack of space prevents its publication.

Alexandria Academy closed a very successful term Dec. 18, 1891.

We have had every reason to be encouraged as to the future prospects.

As Alexandria was an intellectual flambeau to Egypt, so does the Alexandria Academy bid fair to be an intellectual centre from whose source shall many streams go forth to elevate, cheer and comfort fallen and degraded humanity. Our enrollment now is in excess of that last year at the close of the fall term. Our grades have been better, and there has been a general advancement along all lines. Both teacher and student have been deeply interested in the work committed to their hands.

There has been a good spirit of emulation in all departments. We have reading charts, a set of phys-

iological charts 25x38, consisting of four numbers, a student's globe, and other supplies which we much needed. The academy donated the above supplies from the proceeds of concerts given by the institution under the management of Prof. Barrow.

The general cry is, give us a building and a larger recognition. Three thousand dollars will do the work at this place.

B. M. HUBBARD, A. B.
Principal.

Marriages.

Aberfoyle, Ala.—Dec. 18, Miss Minnie Cowan to Mr. George M. Morgown. Rev. J. B. Webb, P. C.

Brinkley, Ark.—Mr. J. L. McCallum to Miss Georgia Miller, Rev. D. B. Harston officiating.

Hahnville, La.—Mr. Alfred Turner to Widow Mary Franklin. Rev. S. Mitchell officiated.

Dunkie, La.—Mr. James Burns to Miss Jane Gaines, at her residence, December 8.

Rev. Joseph Johnson officiated.

Huntsville, Texas.—Dec. 16, Mr. Thomas Edwards to Miss Emma McGowan. Rev. W. L. Duncan officiated.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Mr. Washington Gilliland to Mrs. Maria Haynes. Rev. John Qualls officiated.

Flournoy, La.—Dec. 15, at the residence of Col. and Mrs. F. C. Antoine, Miss Mary E. Antoine to Mr. Geo. Dougherty, of Shreveport, La. The parlor was exquisitely adorned with palms and ferns, forming an archway, under which the bridal couple stood during the ceremony. The bride looked like a fairy stepping from a cloud of white mist, in her beautiful gown of white Henrietta cloth, with its long train and garlands of flowers. Her tulle veil was caught in places with a wreath of orange blossoms. The groom is a popular young business man of Shreveport. A grand supper was served, after which the young people indulged in pleasure of all sorts. The presents sent were very elegant and costly. Among the guests were the bride's aunt Mrs. ex-Gov. C. C. Antoine, Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. K. Jones, Misses Tena Dougherty, Mittie Winter, Annette Antoine, and Messrs. Louis Antoine, D. Winter, James and Ezra Dougherty and others.

Rev. S. Armistead, ex-Secretary of State, officiated.

If you are bilious, take BEECHAM'S PILLS.

Obituary.

Edward Burton Crawford was born in Marion, S. C., in 1863; attended the public schools till 1882, he then entered Claflin University, from which he graduated in 1885. He was converted to Christ while in that University. After finishing his course, he taught in the public schools of South Carolina for two years. Desiring a better field of labor, he removed to Paris, Tex., in 1887, and became identified with the M. E. Church there, and soon was appointed Sunday School superintendent. Here Mr. Crawford spent two years teaching and working faithfully among our people. Desiring to better his condition again, he resigned his position in Texas, and in 1890 came to Nashville, Tenn., and matriculated as a medical student in McBarry Medical College. Here he made many friends. In the summer of 1890 he taught near Yazoo City, Miss. While there he met the lady that afterwards became his wife, Miss Martha Golden. After marriage he removed to Texas with his wife, and there remained until the opening of the medical session of '91-'92. This was his third and last year in college. As a student, Mr. Crawford was among the best, until his death, which occurred Dec. 7, 1891. In him the church has lost a true member, his wife a loving and affectionate husband, his parents an obedient son. I had met him for the first time at the opening of the Medical College, but had learned to love and admire him for his brave and studious habits. His illness was brief and his death unexpected, even by his physician. He died as he lived, being ready. He expressed his willingness and made requests of his friends. His remains were sent to his wife at Paris, Texas. After regular funeral services at the College Chapel, memorial services were held Sunday night, in which many took occasion to speak of the great loss of such a worthy young man. Resolutions were adopted by his class expressive of their high regard for his excellent qualities. James M. May.

Rev. O. R. Franklin, one of the ministers of the Central Alabama Conference, departed this life at his home, near Birmingham, Nov. 22. He was loved by all of the people among whom, and for

whom, he labored. His labor was in the Alabama and Central Alabama Conferences. After the Central Alabama Conference was organized, he preferred to remain with his colored brethren. He had served as pastor and presiding Elder in the Alabama Conference, and served on each of the districts in the Central Alabama Conference. He was a good man, was true to the brethren, true to the church, and true to God. He is dead, but still he speaks to the world through those he was instrumental in bringing in the church and ministry. He was the instrument through which our Presiding Elder, Rev. I. Townsend, was brought into the active ministry. A minister of the Lord Jesus for fifty years and more, sowing, toiling, weeping and praying, has doubtless accomplished more good than he can remember, but God will ever remember, for he has it recorded on the book of remembrance. A little over a year ago he was compelled to come down from the office of Presiding Elder. He was too feeble to do the work. We shall miss him at our churches, at our district and annual conferences. A few weeks before his death his wife left for her home in the skies, and now he has gone to join her in that better land. He has finished his work on earth.

"Servant of God, well done, Thy glorious warfare's past; The battle's fought, the victory won— And thou art crowned at last." A. B. ALLEN.

Corinth, Miss.—Rev. John Mask, father of Rev. W. E. Mask, departed this life Nov. 22, after a lingering illness. On Thursday night before he died he sung a hymn and had prayer with his family, and when he arose from prayer he said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."

Miss Ida Jones, daughter of Alf. Jones, a faithful member of our church, departed this life Dec. 3, aged 17 years. O. Gillespie, P. C.

Dover, Tenn.—Sister Rachel Dudley, a member of the M. E. Church, died Oct. 22.

Sister Alcey Brown, a member of the M. E. Church at LaGrange Furnace, died Nov. 13, aged 26 years. H. Robinson, P. C.

Bayou Paul, La., Dec. 11—Since the death of Rev. P. W. Clark's wife and two of his children, in the early part of the year, the others have been stopping 70 miles from him, with his sister at Shool. A few days ago two of them, Charles and Rebecca, took sick. Today I buried them both side by side. Four children and his wife in 10 months. Poor Brother Clark, the effect of his affliction we fear will be very serious upon his constitution. He leaves for his charge to-day with a broken heart. He needs and deserves the prayers of his brethren. C. M. Anglum.

THE venerable mother of Dr. J. M. Buckley denies the widely-circulated newspaper report that she does not agree with her son in his attitude on the woman question. The two agree exactly.

REDUCED rates on the certificate plan have been granted by the Queen and Crescent route for the following occasions. For rates, etc., apply to agents.

Meeting of the National Brick Manufacturers Association, at Washington, D. C., Jan. 12 to 16.

National Convention of Woman's Suffrage Association of America, Washington, D. C., Jan. 17 to 21.

National Burial Case Association, Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 26 to 30.

Dyspepsia

Makes the lives of many people miserable, and often leads to self-destruction. Distress after eating, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn, loss of appetite, faint, "all gone" feeling, bad taste, coated tongue, and irregularity of the bowels, are some of the more common symptoms. Dyspepsia does not get well of itself. It requires careful, persistent attention, and a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet surely and efficiently. It tones the stomach and other organs, regulates the digestion, creates a good appetite, and by thus overcoming the local symptoms removes the symptoms.

Distress After Eating

The effects of the disease, banishes the headache, and refreshes the tired mind. "I have been troubled with dyspepsia. I had but little appetite, and what I did eat distressed me, or did me little good. In an hour after eating I would experience a faintness, or tired, all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble, I think, was aggravated by my business, which is that of a painter, and from being more or less shut up in a room with fresh paint. Last spring I took Hood's Sarsaparilla—took three bottles. It did me an immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced." GEORGE A. FARR, Watertown, Mass.

Sick Headache

Heartburn

Sour Stomach

Hood's Sarsaparilla

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Christmas trees were laden with many nice presents for the Sunday school scholars in nearly all of our city churches on Christmas Eve. They had a good time.

BRETHREN, brethren, we implore you not to fail, but collect every cent of your apportionment for General Conference entertainment. The record of our Southern Conferences in this matter, in the past has been a most shameful one.

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Church Polity.

G. T. Z. wants to know what we think of a neighboring Methodist preacher, a predecessor, who constantly visits his charge at night to interfere with his work.

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Ques. Is it right for sinners to stay in our love feasts and class-meetings? A PASTOR.]

Ans. We know of no objection to their presence, if they are well-behaved and of serious deportment. Where the love-feast tickets are used for admission, however, they may be objected to as having no tickets. The old custom was to deny them admission, but that rule is no longer observed.

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Our Burdens the Heaviest.

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Only one child was left, a little girl of eight or nine, done up in a purple hood and a knitted "comforter." She lingered on the steps, looked sadly up and down the path and into the doorways, evidently trying to find something.

The lady approached and asked what was troubling her. It was her mitten that was lost, the child said, with perfect faith in the lady's sympathy. She had only one left, and they were new, and her mother would scold her so! It was a new mitten, the poor little thing repeated pitifully, red, with open work on the wrist.

The lady joined in the search, but quite in vain. Then she tried a little philosophy on the youthful mind.

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"Yes," said the child, to whom the argument brought no comfort—"yes, but did you ever lose your mitten?"—Youth's Companion.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my first letter. I have three sisters and five brothers. My mother and father are members of the M. E. Church. My father is Rev. I. C. Rucker, pastor at Ocean Springs. Dear little cousins, how long did it take Noah to build the Ark?

Your Niece,

ARCENIA J. RUCKER.

Fayette, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a little boy 11 years old. I attend day school and Sabbath school. My teacher in the day school is Prof. John M. Sydney. Our superintendent is Prof. W. D. Menton. They are loved by all. I hope that you may say words of praise to them through the dear old SOUTHWESTERN. I read it, and love the paper and Dr. Albert. My father takes the paper, and I love to read it.

Your Nephew,

MATTHEW E. SYDNEY.

Hackberry, Tex.

Dear Uncle Cephas: We have a grand society organized by Mrs. E. S. Sprigs, and have named it Queen Esther Epworth League. Mr. P. D. Gullage is president, and Mrs. S. H. Huff, vice-president.

Your Niece,

HATTIE HUNTER.

Hazlehurst, Miss.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I went to the marriage last Sunday night of Miss Mary Jane Burgess to Mr. G. R. Gilliland. Her mother gave her a nice supper. Our Sunday school is not much this year. It is bad weather. It was a dry fall, but now it is wet. Our pastor starts to the conference to night. There have been several marriages this fall.

Your Nephew,

LAMVEAN TURNER.

Milford, Tex.

Dear Uncle Cephas: I am a member of the M. E. Church. This is my first letter. I will write a better one when we get the cotton out. We live a mile and a half in the country.

Your Niece,

AMANDA SMITH.

Clarkville, Tex.

Dear Uncle Cephas: This is my first letter to you. I am a little boy. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My teacher is Miss Bertha Stith. My Pa and mamma are members of the church, and take the dear old SOUTHWESTERN. Our pastor is J. O. Epler, and we all love him.

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FIRST QUARTER.—The Kingdom of Christ. About B. C. 713. Isa. 11. 1-10. Commit to memory verses 2-4. Jan. 3, 1891.

HOME READINGS.

M. Isa. 11. 1-10. Tu. Psa. 24. W. Jer. 23. 1-8. Th. Zech. 9. 9-17. F. Psa. 45. 1-7. S. Dau. 7. 9-14. S. John 18. 33-40.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. (Psa. 72. 8.)

LESSON HYMN. S. M.

Crown him the Lord of peace!
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail! Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Environments.—The time of this prophecy cannot be certainly given. In our Reference Bibles it is dated "about 713 B. C." It was probably delivered in Jerusalem, either in the last years of King Ahaz or, more probably, early in the reign of Hezekiah. The cruel Assyrian emperor had conquered and absorbed nearly all the little kingdoms into which what is now called Turkey in Asia was then divided. The kingdom of Israel had fallen about the year 721 B. C. Judah paid tribute to Assyria while Ahaz lived. Hezekiah revolted, but his people lived for years in terror of the consequence of his revolt.

Persons related to the lesson.—Isaiah was the most eloquent of Hebrew prophets. He stood for God during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and perhaps Manasseh. Ahaz, who may have listened to these words, was one of the worst of the kings of Judah. Hezekiah, who was both as "prince imperial" and king reverently followed Isaiah's advice, became one of the best and wisest of sovereigns. Sennacherib, who was the dreaded king of Assyria, was a tyrant who spread devastation everywhere.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

1. The King, v. 15.
- What King is here meant?
- Of whom was the King to be a descendant?
- To what is he compared?
- Whose Spirit was to rest on him?
- How is this Spirit described?
- When was this prophecy fulfilled? (See Isa. 61. 1; Luke 4. 16-21.)
- What effect would the Spirit have on the King?
- What would he not do?
- How would he judge?
- How would he punish wickedness?
- With what would he be girded?
2. His Kingdom, v. 6-10.
- What promise of peace is here given?
- What further promise in verse 7?
- What is said of a child and a venomous beast?
- Why would no harm come to any?
- What would the son of Jesse be to the Jews?
- What other people would seek him?
- What is said of the rest he would give?
- How extensive would be his kingdom? (Golden Text.)

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

1. The lowly origin of Christ?
- That Christ brings peace on earth?
- That Christ is a Saviour for all men?

HOME WORK FOR YOUNG READERS.

Find some other prophecies of the coming King.
Find what Jesus said to Pilate regarding the character of his kingdom.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Who was to come from the family of Jesse? The Messiah.
2. Whose spirit should rest upon him? The Spirit of the Lord.

3. How was he to rule men? With righteousness and with love.

4. What should happen under his dominion? The wildest beasts should be tamed.

5. Who shall seek the Messiah? The Gentiles.

EXPLANATIONS.

A rod—A new sprout. Stem of Jesse—The generations of a family have often been compared to the branches of a tree; the first members of the family constituting the roots and trunk. Isaiah states that a great person is to be born in the family of Jesse, King David's forefather. The Spirit of the Lord—The power of Jehovah. Girdle—That article of dress which keeps together the rest of an Oriental's attire. Fatling—Or, stalled ox. Hole—Den. Asp—A venomous serpent.

Doctrinal Suggestion.—The royalty of Christ.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

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2. Who is God? The Creator of all things.
3. What is God? An uncreated Spirit.

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Conference Notices.

Reduced Rates to Louisiana Conference.

Members, delegates and visitors to the Louisiana Annual Conference, to meet in New Orleans, Jan. 13, 1892, will please take notice that reduced rates of a fare and one-third for the round trip, on the certificate plan, have been secured over the V. S. & P., the Mississippi Valley, the Texas Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads, for all those attending the conference. Tickets will be on sale at all the principal stations. Pay full fare to conference and get certificate from agents over each road you travel, and get those certificates signed by the secretary at conference, and you will be returned at a regular fare. Over Southern Pacific pay for round trip tickets at 1½ fare, and you will be returned home without additional cost. Tickets will be on sale over the latter road Jan. 11, 12. Over the other roads buy tickets any day, securing certificate certifying you paid full fare one way, and you will be allowed to return at 1½ fare.

A. E. P. ALBERT,

Secretary Louisiana Conference.

Woman's Home Mission.

All who are interested in the Woman's Home Missionary society, will be glad to learn that Dr. Hartzell wishes the work to be represented at conference. One afternoon will be given to this work. The Doctor promised us an address. Mrs. Judge Hagans, of Cincinnati, Secretary of the Bureau of the Southwestern States, will also give an address. Several of the colored sisters will give short addresses. Miss Page will represent the Italian work. All officers of the Board are requested to be present. All district managers will be expected to report at this meeting. Let all the sisters be present to hear the good that has been done and help lay plans for greater work the coming year.

By order of Secretary.

Central Alabama Conference.

Additional information received concerning reduced rates to above-named conference, to meet in Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 27, 1892, states: "Persons coming from points (in Alabama) at which through tickets to Huntsville cannot be procured, should purchase tickets to Montgomery, Childersburg or Anniston, as may be most convenient, and re-secure to Huntsville, taking certificates from both agents from whom tickets are secured. The certificate obtained from the agent at Montgomery, Childersburg or Anniston (as the case may be) will be honored at Huntsville for the reduced rate returning tickets to starting point." The above refers to all roads in the State except the Louisville & Nashville, Alabama, Great Southern and Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham, over which direct arrangements with them have been made.

A. N. JACKSON,

Conference Secretary.

Palestine District, Texas Conference.

Butler	Jan. 2-3
Leona	" 9-10
Madisonville	" 16-17
Marshall	" 23-24
Sutton	" 26
Franklin	" 30-31
Stewart's Mills	Feb. 6-7
East Mexico	" 13-14
Jacksonville	" 20-21
San Augustine	" 27-28
New Birmingham	Mar. 2-3
Buffalo	" 5-6

District Stewards' meeting at Jewett Texas, March 5, 1892. Brethren, push your benevolent collections. Pastors, please notify district stewards of meeting.

W. WESLEY, P. E.

Marshall District, Texas Conference.

Jefferson sta.	Jan. 2-3
Queen City cir.	" 9-10
Lodi	" 16-17
Cypress	" 23-24
Marshall—Mallards Chapel	" 26-27
Pleasant Grove cir.	" 30-31
Kildare cir.	Feb. 6-7
Marshall—Ebeneser	" 13-14
Red Oak and L. V. cir.	" 20-21
Marshall cir.	" 27-28
Jefferson	Mar. 5-6
Pittsburg	" 12-13
Dangerfield	" 19-20
Minola	" 26-27
Tyler	" 28-29
Hawkins cir.	Apr. 2-3

District stewards of the Marshall District are called to meet me at Jefferson January 5, 1892. The pastors who can will come also and be with us in the

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Paris District, Texas Conference.

Greenville	Jan. 2-3
Wolfe City	" 9-10
Paris sta.	" 16-17
Blossom and Detroit	" 23-24
Clarksville sta.	" 30-31
Clarksville cir.	Feb. 6-7
Ereosope	" 13-14
DeKalb	" 18-19
Texarkana	" 20-21
Cooper cir.	" 27-28
Gibson	Mar. 5-6
Red River	" 12-13
Bonham	" 19-20
Honey Grove	" 26-27
Brookston cir.	Apr. 2-3

Dear Pastors: Please do not fail to urge the district stewards to meet me on Jan. 12, 1892, at 9 o'clock sharp, in Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Paris, Tex. I hope to meet every pastor on the first round trip with a portion of his benevolences. Remember, they say the early bird gets the worm. Your appointment will come soon.

P. MORGAN, P. E.

Notice to the Presiding Elders of the Tennessee Conference.

The Minutes are now ready and the printer is waiting for his payment, when they will be delivered to you.

C. B. WILSON, Sec'y.

To the Members of the Central Alabama Conference.

Dear Brethren:—We were more than ever, at our last conference, urged to start in time and make out good statistical reports. This we were asked to do before leaving home and not wait till we reach the seat of the conference to make out reports. I was charged with getting a full set of statistical blanks which I have done, and to be sure of your getting them, I have placed them in the hands of your Presiding Elder. Please see to it, brethren, that you are correct in reports, and that they are accurately made out before leaving home.

W. H. NELSON,

Statistical Secretary.

Navasota District, Texas Conference.

Yarborough	Jan. 2-3
Navasota cir.	" 9-10
Navasota	" 16-17
Millican	" 23-24
Eryan cir.	" 30-31
Wellborn	Feb. 6-7
Eryan	" 13-14
Caldwell	" 20-21
Hempstead cir.	" 27-28
Hempstead	Mar. 5-6
Hockley	" 12-13
Brenham cir.	" 19-20
Brenham	" 26-27
Beeville and Sealy	Apr. 2-3
San Felipe cir.	" 9-10

Dear Brethren: Your apportionments for benevolences will be sent you at the earliest date possible. Our district was assessed \$800 for Wiley University and \$500 for missions. Begin at once to take the collections for Wiley. Go in for the whole of your missions on Easter Sunday, which comes April 7.

W. H. LOGAN.

Houston District, Texas Conference.

Liberty	Jan. 2-3
Sloan street	" 9-10
Mt. Vernon	" 16-17
Trinity	" 23-24
Tabernacle	" 29-31
St. Paul	Jan. 31, Feb. 1
Beaumont	Feb. 13-14
Harrisburg	" 20-21
Orange	" 27-28
Cyster Creek	Mar. 5-6
Rowville cir.	" 12-13
Columbia	" 19-20
Wallisville	" 26-27

Meet your estimating committee before the quarter is held. Organize all other committees. District stewards will meet at Mt. Vernon, Houston, Jan. 18, 1892.

I. B. SCOTT, P. E.

Louisiana Conference Notice.

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Z. T. GAYDEN, Sec.
CHAS. K. WOODSON,
Committee.

Mississippi Conference Notice.
Ministers, delegates and friends attending the Mississippi Annual Conference, to be held at Meridian, Miss., commencing Jan. 6, 1892, are certain to get certificates at the place where tickets are purchased, showing that full fare has been paid in going, and you will be returned for one-third regular fare by having them signed by the secretary of the conference.

Mr. S., a chemist of Liverpool, received a bill for the amount of 38s from Thomas Beecham, St. Helens. Mr. S., being at the time in pecuniary difficulties, pondered for a considerable time how to meet the demand. At last a bright idea flashed across his mind, and he said, joyfully: "Yes, I will send Beecham a box of his own pills—he says himself they are worth a guinea a box—and seven shillings in cash."

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